

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, June 27, 2011**

**I. Call To Order:**

Chairman, Jim Persano called the special meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 7:05 pm.

Members Present: Michael Parker, George Warner, and Steve Kransinski, Tom Mazzoli, Marilyn Provonost were present and constituted a quorum. Also present First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini and Bud Knorr, of the Board of Selectmen; Town CFO, Kim Marcotte; Carl Landolina, Town Attorney; Tim Potrikus, Board of Education.

**II. Executive Session – Discuss pending claims & litigation**

**Re: Lipton/Gingras vs. Town of Somers**

Attorney Landolina told the Board that an executive session was not necessary. He then gave them an update on where the claim & litigation stands. Discussion followed.

*Michael Parker **moved** to adopt the settlement agreement between the Town and Gingras Development and 2J's LLC, which includes the Water Pollution Control Authority as a party. And the memorandum of understanding between the Town of Somers and the WPCA, subject only to the condition that in paragraph #1 of the memorandum that the WPCA shall pay the Town \$60,000 on or before November 30, 2011. George Warner seconded. Discussion followed. All were in favor, **motion carried**.*

**III. Board of Education Update**

Tim Potrikus gave the update from the Board of Education:

- They are also waiting to see what changes the Governor will be making with the budget.
- Teacher renewal notices have gone out for next year.
- The Office of Civil Rights will be recommending updates to be made to the buildings.
- Solar Panel project in on track. A long range plan will be submitted to the Board of Finance concerning the rest of the roof that is not getting the membrane.
- A lighting audit was done at the Maple B. Avery School.
- Updates at the High School included replacing the dust collector, sound field systems installed in 8 classrooms and 15 ceiling mounted projectors were installed.
- Search committee has been formed to fill the open positions.

**IV. Selectman's Update:**

First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini updated the Board on the following:

- **State of CT municipal funding:**  
The State unions have failed to pass the concession package. She spoke with Representative Penny Bacchiochi today. Thursday starts a new emergency session. The governor wants the power to make the necessary cuts. Towns will most likely be okay for this year but next year will be a different story. Immediate action will be layoffs to state workers.
- **Grants Applied For:**  
STEAP GRANTS - \$85K to install drainage and repave Town Hall Parking Lot and \$234K to install the sidewalk from Main St. to Giessler's.  
FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant for various culvert replacement projects in town.  
Investigating USDA Grant to create a Farmer's Market, purchase of a Fire Truck and other projects.
- **Grants Received:** \$15,000 for the Elderly Bus Transportation Grant. The last payment of \$10,000 has been approved for the Hartford Foundation Grant.
- **Solar Panel Project Update:**

Contracts for the Solar Panels and the Elementary School Roof with the Attorney, final revisions expected shortly. Anticipate the project to start shortly after July 4<sup>th</sup>.

- **2009 STEAP Grant Close Out:**

Repairs to Field Park Bathrooms will be finished by the end of August. This will close out the 2009 STEAP Grant.

- **2010 STEAP Grant Update:**

Contract to arrive from the State in mid August. Sidewalk construction on Battle Street to begin in September. Senior Center expansion and parking lot to begin in Spring.

- **Computer/Phone Update:**

Computers installed throughout Town Buildings. VPN access for several buildings will be addressed during the new phone system installation. Meeting with 3 companies this week and connectivity issues with cable company need to be settled.

- **Pension Plan Revision:**

Pension committee and consultants near to final revision of the Town Employee pension plan. This will be presented to Board of Selectmen.

## **V. Minutes Approval**

*George Warner **motioned** to approve the Special Meeting minutes of May 24, 2011 and the Special Meeting minutes from June 7, 2011 as presented. Tom Mazzoli seconded. All were in favor, **motion carried**.*

## VI. Transfers and Appropriations

<b>Transfer/ Appropriation</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>From Account</b>	<b>To Account</b>
1. Transfer	Selectman	\$4,185.00	Administrative Asst. Town Clerk/Supplies Town Clerk/Dues & Seminars Zoning Supplies Town Clerk/Advertising	Computer & Electrical
2. Transfer	Selectman	\$692.00	Heat	Heat-Police
3. Transfer	Selectman	\$9,360.00	Civil Preparedness Senior Center Expenses Police/Dog Warden	Street Lights/Traffic
4. Transfer	Selectman	\$7,170.00	Planning/10 year plan Planning/Open space Planning/Dues & Seminars Zoning/Temp ZEO ZBA/Legal – ZBA ZBA/Advertising	Electricity
5. Transfer	Selectman	\$1,223.00	Assessor/Copy Machine Finance/Dues & Seminars Planning/Advertising	Computer Supplies
6. Transfer	Selectman	\$19,889.00	Building Inspection Other Professional Services Sanitarian Salary Recreation Clerical Elderly Center Expenses Economic Development	Fire Protection
7. Transfer	Selectman	\$12,075.00	Human Services PT Health Insurance Social Security Temporary Salaries Advertising Economic Development	Land & Building Services
8. Transfer	Fire Dept.	\$7,080.00	Oxygen New Equip. Ambulance Uniforms Equipment Maintenance Medical Supplies Laundry Support Services Food & related Training Fire Dept AD&D Equipment Replacement Printing Heat	Vehicle Maint. Overtime Gas Allowance Vehicle Fuel Part Time New Equipment Personal Protection

9.	Transfer	Police	\$10.00	Equip. & Supplies	Radio Maintenance
10.	Transfer	Police	\$900.00	Police Clerical	Vehicle Maintenance
11.	Transfer	Police	\$125.00	Mobile Data Sys. Equip. & Supplies	Copy Machine
12.	Transfer	Police	\$250.00	Police Clerical	Uniform Maint.
13.	Transfer	Recreation	\$2,203.00	Recreation Self Support	Summer Camp Payroll
					Summer Camp Self Support
14.	Transfer	Public Works	\$3,000.00	Recycling	Vehicle Maint.
15.	Transfer	Board of Finance	\$300.00	BOF/Auditing	BOF Clerical
16.	Supplemental	Library	\$8,520.00	Other Revenue	Building Maintenance
17.	Transfer	Land Use/Building	\$922.94	Building Inspector	Computer Maintenance
18.	Transfer	Land Use/Building	\$379.13	Copier Land Use	Advertising
19.	Transfer	Land Use	\$49.09	Supplies	Advertising

*Steve Kransinski **motioned** to approve the transfers and appropriation as presented. Tom Mazzoli seconded. All were in favor, **motion carried**.*

*Michael Parker **motioned** to appropriate \$120,000 from the General Fund to the expenditure Legal Settlements subject to approval of a Town Meeting. With the understanding that the WPCA will reimburse the Town \$60,000 as part of their agreement by November 30, 2011. The Board of Finance recommends that the Board of Selectmen go to Town meeting for approval. Steve Kransinski seconded. All were in favor, **motion carried**.*

#### **VII. Correspondence – none**

#### **VIII. Other**

#### **IX. Adjournment**

Chairman Persano adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Hlobik  
Recording Secretary

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