

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 5, 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 and Ernie Allsup

4. Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

5. Correspondence: There was none.

6. Citizen Comments: There were none.

7. Old Business:

7.1 Library Expansion:

Shirley Warner, Ed Burns, Irma Claman and Francine Aloisa were present to discuss the library expansion project. They reviewed their plans to almost double the space of the current library, providing separate space for teens and children, as well as additional public meeting space. Their expectation is that the work planned would meet the town's library need for the next twenty years. They indicated that it was a requirement to be eligible for the State Library Construction Site grant program that the proposed work would be reasonably expected to meet the community's needs for a minimum of the next twenty years. They discussed steps towards a referendum on approving the library plan anticipating that they would generate and mail to all citizens a flyer outlining the proposal and then conduct a public information session. They hoped it would be possible to hold the referendum in October but Ernie Allsup indicated they should review required time lines with the town clerk.

A motion was made by Ernie Allsup, seconded by David Pinney and approved unanimously to approve signing the application for the State Library Construction Grant.

7.2 Charter Revision:

A motion was made by Ernie Allsup, seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved to accept the final report from the Charter Revision Commission. After substantial discussion regarding the recommendation from the Charter Revision Commission to have the proposed changes regarding changing the treasurer and tax collector to appointed rather than elected positions as a separate question, a motion was made by Ernie Allsup, seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved to nonetheless proceed with one question. There was also

discussion about providing more information to the people about the proposed changes. One option would be to do a town-wide mailing, another would be to consider a public information session. The latter option does not appear likely to attract much attendance, given the limited attention

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generated by the public hearings that have already been held as part of the charter revision process.

8. New Business: Nothing was brought up at this time

9. Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

A motion was made by Ernie Allsup; seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved to authorize scheduled payments in the amount of \$239,855.73 generated on August 22, 24, 25, 31 and September 5, 2006.

10. Appropriations/Transfers: None were presented.

10.1 Tax Refunds:

A motion was made by Ernie Allsup, seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved to authorize tax refunds in the amount of \$9,588.61.

11. Approval of Minutes:

11.1 BOS regular meeting of 8/21/06 - no action was taken as Ernie Allsup was not at the meeting.

11.2 BOS special meeting of 8/28/06 - Motion by Ernie Allsup; seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved to accept the BOS special meeting minutes of 8/28/06, 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 was adjourned by mutual consent at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pinney, First Selectman
TOWN OF SOMERS

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