

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2006**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order by Chairman James Persano at 7:09 p.m. Present were: Stephen Krasinski, Thomas Mazzoli, James Persano, Marilyn Pronovost and George Warner. Also attending: Treasurer Edward Sullivan and Selectmen David Pinney and Kathleen Devlin.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

A memo was received from David Pinney dated June 22, 2006 regarding the Field Road playground.

III. SELECTMEN UPDATE

a. Field Road Playground

Tom Chilicki and Kurt Swan joined the meeting at this time. David Pinney explained that the Playground Committee received equipment at a savings and has begun installing the equipment. However, in order to make the area safe for children to use, wood fibers needed to be purchased to cover the ground surrounding the base of the equipment. People visiting the park are beginning to use the equipment. The Committee is seeking \$7,000.00 to cover the cost for the purchase of wood chips.

Mr. Chilicki explained that there is \$1,300.00 left in the 2005-06 Recreation budget, and other than salary items, there are no outstanding bills. Discussion followed about the availability of STEAP grant funds and it was noted that they will not be forth-coming for this budget year.

A motion was made by Steve Krasinski, seconded by George Warner and unanimously approved to transfer \$6,000.00 from the Contingency Fund to Capital Equipment (Wood Fibers) and \$1,000.00 from the recreation accounts to Capital Equipment (Wood Fibers).

b. Kibbe-Fuller Repair

Mr. Pinney explained that during periods of heavy rain, there is a roof leaking problem. The flashing appears to have not been put in properly and the masonry holds water and leaks in. It is expected that the repairs will cost \$12,000.00. No funds have been received from Connecticut

Light and Power Company, but it is anticipated that they will be forthcoming and \$3,000.00 is covered by insurance.

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c. STEAP Grants

The Town received a \$25,000.00 grant for design work for Main Street in Somersville. And \$200,000.00 for sidewalk to be placed along the north side of Main Street.

d. FEMA Reimbursement Grants

\$17,000.00 has been received from FEMA for the snow removal in February.

The road repair reimbursement request were broken into 4 different projects when presented to FEMA and 2 have received approval. Repairs to both Stafford Road and Maple Street were will be reimbursed.

Gulf Road and Stebbins Road were both identified as part of the Federal highway system and are not eligible for FEMA reimbursement. Instead, they will be brought before the Federal Highway Authority. If final approval is received, 100% will be reimbursable, rather than the 75% FEMA reimbursement.

e. FY06 Budget

Mr. Pinney reported that Public Works lost a full time employee and has been able to get by with temporary help rather than having to pay for a full-time employee. The high cost of fuel has been difficult, but it appears that the budget will take care of it.

f. FY07 Budget

Discussion followed about the tipping fees and the high cost. Mr. Pinney noted that the Board of Selectmen are currently considering this issue and asked for Board of Finance input. Mr. Persano noted that if a higher fee was imposed, timing should be considered.

Mr. Pinney also noted that a decision will need to be made about replacing the Fire Marshal. In

addition the Board of Selectmen are also looking at the Building Inspector Fees.

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IV. BILLS, TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

A motion was made by George Warner, seconded by Tom Mazzoli and unanimously voted to approve the payment of a bill from Carlin Charron & Rosen in the amount of \$10,700.00 and the following transfers and appropriations:

From the Assessor a transfer in the amount of \$388.00 from Acct. 10-15-533.1 (Postage) to Acct. 10-15-520.1 (Printing and Supplies).

From the Fire Department a reimbursement appropriation of \$1,712.50 to Account 20-16-503.3 (Overtime) and the following transfers: \$427.00 from Acct. 20-16-568.1 (Training) to Acct. 41-24-568.1 (Ambulance Training), \$150.00 from Acct. 41-24-605.1 (Blood Borne Pathogens) to Acct. 41-24-568.1 (Ambulance Training), \$508.00 from Acct. 20-16-583.1 (Health & Safety) to Acct. 20-16-531.1 (Building Maintenance), \$200.00 from Acct. 41-24-605.1 (Blood Borne Pathogens) to Acct. 20-16-531.1 (Building Maintenance), \$550.00 from Acct. 41-24-605.1 (Blood Borne Pathogens) to Acct. 20-16-531.5 (Vehicle Maintenance), \$7,000.00 from Acct. 20-16-508.1 (Full Time) to Acct. 20-16-503.3 (Overtime), and \$500.00 from Acct. 20-16-583.1 (Health & Safety) to Acct. 20-16-531.5 (Vehicle Maintenance).

From the Fire Marshal the following transfers to Acct. 20-10-520.1 (Equipment & Supplies): \$60.00 from Acct. 20-10-531.5 (Vehicle Maintenance), \$120.00 from Acct. 20-10-534.1 (Memberships), \$265.00 from Acct. 20-10-563.1 (Pagers), \$119.00 from Acct. 20-10-565.1 (Uniforms), \$200.00 from Acct. 20-10-568.1 (Training), \$549.00 from Acct. 20-10-568.2 (Public Education).

From the Highway Department a transfer of \$2,473.15 from Acct. 30-18-508.1 (Salaries) to Acct.

30-18-559.1 (Heat) and \$3,800.00 from Acct. 30-18-508.1 (Salaries) to Acct. 30-18-560.1 (Electricity).

From the Library a transfer of \$500.00 from Acct. 50-21-520.2 (Books) to Acct. 50-21-612.1 (Audio Visual).

From Park Maintenance a transfer of \$1,000.00 from Acct. 30-19-552.1 (Fertilizer) to Acct. 30-19-521.2 (Equipment Repairs).

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From Recreation the following transfers: \$510.00 from Acct. 51-22-532.4 (Custodial Fees) to 30-19-521.3 (Park Equipment Maintenance), \$163.03 from Acct. 51-22-633.1 (Youth Services), to Acct. 51-22-520.1 (Supplies), \$139.48 from Acct. 51-22-635.1 (Grants) to Acct. 51-22-520.1 (Supplies), \$690.34 from Acct. 51-22-532.4 (Custodial Fees) to Acct. 51-22-520.1 (Supplies), \$386.09 from Acct. 51-22-632.1 (Shows and Concerts) to Acct. 51-22-520.1 (Supplies), \$655.00 from Acct. 51-22-532.4 (Custodial Fees) to Acct. 51-22-509.1 (Rec. Co-ordinator) and \$85.00 from Acct. 51-22-534.1 to Acct. 51-22-509.1 (Rec. Co-ordinator).

From Road Maintenance a reimbursement appropriation of \$50,121.64 to Acct. 67-10-353.0 (Road Repair).

From the Board of Selectmen a reimbursement appropriation of \$1,729.00 to Acct. 10-10-515.2 (Bonds & Insurance) and a transfer of \$2,000.00 from Acct. 10-10-536.1 (Fire Protection) to Acct. 20-10-525.1 (Fire Systems Maintenance).

From the Town Clerk the following transfers: \$500.00 from Acct. 10-12-533.1 (Postage) to Acct. 10-12-543.1 (Data Processing) and \$534.88 from Acct. 10-12-543.5 (Codification) to Acct. 10-12-543.1 (Data Processing).

V. ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Timmons, Recording Secretary

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