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**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectpersons**  
**Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – 7:00 PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall**

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

**Members Absent:** Bob Findley

**Others Present:** Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; CAO, Kurt Miller; Steven Ditria, Lana Harrison, Emely Ricci and John Lombardo

**ITEM #1: Call meeting to order**

First Selectwoman, Annmarie Drugonis, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM #3: Public Comment**

John Lombardo, 31 Union Street, emphasized that while Seymour has a strong history and identity, it must continue evolving its processes to meet current and future needs. He stated progress requires honest evaluation, adaptability, and collaboration across boards and departments to ensure transparency, accountability, and public trust. Rather than abandoning tradition, modernization should support more effective governance and better serve residents. He encouraged the board to continue fostering shared planning, clear communication, and a thoughtful, deliberate approach to improving how the town operates moving forward.

**ITEM #4: Approval of minutes**

- a) **Public Hearing April 8, 2026 (3)**
- b) **Special Meeting – Board of Selectpersons, April 8, 2026**

Motion to approve minutes from the April 8, 2026 Public Hearing at 6:00 PM

Motion: Scott Andrews	Second: Trisha Danka	
Vote: 4-Yes	0-No	1-Abstain
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes	Trisha Danka – Yes	Brianna Girard – Abstain
Scott Andrews – Yes	Phil Wilhelmy – Yes	

Motion to approve minutes from the April 8, 2026 Public Hearing at 6:30 PM

Motion: Trisha Danka	Second: Phil Wilhelmy	
Vote: 4-Yes	0-No	1-Abstain
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes	Trisha Danka – Yes	Brianna Girard – Abstain
Scott Andrews – Yes	Phil Wilhelmy – Yes	

Motion to approve minutes from the April 8, 2026 Public Hearing at 6:45 PM

Motion: Scott Andrews	Second: Trisha Danka	
Vote: 4-Yes	0-No	1-Abstain
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes	Trisha Danka – Yes	Brianna Girard – Abstain
Scott Andrews – Yes	Phil Wilhelmy – Yes	

Motion to approve minutes from the April 8, 2026 Special Meeting

Motion: Scott Andrews

Second: Trisha Danka

Vote: 4-Yes                      0-No

1-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Brianna Girard – Abstain

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

**ITEM #5: Appointments**

None.

**ITEM #6: Tax refunds/abatements**

Motion to approve tax refunds/abatements as presented

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Brianna Girard

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

**ITEM #7: Correspondence**

None.

**ITEM #8: Rescheduling of the June 16, 2026 Board of Selectpersons meeting to Thursday, June 18, 2026, due to Seymour High School Graduation**

Motion to add to move the June 16, 2026 Board of Selectpersons meeting to Thursday, June 18, 2026, due to Seymour High School Graduation

Motion: Brianna Girard

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

**ITEM #9: Discussion with Lana Harrison of NVCOG regarding the Town of Seymour’s Plan of Conservation and Development update process**

Lana Harrison and Emely Ricci, consultants from NVCOG responsible for preparing the Town of Seymour’s Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), introduced themselves and provided an overview of NVCOG and the POCD process. They explained that the POCD is required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §8-23 and outlined key topics mandated by the statute, including affordable housing and housing diversity; protection of existing and potential public drinking water supplies; preservation of agricultural resources; promotion of compact, transit-accessible, pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use development; and recommendations for the most appropriate use of land within the municipality. The plan will also include a map illustrating proposed land uses for residential, recreational, commercial, industrial, conservation, agricultural, and other purposes.

They described the POCD as a critical policy document that will guide the Town’s development and conservation efforts over the next ten (10) years. The plan is intended to build on Seymour’s strengths, capitalize on current and future opportunities, address existing challenges, and prepare for future needs.

The consultants reviewed the overall scope of the document and outlined a tentative timeline. Planning efforts are expected to begin in June 2026 and continue through summer 2027. Drafting and formal



**Firefighters:** Selectperson Scott Andrews suggested adding “deputy fire chief” under Section 6-2 (b) as well as under Section 6-22 middle of first paragraph.

Motion to pass the Firefighters ordinance forward with amendments discussed as presented to the board

Motion: Phil Wilhelmy

Second: Trisha Danka

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

**Sidewalks:**

Motion to move the Sidewalks ordinance forward as presented

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

**ITEM #13: Public Comment**

John Lombardo, 31 union street, addressed community events Bushi Ban is holding. These are the following events:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Downtown Trash Bash – Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Seymour Community Center
- Breaking Board & Bread – Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at Bushi Ban Martial Arts
- Honor Tables will be set up at Town Hall, Community Center and the Library
- Self-defense and situational awareness classes

**ITEM #14: Selectperson’s public comment**

- Scott inquired about getting better stop signs on Main Street and Bank Street.
- Al complimented Public Works on their hard work.
- Phil asked about the solar information from last meeting.

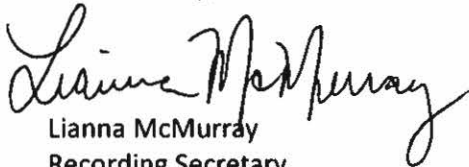
**ITEM #15: Comments from the First Selectwoman**

- Annmarie posted the “What’s happening in the 888” on Facebook
- April 26<sup>th</sup> is the boot drive for Rocky – Deputy Fire Marshall
- April 25<sup>th</sup> is Opening Day for George J. Hummel Little League
- April 25<sup>th</sup> is grand opening for Magic Nails
- The Men Who Cook event is on Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>
- The Big Dipper opening May 2<sup>nd</sup>

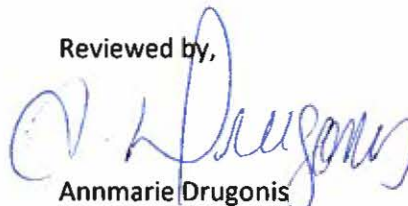
**ITEM #16: Adjournment**

Annmarie Drugonis adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM

Submitted by,

  
 Lianna McMurray  
 Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

  
 Annmarie Drugonis  
 First Selectwoman