

MINUTES
Board of Selectpersons
Tuesday, June 2, 2026 – 7:00 PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

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DATE: 6/9/26
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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Members Present: Annmarie Drugonis, Trisha Danka, Phil Wilhelmy, Scott Andrews, Brianna Girard, Bob Findley and Al Bruno (7:05 PM)

Members Absent:

Others Present: Town Counsel, Rich Buturla; CAO, Kurt Miller, Bob Koskelowski, Sr., Kristen Bruno

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order

First Selectwoman, Annmarie Drugonis, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Public Comment

James Amidon, 109 Maple Street, discussed the economic theory of Georgism, developed by economist Henry George. He suggested that a land value tax could be considered as a way to encourage development of the vacant property on Main Street. Mr. Amidon stated that taxing land value rather than improvements would incentivize property owners to develop underutilized land and promote economic growth.

ITEM #4: Approval of minutes

a. Regular Meeting on May 19, 2026

Motion to approve minutes from the May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Scott Andrews

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

1-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

Bob Findley – Abstain

ITEM #5: Appointments

Phil Wilhelmy questioned the appointment of Board of Ethics alternates, noting that the Town Charter specifies a five-member board consisting of two Republicans, two Democrats, and one unaffiliated member. He asked about past practice and how the proposed alternates were selected.

First Selectwoman Annmarie Drugonis explained that alternates are needed to ensure a quorum if a member is unable to participate due to absence, conflict of interest, or other reasons. She stated that after learning alternates were needed, her office began seeking interested individuals.

Discussion followed regarding the appointment process, Charter requirements, and procedural rules for motions and discussion. Brianna questioned the timing of the appointments and noted inconsistencies between the Charter and Code of Ethics regarding alternates. Annmarie explained that an ethics complaint had been received and processed through the appropriate channels before being forwarded to the Board of Ethics.

Chief Administrative Officer Kurt Miller stated that several Board of Ethics members were unavailable, resulting in a lack of quorum for a scheduled meeting.

Town Attorney Bryan LeClerc explained that the Ethics Board currently consists of five members with no alternates. He stated that a quorum of four members is required to take action and advised that appointing alternates would allow the Board to conduct business at the scheduled meeting. Due to the confidential nature of the ethics complaint, he stated he could not disclose details regarding the lack of quorum.

Phil Wilhelmy expressed concerns about the selection process for the proposed alternates. Brianna and Phil suggested postponing the Ethics Board meeting to allow additional time to identify and appoint alternates. Attorney Bryan LeClerc responded that while there is no specific deadline for scheduling the meeting, the Board has an obligation to address ethics complaints and maintain the ability to achieve a quorum.

Kurt Miller stated that without additional members, the meeting would need to be canceled. Brianna indicated she would provide potential alternate names by the following day.

Trisha Danka asked the Town Attorney to clarify the proper procedure for motions and discussion. Bryan confirmed that a motion should be made before discussion takes place. Trisha stated that she had not been aware of either the ethics complaint or the scheduled meeting and emphasized the importance of clearly following Robert's Rules of Order moving forward.

Motion to postpone the vote on appointments of Board of Ethics alternates until the next meeting

Motion Trisha Danka

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

ITEM #6: Tax refunds/abatements

None.

ITEM #7: Correspondence

None.

Motion to add to the agenda - letter from finance

Motion: Bob Findley

Second: Scott Andrews

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

Annmarie read the following letter into the record:

June 1, 2026

Dear Members of the Board of Selectpersons:

For the 2025 Grand List, there are 196 applicants who are eligible for the Town Homeowners Program.

On May 19, 2026, the voters approved funding in the amount of \$75,000 for the program. Based on the number of eligible applicants and the available funding, the Assessor's Office recommends granting a benefit of \$380 to each applicant who has 100% ownership of, or life use of, the property.

Applicants with less than 100% ownership interest would receive a prorated benefit based on their percentage of ownership.

Accordingly, we request that the Board of Selectpersons approve the recommended benefit amount and authorize the Assessor's Office to apply the benefit accordingly.

Respectfully,

Jason Vieira, CPA
Finance Director

Motion to grant a benefit of \$380. to each applicant who has 100% ownership of, or life use of, their property and a prorated benefit based on the percentage of ownership for those applicants with less than 100% ownership interest

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Bob Findley

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

ITEM #8: Executive Session

a. Legal review of the Seymour – JCI Performance Contract

Motion to enter into executive session with Town Counsel and CAO Kurt Miller

Motion: Scott Andrews

Second: Bob Findley

Motion withdrawn by Scott and Second withdrawn by Bob

Motion that we enter into executive session at 7:35 PM as set forth in Connecticut General State Statutes sections 1-231 and 1-200 subsection 6 to discuss the correspondence received from Attorney Bryan LeClerc of the Town Attorney's office which communication is privileged by the attorney-client relationship pursuant to the Connecticut general State Statutes section 1-210(b10) those present shall include members of the Board of the Selectpersons, Attorney LeClerc and Kurt Miller

Motion: Scott Andrews

Second: Bob Findley

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

Motion to exit executive session at 8:07 PM

Motion: Phil Wilhelmy

Second: Scott Andrews

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

ITEM #9: Public Comment

None.

ITEM #10: Selectperson’s public comment

Scott congratulated the Seymour High School girls’ softball team. He also congratulated Coach Catlin on his 300th victory.

Phil stated that he appreciates the opportunity for open discussion and the exchange of ideas.

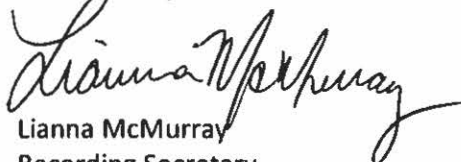
ITEM #11: Comments from the First Selectwoman

- Thanked everyone who came out to the Memorial Day Parade.
- Thankful that the budget passed
- Big Dipper now opening at 12 pm
- Report for the mold inspection at the Police Department came back clear
- The rock for the Firefighters Memorial will hopefully come in next week
- Good luck to Seymour Middle School baseball and softball teams
- Congratulated the Seymour High School softball team
- Summer Concerts start Saturday at Great Hill Hose at 6:00 PM

ITEM #12: Adjournment

Annmarie Drugonis adjourned the meeting at 8:10PM

Submitted by,



Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by



Annmarie Drugonis
First Selectwoman