

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 20, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room**

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 Kathy Devlin
4. Pledge of Allegiance: A flag was not available.
5. Correspondence: resignations – will be discussed under other agenda items.
6. Citizen Comments: There were none.
7. Old Business:

7.1 Consider appoints for open positions on town commissions/committees

The Board received a letter of resignation from Dan E. Fraro, an alternate on the Conservation Commission who is moving out of town. Kathy Devlin made a motion, seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved to appoint Lise Wood as an alternate on the Conservation Commission with a term expiration date of 12/22/07.

A motion was made by Kathy Devlin to accept, with regret, the resignation of Dan E. Fraro; seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved.

A letter of resignation was received from Barbara Flebotte who is a member of the Advisory Committee to the Elderly as well as the coordinator and producer of the bi-monthly Senior Newsletter. Barbara also wrote the Senior News articles that were published periodically in the local newspaper. Kathy Devlin made a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Barbara Flebotte from all of her town services; seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved.

Rob Martin, Chairman of the Zoning Commission, introduced Ray Hafford who is interested in joining the Zoning Commission as a full member. Mr. Hafford stated he has been a Somers resident for about four years and lives on County Road. He has never volunteered for any type of town commission before. Kathy Devlin wants to be sure that he would serve without prejudice because there are still some issues involving County Road. Rob Martin is willing to sponsor Ray Hafford as an unbiased member of the Zoning Commission. Kathy Devlin made a motion to appoint Ray Hafford, who is an Independent, as a full member of the Zoning Commission with a term expiration date of 12/22/11. This motion was seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved.

The Zoning Commission still needs two more alternates

7.2 Building Use Policy:

This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

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7.3 Sale of Whitaker Lots

The configuration of these lots is still affected by the main parcel and the conservation easement. The right-of-way needs to be approved by the Attorney General's Office and the Town Attorney. These issues should be resolved within the next month.

7.4 Options for Somersville Mill

The Somersville Planning Committee has been discussing options for the Somersville Mill and its future use. We need a developer that will bring the funding with them. The Economic Development Commission is also working on recommendations for the future use of the Mill. In the meantime, developers will be encouraged to bring their proposals to the town for review.

7.5 Other

David Pinney reported that the Pension Study Committee has met two times and has already made considerable progress. They will be meeting again this Friday. Kathy Devlin feels that there should not be a time constraint and the committee should review background information from the schools and take the time to make a viable recommendation.

The low-income elderly housing project is moving right along. The application for the low income tax credit funding is due at the end of this month. Senator John Kissel submitted a bid proposal to authorize State bonding to help support this project. Both John Kissel and Penny Bacchiochi are very supportive of this project.

8. New Business

8.1 Appoint Library Building Committee

Four members of the Special Projects Building Committee have expressed interest in being a part of the Library Building Committee: Tim Welch, James Conlin, Michael Gruber and Irma Claman. Bob Socha, Shirley Warner, Andy Phillips and Phil Rosenthal have also volunteered. Francine Aloisa, Library Director, will be an ex officio member of the committee. Kathy Devlin made a motion to appoint those listed to the newly formed Library Building Committee. This motion was seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved.

8.2 Resignation of Selectman Ernie Allsup

Kathy Devlin made a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Ernie Allsup as Selectman. This motion was seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved.

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8.3 Other:

Kathy Devlin made a motion to approve Steve Jacobs' attendance at a groundwater/well seminar to be held on March 27, 2007. This motion was seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved.

9. Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Kathy Devlin made a motion to authorize scheduled payments in the amount of \$55,476.96 generated on February 16 and 20, 2007. This motion was seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved.

10. Appropriations/Transfers:

Kathy Devlin made a motion to approve the following transfers/appropriations; seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved.

Fire Dept.

reimbursement appropriation of \$3,292.85 to acct. #20-16-574.1 Personal Protective Gear

Library:

reimbursement appropriation of \$143.36 to acct. #50-21-520.2 books

Police:

transfer \$2,500 from acct. #20-17-503.3 overtime salary to acct. #20-17-531.8 vehicle fuel

Tax Collector:

transfer \$300 from acct. #10-13-520.1 to acct. #10-13-516.1

transfer \$110 from acct. #10-13-520.1 to acct. #10-13-534.1

10.1 Tax Refunds:

Kathy Devlin made a motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$2,156.26 as generated by the Tax Collector's office. This motion was seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved.

11. Approval of Minutes:

Kathy Devlin made a motion to approve the BOS minutes of 1/22/07, 1/24/07, 1/25/07, and 2/10/07 as written. This motion was seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved.

In the 2/1/07 BOS minutes, the following addition was made on Page 1, Item 4 at the end of the paragraph. "The Board requests that Patrice Carson plans to conduct a training session for interested Zoning members and other commissioners regarding information gleaned from the conference and to hold that session before the end of June, 2007." Kathy Devlin made a motion to approve the 2/1/07 BOS minutes, as amended.

This motion was seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved.

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12. Board of Selectmen Remarks

12.1 Update from First Selectman

It was decided that the Board of Selectmen will hold a special meeting on Friday, February 23, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room to discuss (1) a replacement for Ernie Allsup and (2) to discuss FY07-08 budget issues.

Kathy Devlin said she would not be available on February 26 through the 28th, but would be available on March 1st and 2nd for budget meetings. There are only two weeks until the selectmen need to present their proposed budget to the Board of Finance and there are some unresolved issues. Kathy said she would also be available for a Saturday morning meeting.

13. Citizen Comments: There were none.

14. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned by mutual consent at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Carenzo, Recording Secretary
TOWN OF SOMERS

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