

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
January 23, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Auditorium**

1. Location of Emergency Exits: unnecessary - less than 100 in attendance.
2. Call to Order:
First Selectman David Pinney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
3. Members Present:
Selectmen David Pinney and Ernie Allsup. Selectman Kathy Devlin was absent.
4. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
5. Correspondence: Deferred to New Business
6. Citizen Comments: There were none.
7. Old Business:
 - 7.1 Somers Housing Authority - Land for Additional Subsidized Elderly Housing

The Selectmen reviewed with Len Slaga, Barbara Henderson, Tony Pellegrino and Lois Matczak, members of the Somers Housing Authority, a proposal to use thirteen acres of land adjacent to Woodcrest - but currently designated for the town cemetery - as a site for additional low income subsidized senior housing. David Pinney reported that he had discussed the concept with the Cemetery Committee at their recent meeting and that the Cemetery Committee would work to confirm long-range needs for the town and the demands that would be placed upon this land in order to meet those needs. David Pinney will confirm with Carol Pyne, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, a timeframe within which the committee will report back to the selectmen.

7.2 Meet with the Board of Finance on elderly tax relief and funding for tanker truck for the Fire Department

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The Board recessed at 7:25 p.m. to meet with the Board of Finance to discuss elderly tax relief and funding for a new tanker truck for the Fire Department. The meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

8. New Business:
 - 8.1 Resignation from the Cultural Commission
Susan Olsen sent a letter of resignation from the Cultural Commission. Ernie Allsup made a motion to accept with regret the resignation of Susan Olsen from the Cultural Commission; seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved.

8.2 Somers Library - Appointment of Preliminary Building Committee

The Board discussed proceeding with the appointment of a building committee for the library expansion but would like to meet with members of the Library Board first to review the particulars of the work to be done.

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8.3 Consider calling a special town meeting to approve additional funding for tanker truck for the Fire Department and to approve reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals

A motion was made by Ernie Allsup and unanimously passed to call a Special Town Meeting for February 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium to (1) consider a recommendation by the Board of Finance to appropriate \$17,000 from Surplus to add to the capital funds already authorized within the Fiscal Year 2006 budget to be used to initiate a five year lease for purchase of a new tanker truck for the Fire Department and (2) to approve the reappointment of John Torres to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term and (3) to consider a recommendation from the Board of Selectmen to modify the existing elderly tax relief ordinance so as to increase the benefit levels to certain qualifying taxpayers.

8.4 Seminar Attendance - Lisa Coope and Ann Logan on 2/1/06

Motion by Ernie Allsup and unanimously passed to approve the attendance of Ann Logan and Lisa Coope at the Tolland County Town Clerks Association Meeting on February 1, 2006 and also the training program presented by Building Inspector Stephen Dupre.

8.5 Other:

In response to a letter from Kurt and Natalie Swan that expressed a desire to donate playground equipment for "Connor's Place" to a new boundless playground to be built on Field Road, Ernie Allsup made a motion, passed unanimously, to accept this donation in memory of their son Connor.

9. Authorization of Scheduled Payments

Ernie Allsup made a motion, passed unanimously, to approve the Scheduled Payments in the amount of \$1,025,229.91 dated January 18, 19, 20 and 23, 2006.

10. Appropriations/Transfers:

- Ernie Allsup made a motion, passed unanimously to approve the following reimbursement appropriation:

Fire Department:

Reimbursement appropriation of \$22.30 to account #20-16-531.5 Vehicle Maintenance and \$140.98 to Account #20-16-565.1 Uniforms

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10.1 Tax Refunds:

- Ernie Allsup made a motion, passed unanimously to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,615.20.

11. Approval of Minutes:

11.1 BOS regular meeting of 1/9/06

11.2 BOS special meeting of 1/11/06

Ernie Allsup made a motion, passed unanimously to approve the BOS regular meeting of 1/09/06 and the BOS special meeting of 1/11/06, as written.

12. Board of Selectman Remarks

12.1 Update from First Selectman: Nothing further was discussed

12.2 Other: Nothing further was discussed.

13. Citizen Comments: There were none.

14. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pinney, First Selectman
TOWN OF SOMERS

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