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Ordinance Committee
Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Annmarie Drugonis, Trisha Danka, and Phil Wilhelmy

Members Absent: Bob Findley

Others Present: Town Counsel, Richard Buturla and Chief Administrative Officer, Kurt Miller

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order

First Selectwoman, Annmarie Drugonis, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Public comment

None.

ITEM #4: Discussion and possible action

- a) Senior Citizen Tax Incentive
- b) Firefighters
- c) Sidewalks

- **Senior Citizen Tax Incentive:** Members discussed that no new regulations can be implemented at this time. The Homestead Act, which provides a 5–35% tax reduction, was referenced. It was noted that the issue should be reviewed more comprehensively and that there is interest in meeting with state representatives to discuss the matter further. Due to existing tax incentive programs already in place, the item will be tabled at this time.

Motion to table discussion and possible action on the Senior Citizen Tax Incentive ordinance until December.

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Phil Wilhelmy

Vote: 3-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

- **Firefighters:** The firefighters would like to discuss this at the next meeting in March. Annmarie discussed the various changes to this ordinance and the feedback that was sent to the committee.

Motion to table discussion and possible action on the Firefighters ordinance until Wednesday, March 18th

Motion: Phil Wilhelmy

Second: Trisha Danka

Vote: 3-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

- **Sidewalks:** John McKenzie presented a draft revision to the sidewalk ordinance and noted that redline changes had been sent to Town Counsel for review. An additional suggestion included

establishing snow removal timeframes based on the severity of winter storms, such as 24 hours for up to 12 inches of snowfall and 24–48 hours for 12–24 inches, specifically for residential properties. Members discussed pedestrian safety, challenges residents may face removing snow within 24 hours, and the current salt shortage. Phil offered suggestions to adjust portions of the proposal, and the fine structure was also discussed, including the role of blight enforcement and the need for clarity in determining violations. Rich noted that the statute of limitations language should likely be removed, as it is governed by state law, and suggested adding a hardship provision for residents who may be unable to comply. John will incorporate the discussed changes and present an updated draft at the March 18 meeting.

ITEM #5: Public comment

None.

Motion to add to the agenda approval of the February 17th Ordinance Committee Public Hearing and regular meeting minutes

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Phil Wilhelmy

Vote: 3-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

Motion to approve the February 17th Ordinance Committee Public Hearing minutes as presented.

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Phil Wilhelmy

Vote: 3-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

Motion to approve the February 17th Ordinance Committee regular minutes as presented.

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Phil Wilhelmy

Vote: 3-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

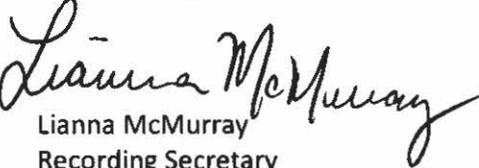
Trisha Danka – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

ITEM #6: Adjournment

First Selectwoman Drugonis adjourned the meeting at 6:39 PM

Submitted by,


Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,


Annmarie Drugonis
First Selectwoman