

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, December 22, 2008**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman James Persano at 7:00 pm. Members present were Steve Krasinski, George Warner, Tom Mazzoli and James Persano. Michael Parker arrived at 7:10 pm. Also present were Board of Education representative Tim Potrikus, Selectman David Pinney, Superintendent Dr. Maynard Suffredini and Finance Director Greg Simmons.

**II. BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE**

Dr. Suffredini stated that there was not much to update from the last meeting, the Board is still containing costs for the current year as best they can and should make it through the year. Mr. Krasinski asked if anyone had the figures for the cuts to Education Grants by the State for next year. Dr. Suffredini said they did not know the impact of the cuts at this time, but have heard figures between 6% and 12% reductions. This could mean a \$750,000 reduction for the Town of Somers.

**III. BOARD OF SELECTMEN UPDATE**

Mr. Pinney stated that the Town is in similar mode to the schools regarding the current year's budget and based on some savings in line items such as health insurance and putting off some planned expenses they hope to turn back \$100,000 to \$125,000 this year. This represents 2% of the total appropriation to the Town. If the State cuts funding in the current year that will help, if not, the expectation based on the previous Board of Finance meeting is that those funds could be used for next year's budget to help offset anticipated reductions of State revenue in fiscal 2009/2010.

**IV. CIP COMMITTEE RECOMENDATIONS**

Mr. Mazzoli asked the other members of the Board how much funding would be available for next year's CIP budget so that the meeting with the Capital Committee could be more productive. After some discussion, Chairman Persano stated that the CIP Committee should plan on having between \$300,000 and \$515,000 and prepare the list accordingly.

The Board reviewed the list of projects to close to CIP reserves totaling \$177,289 as well as the recommendation of the CIP Committee to transfer from CIP reserves \$72,938 for three new and one existing project. This would leave a net figure of \$104,351 going to reserves.

A summary of the recommendations appears below:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Funds Involved</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
<u>Potentially Available Funds</u>				
68-10-263.4	DPW	1-ton dump truck w/plow	38,000	Cancel project, trade small plow truck
68-10-271.1	DPW	Overhead Crane	12,000	Cancel, lower priority
68-10-376.2	Fire	Defibrillator	505	Cost has come down
68-10-378.2	Fire	SCBA project	50	Project complete
68-10-383.1	Fire	Ambulance lease	8,520	Lease secured for less than planned
68-10-384.1	Fire	Tanker lease	9,133	Lease secured for less than planned

68-10-482.1	BOE	Air handlers	60,000	Project not pursued; need low
68-10-485.8	BOE	Router	9,351	Project complete
68-10-487.6	BOE	High Jump	1,640	Project complete
68-10-621.4	BOS	Website development	20,000	Project done with annual funds
68-10-624.2	Police	Computer for vehicle	6,000	defer or fund through grant
68-10-626.5	BOS	Town Server	1,356	Project complete
68-10-627.1	Parks	Develop additional athletic field	10,000	Have alternative approach
68-10-701.1	Library	Door repair/replacement	566	Project complete
68-10-768.2	Parks	Volleyball lights	168	Project complete
TOTAL			177,289	

Projects Needing Funds

	Fire	Boiler repair	15,013	Repair leak, reconfigure piping
	BOS	Town hall masonry pointing	10,000	Eliminate water getting into building
	BOS	Piedmont roof replacement	7,925	Eliminate water getting into building
68-10-482.3	BOE	Applied Engineering	40,000	Restore to original funding request
TOTAL			72,938	

Available CIP Funds	104,351
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Mr. Potrikus indicated that the CIP Committee's motion was to go back to the existing list of projects and pick up those that would be eligible based on the release of the net figure \$104,351.

Mr. Persano indicated that the CIP Committee should look at new requests along with the existing requests and come up with a recommendation for the available funds.

Mr. Krasinski questioned why the Board of Education no longer needs the air handlers for \$60,000. Mr. Potrikus explained the original intent of the funding was more than just air handlers and included equipment and other items. The recommendation as presented will establish \$40,000 specifically for just the air handlers, which are an OSHA requirement due to air quality issues.

Mr. Krasinski asked Mr. Pinney to verify the town does not need a new truck. Mr. Pinney indicated that was true.

Mr. Krasinski questioned why we don't need the athletic fields. Mr. Pinney replied that the original plan was for an additional field at the Sokol Road location. Further review of the site determined that was not feasible and the Town has a plan for an additional athletic field at another location that will be paid by a contractor looking to excavate the gravel at the location. This will also mean a revenue source as much as \$200,000 for the Town over several years.

Mr. Mazzoli asked about the transfer for the Piedmont roof and wanted to know if all the building in town were inspected to determine the need for repair. Mr. Pinney replied this was an on-going project for the Town Engineer, as of now the only issues he is aware of are: the residential gutters on the fire station, these should have been a commercial product; and the front roof on the police station, it was determined that this roof could last another season or two.

Mr. Mazzoli asked if the fire department boiler is fixed. Mr. Pinney replied yes.

Mr. Mazzoli made a motion to close the funds identified into CIP reserve and approve the transfer from CIP reserve for the additional four projects listed. Mr. Krasinski seconded the motion. No one was in favor, the motion failed.

Mr. Mazzoli made a motion to transfer the funds identified totaling \$177,289 into CIP reserve. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Krasinski made a motion to transfer \$15,013 from CIP reserve to Boiler Repair for the fire station. Mr. Parker seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor except Chairman Persano who voted against.

Mr. Mazzoli made a motion to transfer \$10,000 from CIP reserve to Town Hall Masonry Re-Pointing. There was no second so the motion failed.

Mr. Mazzoli made a motion to transfer \$7,925 from CIP reserve to Piedmont Roof Replacement. There was no second so the motion failed.

Mr. Mazzoli made a motion to transfer \$40,000 from CIP reserve to Applied Engineering. Mr. Krasinski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. MEETING DATES 2009**

Mr. Warner made a motion to accept the meeting dates as presented. Mr. Mazzoli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **VI. MINUTES APPROVAL - November 24, 2008**

Mr. Krasinski made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of November 24, 2008. Mr. Mazzoli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

#### **VIII. BILLS, TRANSFERS, AND APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. Pinney clarified that the first line of the transfer for the Fire Department should be for \$5,000 instead of the \$6,500 as shown on the form. Mr. Warner made a motion to accept the transfers as amended. Mr. Mazzoli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A summary of the transfers as approved appears below:

<b>12/22/2008 #13</b>				
WPCA	Maple Ridge Assessment	Sewer Expansion	\$20,398.00	Expansion project additions to be paid for by Sewer budget.
<b>12/22/2008 #14</b>				
Public Works	Tipping Fees	Test Well Monitoring	\$ 3,500.00	Increase cost for monitoring required by the State.
<b>12/22/2008 #15</b>				

Fire	Building Maintenance	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	Insurance payment for repair of vehicle applied to FY 08 expenses
Fire	Telephone & Alarm	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	This repair will cover current needs, but leave modest reserves in the
Fire	Personal Protective Gear	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	vehicle and building maintenance accounts.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Krasinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Mr. Mazzoli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Simmons, Recording Secretary

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