

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, March 1, 2007
3:00 p.m.
Selectmen's Conference Room**

1. Call to Order:

First Selectman David Pinney called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

2. Members Present:

Selectmen David Pinney, Kathy Devlin and Joe Tolisano
Citizen John Tschummi

3. Hours for part-time help at the Senior Center:

David Pinney reviewed with the selectmen the change in circumstances regarding the grant support for the part-time assistant at the Senior Center. The Board endorsed maintaining the hours at 18 per week with the town covering the cost of the additional two hours not funded by the grant for the balance of the current fiscal year.

4. Fire Truck Repair:

David Pinney reviewed with the Board the circumstances under which he had indicated to the Fire Chief and the Chair of the Fire Commission the possibility of the town budget supporting extensive repair work to engine #146. Kathy Devlin made a motion to transfer \$5,000 from the Health Insurance line to the Fire Department vehicle maintenance line, seconded by Joe Tolisano and unanimously approved.

5. Authorization of Schedule of Payments:

Kathy Devlin made a motion to authorize scheduled payments in the amount of \$152,119.50 generated on February 26, 27 and 28, 2007. This motion was seconded by Joe Tolisano and unanimously approved.

Appropriation and Transfer Requests:

Joe Tolisano made a motion to approve the following transfers/appropriations, seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved.

Sewer Fund:

reimbursement appropriation of \$87,000 to Acct. #01-149 Sewer Assessment Receivable to acct. #61-10-390.1 Somersville Construction

Transfer Station:

transfer \$1,500 from acct. #30-34-588.1 Recycling to acct. #30-34-589.6

6. Capital Building Maintenance:

David Pinney reviewed with the Board the various expenses that had been incurred within the Capital Building Maintenance account. Joe Tolisano made a motion, seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved to transfer \$2,000 from the selectmen's Capital Equipment line 10-10-530.1 to Capital Building Maintenance line 10-10-531.1.

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7. Continued discussion of FY08 Budget

The Board reviewed the implications likely of the salary required to hire a Treasurer/ Director of Finance on the FY08 budget. The Board also reviewed staffing needs and costs for Public Works.

David Pinney reviewed with the other selectmen his recommendation to increase funding within the FY08 budgets by \$10,000 for capital building maintenance and for Emergency Preparedness functions from zero to \$15,000. Both of these recommendations were supported by the Board. The Board will meet on Friday, March 2, 2007 to discuss presenting the proposed budget to the Board of Finance.

8. Possible Executive Session to discuss pending legal action against the Town of Somers

Kathy Devlin made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:00 to discuss pending legal action against the Town, seconded by Joe Tolisano and unanimously approved. The Board came out of Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

9. Action to settle pending legal claim

A motion was made by Joe Tolisano; seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved to authorize the First Selectman David Pinney to proceed with the settlement as discussed in the Executive Session.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pinney, First Selectman
TOWN OF SOMERS

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