

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, January 24, 2007
8:30 a.m.
Selectmen's Conference Room**

1. Call to Order:

First Selectman David Pinney called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

2. Members Present:

Selectmen David Pinney, Kathy Devlin and Ernie Allsup
Citizens Fred Meyer and John Tschummi

3. Consider and act on proposed resolution to apply for an STP Urban Grant for work on the Main Street, Springfield Road, South Road intersection

A motion was made by Kathy Devlin, seconded by Ernie Allsup and unanimously approved to adopt the resolution as presented.

4. Development of 2007-08 Annual Budget

We discussed the time frame during which we needed to complete our budget development. The Board of Finance is expecting the selectmen to present their proposed 2007-08 budget on March 5, 2007. The group plans tentatively to meet for budget development on:
January 31st at 1:00 p.m.

February 10th at 9:00 a.m.

February 14th at 8:30 a.m.

February 21st at 8:30 a.m.

The group reviewed the current year's budget. The First Selectman indicated while there were some deviations from the original plan, it would not appear that there would be substantial challenges in meeting the town's needs within the amount appropriated.

There was some discussion about the implications of next year's police services budget which will be the first year not involving a full-time constable or the severance provisions for the former full-time constable. That will represent some savings within the Police Department expenses once the cost of an additional resident trooper is taken into account.

Within next year's budget, the group needs to make provision for appointing a new treasurer or Director of Finance. It also needs to anticipate the retirement of the highway superintendent to be replaced by a new Director of Public Works.

While it is premature to anticipate the cost impact of possibly modifying the town pension plan, the fact that that plan is currently under review brings with it the likelihood that there will be impacts for next year's budget if changes in the plan are adopted. We will try to firm up prospects in that regard as the budget discussions and the pension plan discussions proceed simultaneously.

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5. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned by mutual consent at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pinney, First Selectman
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