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Board of Selectpersons
Ordinance Committee
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 – 6:00PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Annmarie Drugonis, Phil Wilhelmy and Bob Findley and Trisha Danko (6:18 PM)

Others Present: Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; CAO, Kurt Miller;

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order

First Selectwoman, Annmarie Drugonis, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Public Comment

Paul Wetowitz, 56 Davis Road, commented on the proposed firefighters ordinance and stated that the Great Hill Hose Company would like the opportunity to provide input. He shared positive feedback on the process, noting that some members are becoming more engaged and involved. He emphasized that their goal is to keep the discussion constructive while learning how to work within government processes. He also observed that younger members are showing a willingness to participate, communicate, and learn.

ITEM #4: Discussion and possible action

- a) Senior Citizen Tax Incentive
- b) Noise
- c) Disabled Veterans Exemption
- d) Vehicle Booting
- e) Firefighters
- f) Non Resident Landlords

Senior Citizen Tax Incentive: The Board is awaiting a meeting with state representatives to determine whether legislation can be introduced. Annmarie explained how the discussion regarding the Senior Citizen Tax Incentive originated and reviewed the applicable public acts and statutes currently in effect.

Noise Ordinance: Annmarie suggested bringing the matter to the Police Department for input, as they are responsible for enforcement. She noted that the Board cannot dictate enforcement without ensuring the department has the appropriate tools and mechanisms in place.

Disabled Veterans Exemption: Annmarie explained that the State of Connecticut updated the regulation to clarify that the exemption applies not only to the property but also to the dwelling and up to two acres of land. The Assessor is currently reviewing the Grand List, with the total exemption amount estimated at just over \$30,000, affecting approximately nine or ten disabled veterans. Town Counsel Richard Buturla will provide the Board with a draft/example ordinance from another municipality that includes provisions for the widow of a veteran.

Vehicle Booting: A resident brought this to the Ordinance committee as a suggestion. Town Counsel stated this is something that is done in larger cities. Annmarie stated that we are seeing more cars that are registered out of state in the town of Seymour.

➤ Motion to **not** create a vehicle booting ordinance.

Motion: Bob Findley Second: Phil Wilhelmy

Discussion: They discussed the pros and cons of vehicle booting. They would like to do more research and look into it more.

Vote: 3-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

Firefighters: The firefighters indicated that they would like to bring their suggestions and comments to the committee at the February meeting. Phil requested that the Fire Commissioners and Fire Chief provide a report to the Board. Fire Chief Edwards submitted the ordinance.

The commissioners who were present at the previous meeting stated that the matter had been discussed and that a meeting had already taken place, with further discussion planned for their next meeting. Annmarie reviewed the respective roles and responsibilities of the Fire Chief and the Fire Commissioners, noting that there is currently no clear order or protocol in place.

Board members discussed the situation among the town's fire departments. The matter will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Non Resident Landlords: The Board does not believe a separate ordinance is necessary for this matter.


ITEM #5: Public Comment

None.

ITEM #6: Adjournment

Annmarie Drugonis adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM

Submitted by,



Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Annmarie Drugonis
First Selectwoman