

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 20, 2006
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Auditorium**

1. Location of Emergency Exits: not necessary, 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, Kathy Devlin and Ernie Allsup

4. Pledge of Allegiance: not recited, flag was not available.

5. Citizen Comments: There were none.

6. Correspondence: There was none.

7. Old Business:

7.1 consider proceeding with adopting an ordinance to establish a Design Review Committee

Motion made by Kathy Devlin, seconded by Ernie Allsup and unanimously approved to call a Special Town Meeting for April 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium for the purpose of:

1. to reschedule the Annual Town Meeting from May 1st to May 8, 2006.

2. to consider an ordinance establishing a permanent Design Review Committee.

3. to consider a demolition delay ordinance.

4. to authorize publication of these ordinances, if adopted, in summary form.

5. to seek approval, pending a recommendation from the Board of Finance, of a special appropriation to fund the Library addition preliminary design work.

7.2 consider proceeding with appointing a building committee to prepare a proposal for library expansion

The Board of Selectmen reviewed establishing a Special Building Committee to handle the next phase of the library expansion project or working with the Special Projects Committee. David Pinney will discuss the issue with the Special Projects Committee.

A motion was made by Kathy Devlin, seconded by Ernie Allsup and unanimously approved to recommend to the Board of Finance the appropriation of \$50,000 to fund the development of preliminary design and cost estimates of the proposed library addition

sufficient to present to the public for final approval of the proposed expansion.

A motion was made by Kathy Devlin, seconded by Ernie Allsup and unanimously approved to amend the call for a Special Town Meeting for April 15, 2006 to add a fifth item, already listed above.

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7.3 consider dedicating some portion of the Center Cemetery land for elderly housing

A motion was made by Ernie Allsup, seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved to adopt the resolution pertaining to Center Cemetery land as presented with one modification - that being to change the acreage limit from ten to thirteen acres.

7.4 Other:

Ernie Allsup asked about the status of the gravel permit for Grower Direct. Peter Klein, Chairman of the Zoning Commission, stopped by at that point and indicated that the Zoning Commission was seeking some additional information prior to making a decision on the permit application.

Kathy Devlin inquired as to the status of discussions with neighboring towns regarding trucks using Gulf Road. David Pinney indicated that he had received correspondence from Allan Bacchiochi from Stafford in support of limiting truck usage on Gulf Road but he has not heard yet from Michael Stapinski of Ellington.

Ernie Allsup also asked about steps taken to address traffic concerns on Billings Road and David Pinney indicated the Highway Department is supposed to install signs warning vehicles of blind driveways in the area.

8. New Business:

8.1 Approval of training/conference plan for Frank Falcone

A motion was made by Ernie Allsup, seconded by Kathy Devlin and voted unanimously to approve the training plan as presented by Frank Falcone and also to approve the seminar attendance plan proposed by Glen Reynolds.

8.2 Approval of workshop proposal for Patrice Carson

A motion was made by Ernie Allsup, seconded by Kathy Devlin and voted

unanimously to approve the workshop proposal as presented by Patrice Carson.

8.3 consider appointments to fill existing commission vacancies and expired terms

A motion was made by Ernie Allsup; seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved to appoint Candace Alekos to the Conservation Commission to fill the balance of the term that expires February 2, 2008.

A motion was made by Ernie Allsup; seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved to reappoint Joan Formeister to the Conservation

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Commission for a term that would expire on December 22, 2010.

A motion was made by Ernie Allsup, seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved to remove Maurice Rondeau from the Conservation Commission and appoint Henry Broer to serve the balance of his term that expires on December 7, 2007.

A motion was made by Kathy Devlin; seconded by Ernie Allsup and unanimously approved to appoint Daniel E. Fraro as an alternate to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration date of December 22, 2006.

A motion was made by Ernie Allsup, seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved to reappoint John M. Bartloff and Edward J. Palomba to the Recreation Commission with a term expiration date of December 22, 2006 and Thomas A. Chilicki, Christine M. Meunier, J. J. Wassmuth and Pamela Coverdill to the Recreation Commission with a term expiration date of December 22, 2007.

The selectmen hope to meet with potential candidates for the Cultural Committee at their next regular meeting.

8.4 Other:

The Selectmen have signed the Chief Administrative Officer's recommendation in support of the Somers Fire Department's application to the State to establish a second ambulance in town.

A motion was made by Kathy Devlin; seconded by Ernie Allsup and unanimously approved to adopt the resolution authorizing David Pinney to enter into a new

contract with the State of Connecticut to provide state trooper service to the town.

The selectmen reviewed a proposed Demolition Delay Ordinance received from Town Attorney Carl Landolina and decided to hold a public hearing on this ordinance on April 3, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.

The selectmen discussed the possibility of appointing a Charter Revision Commission. Items that the selectmen might consider as topics for review by this commission would include some technical fixes to inconsistent language within the current charter, clarifications to language that is not explicit and leaves uncertainty as to its intention, possible changes in existing language so as to convert the positions of Town Treasurer, Tax Collector and Town Clerk from elected to appointed positions, the elimination of the Board of Assessors and to

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consider possibly adding language to the charter that would establish term limits for elected positions and establish the formal framework for a permanent Capital Improvement Plan Committee.

The selectmen would like the Town Clerk to review the requirements for the creation and operation of a Charter Revision Commission and create a timeline that would account for all the steps required for a charter revision process.

9. Authorization of Scheduled Payments

A motion was made by Ernie Allsup, seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved to authorize scheduled payments in the amount of \$405,460.08 generated on March 9, 14, 15, and 20, 2006.

10. Appropriations/Transfers

A motion was made by Kathy Devlin, seconded by Ernie Allsup and unanimously voted to approve the following transfers as requested:

Building Official:

transfer \$755 from 10-16-502.1 Bldg. Secretary to Acct. #10-16-520.1 Supplies

Fire Department:

transfer \$1,000 from Acct. 20-16-584.1 Foam to Acct. #20-16-560.1 electricity

transfer \$2,100 from Acct. #20-16-563.1 Pagers to Acct. #20-16-559.1 Heat

transfer \$1,750 from Acct. #41-24-563.1 Pagers to Acct. #20-16-560.1 electricity

transfer \$700 from Acct. #41-24-605.1 Blood Borne to Acct. #41-24-531 Vehicle Maint.

transfer \$1,000 from Acct. #41-24-568.1 Training to Acct. #20-16-560.1 electricity

Library:

transfer \$1,100 from Acct. #50-21-611.1 Services to Acct. #50-21-559.1 Heat

Selectmen:

transfer \$380 from Acct. #10-10-600.3 legal unions to Acct. #10-32-532.5 Probate Court

Transfer Station:

transfer \$1,000 from Acct. #30-34-588.1 Recycling to Acct. #30-34-589.1 Landfill Operating

10.1 **Tax Refunds:**

A motion was made by Kathy Devlin, seconded by Ernie Allsup and unanimously voted to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$4,608.44.

11. **Approval of Minutes:**

11.1 Regular BOS meeting of 3/6/06

11.2 Special BOS meeting of 3/6/06

11.3 Special BOS meeting and public hearing of 3/8/06

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A motion was made by Ernie Allsup, seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously voted to approve all of the above minutes, as written.

12. **Board of Selectmen 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 adjourned by mutual consent at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pinney, First Selectman
TOWN OF SOMERS

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