

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
July 17, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room**

1. Call to Order:

First Selectman David Pinney called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Members Present:

Selectmen David Pinney and Ernie Allsup

Fire Commission:

Frank Lawlor, Carl Rohrbach, Dave Palmer, Alice VanTasel

Fire Chief Bill Meyer

Board of Finance:

George Warner, Mike Parker

Fire Department: Shift Supervisor Frank Falcone

Treasurer: Ed Sullivan

3. Meet with members of the Board of Finance and the Fire Commission to discuss long range needs for the Fire Department

Frank Lawlor opened the meeting with a review of the work the Fire Commission and the Fire Department has done in preparing a five-year long range plan for the department. This plan was presented to the Board of Finance, the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Commission last November. The Commission recently completed in April a follow-up that addressed some additional issues pertaining to long term staffing needs for the department.

The Fire Commission and the Fire Department would like to receive from the selectmen and the finance board an indication of level of support for the recommendation to build two sub-stations in town and ultimately man them with two paid firefighters during the week days. The selectmen and the members of the finance board who were present acknowledged that they rely on the Fire Department and the Fire Commission to assess the nature of the needs to provide adequate fire protection throughout the town and recommend appropriate actions to address those needs. The selectmen and finance board members need to review the anticipated cost information that the Fire Commission has developed as part of evaluating the prospect of endorsing the commission recommendations as not only necessary for reasonable fire protection but also reasonable within the town's long range financial plan.

The treasurer, the selectmen and the finance board will incorporate the Fire Commission's recommendations and cost projections into the long range financial plan. The Fire Commission will review their needs with an eye towards extending out to ten years or more their capital equipment and staffing needs. The Fire Commission will have this additional information available for discussion at the Board of Finance September meeting. The selectmen and the treasurer will be able to review some of the implications

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of the current proposals as regards the long range financial plan and will bring that information to the Board of Finance September meeting as well.

4. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned by mutual consent at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pinney, First Selectman
TOWN OF SOMERS

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