

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
Monday, September 18, 2006  
7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Auditorium**

1.     Location of Emergency Exits:   Not necessary, less than 100 present

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:         The pledge of allegiance was recited.

5.     Correspondence:

A letter was received from Carol Pyne asking for \$500 to insulate the floors at the Historical Library and also requesting insulation of the building's windows. It was the consensus of the Board that a \$500 expenditure for insulating the floors of the library would be acceptable but no action was taken at this time in regard to the insulation of the windows.

6.     Citizen Comments:           There were none.

7.     Old Business:

7.1         Fire Marshal

First Selectman David Pinney reviewed with the Board that he was still discussing with the Deputy Chief and the Deputy Fire Marshal some of the details pertaining to the proposal for the Deputy Fire Marshal to take over the functions of Fire Marshal with support from a fire inspector. Coordinating staff and funding the different parts of the proposal looks viable but we still need to review the details of the functions becoming part of the firefighter's bargaining unit agreement. David Pinney will review that with Pat McHale and the firefighters.

7.2         Other:

Ernie Allsup asked about the skateboard park. His concern is that if indeed we are moving toward a more open access arrangement, we need to make that official and clarify that supervisors will not be present. David Pinney will review the insurance company's recommendations with the Recreation Commission and seek their endorsement on a more open access approach to use of the skateboard park.

Kathy Devlin inquired about the status of reviewing the condition of the Somersville Mill. David Pinney indicated that a roofing contractor looked at the roof and felt some limited patching would serve to make substantial reductions in the amount of rain and snow getting into the building. David also indicated that a town resident, Sandy Doig, with substantial experience in mill

renovation was going to walk through the building to assess its current condition.

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Kathy Devlin asked about the status of the Somersville Planning Committee. David Pinney told the selectmen that he has received responses from several of the members as to their availability for the initial meeting, but has not heard from all the members. He will contact the remaining members and plans to set up the initial meeting within the next two weeks.

Kathy Devlin initiated a discussion about the placement of the American flags on the utility poles. The selectmen agreed that the preferred arrangement would be to put the flags up for Memorial Day, keep them up for Flag Day and the fourth of July and then take them back down. Kathy Devlin wants to make sure that the town sends a letter of appreciation to Barry Dolby for his contribution this year in installing all of the new flags.

Kathy Devlin indicated that some people have spoken to her sharing their frustration that at times services required from Town Hall staff are not completed until the last minute before some deadline. The selectmen are interested in reviewing potential resources for working with staff on identifying and pursuing performance goals and maintaining high customer satisfaction.

### 8. New Business:

#### 8.1 Call a Special Town Meeting to Accept Open Space Land and Consider Road Discontinuances

The Board reviewed the past history of the process used to discontinue roads and agreed that the Planning Commission should take the lead in reviewing the prospects for discontinuing town roads and then bring their recommendations forward to the Board of Selectmen.

#### 8.2 Appointments:

David Pinney reported that there are a couple of candidates interested in the Computer Committee where there are openings. They are looking at attending a meeting to confirm their desire to serve on the committee before the Board would officially appoint them.

#### 8.3 Authorize the First Selectman, David Pinney, to contract for long-term electrical supply

Kathy Devlin made a motion, seconded by Ernie Allsup and unanimously

approved to authorize the First Selectman, David Pinney, to contract for long-term electrical supply.

8.4        Other:        Nothing further was discussed.

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9.        Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Ernie Allsup made a motion, seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved to authorize scheduled payments in the amount of \$567,717.10 generated on September 5, 11, 16 and 18, 2006.

10.       Appropriations/Transfers:

Kathy Devlin made a motion, seconded by Ernie Allsup and unanimously approved to authorize transfers presented pertaining to the 2005-06 fiscal year as follows.  
The transfers for the 2006-07 fiscal year were tabled for action at the next meeting.

**Fire Department:**

transfer \$160 from Acct. #20-16-566.1 Laundry to Acct. #20-16-568.1 Training  
transfer \$5 from Acct. #10-10-512.2 Pension Actuary Expenditures to Acct. #20-16-766.1 FD Pension Plan.

**Planning:**

transfer \$640 from Acct. #10-26-600.2 Legal Zoning to Acct. #10-25-600.4 Planning Legal  
transfer \$70 from Acct. #10-25-548.1 Publications to Acct. #10-25-600.4 Planning Legal

**Public Works:**

transfer \$119 from Acct. #30-18-561.1 Telephone to Acct. #30-18-531.5 Vehicle Maintenance  
transfer \$18 from Acct. #30-18-561.1 Telephone to Acct. #30-18-553.1 Road Maintenance

**Selectmen:**

transfer \$182 from Acct. #10-10-561.1 Telephone to Acct. #10-10-562.1 Water

**Senior:**

transfer \$114 from Acct. #10-10-531.1 Capital Building Maint. to Acct. #51-30-610.1 Elderly Bus Expense

**WPCA:**

transfer \$405 from Acct. #40-19-520.1 Supplies to Acct. #40-19-508.4 Clerical Water Billing  
transfer \$190 from Acct. #40-19-520.1 Supplies to Acct. #40-19-508.4 Clerical Water Billing.

10.1       Tax Refunds:

A motion was made by Kathy Devlin; seconded by Ernie Allsup and unanimously approved to accept tax refunds in the amount of \$3,563.55.

11. Approval of Minutes:

11.1 BOS regular meeting of 8/21/06

Motion made by Kathy Devlin; seconded by David Pinney to approve the BOS regular meeting minutes of 8/21/06. The vote was: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; one abstention (Allsup). The motion passed.

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11.2 BOS regular meeting of 9/5/06

A motion was made by Ernie Allsup; seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved to approve the BOS regular meeting minutes of 9/5/06, 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 unanimous consent at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pinney, First Selectman  
TOWN OF SOMERS

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