

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, October 1, 2007  
7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Auditorium**

1. Location of Emergency Exits: unnecessary, 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, Kathy Devlin and Joe Tolisano
4. Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.
5. Correspondence:
  - 5.1 Resignation of Jennifer Rose, Animal Control Officer  
Kathy Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation, with regret, of Jennifer Rose, Animal Control Officer, effective November 17, 2007. This motion was seconded by Joe Tolisano and unanimously approved.
  - 5.2 Request for maternity leave – Marie Stromwell  
Joe Tolisano made a motion to accept Marie Stromwell's request for maternity leave beginning about November 2, 2007 and extending to February 2, 2008. This motion was seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved.
6. Citizen Comments: There were none.
7. Old Business:
  - 7.1 Consideration – possible adoption of the Fire Fighting Water Supply Ordinance  
The impact on fire protection costs to the town was discussed if this ordinance is adopted. The town attorney has stated that it is not possible to establish a separate assessment for those that are served by public water and those that are not. The Board considered an impact fee on homes in new developments to help defray the increased cost of services. First Selectman David Pinney will check with the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to see what state statutes might offer in this regard. Joe Tolisano said we need this ordinance in order to offer citizens increased fire protection.  
After further discussion, Joe Tolisano made a motion to approve the adoption of the Fire Fighting Water Supply Ordinance with an effective date of November 1, 2007. This motion was seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved.
  - 7.2 Update on selecting a developer for the Somersville Mill  
First Selectman David Pinney and Town Planner Patrice Carson have been

attempting to secure background information on the three proposed developers for the mill. The next step would be to authorize the Board of Selectmen to set up an agreement between the town and the prospective developer that would clarify how the transfer of control would actually happen. The foreclosure process would take about 60 days and a town meeting would be required to transfer the property if the town owns it. Kathy Devlin suggested transferring the liens to the developer along with any encumbrances

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the town has incurred. It was suggested that a meeting be held with the proposed developers on Monday, October 8, 2007, even though it is the Columbus Day holiday.

Joe Tolisano will draft an e-mail to be sent out to each of the developers concerning the proposed meeting to lay down the ground rules for development of the mill.

### 7.3 Review process for developing a town website

The Computer Committee has been discussing the establishment of a town website and David Pinney has had some discussion with Michael Redmond (On the Fly Computer Guy) about this possibility and has found that the process could be fairly expensive. It was the consensus of the Board that a Request for Proposal (RFP) should be required. The CIP has funds for computer use – about \$10,000 per year. The Board felt that each department should be trained to maintain their own part of the website. We also need some input from the citizens as to what information they would like to see on the website.

### 7.4 Other:

Kathy Devlin asked about the scheduling of interviews for the Chief Financial Officer position. A group should be chosen to conduct the interviews, including the Board members, within the next week. There should be no more than three or four interviews. Joe Tolisano volunteered to schedule the interviews.

Two people that are qualified have applied for the Town Engineer/Public Works Director position. Interviews are planned for Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. There was a brief discussion about having an engineer sit in on the evaluation process. David Pinney will look into the availability of an engineer to help in the applicant's interview process.

David Pinney said that as far as he knows, Ken Anderson plans to retire at the beginning of November.

David Pinney reported that the fire marshal chosen for Somers no longer wants the job and wishes to remain in South Windsor. There were a couple of candidates that applied for this position late and therefore have not been interviewed. They will be contacted. The Fire Chief

and the Deputy Chief still favor hiring another full-time firefighter which would release Glen Reynolds to take over the fire marshal duties. A new position would be difficult to fund at this time.

8. New Business:

8.1 Consider reappointment of Clifford Bordeaux to the Planning Commission with a term expiration date of 12/22/2012

Kathy Devlin made a motion to reappoint Clifford Bordeaux to a new term on the Planning Commission with a term expiration date of 12/22/2012. This motion was seconded by Joe Tolisano and unanimously approved.

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8.2 Consider reappointment of Jerome Young on the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiration date of 12/22/2012

Kathy Devlin made a motion to reappoint Jerome Young to a new term on the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiration date of 12/22/2012. This motion was seconded by Joe Tolisano and unanimously approved.

8.3 Should the Town consider adopting an ordinance to provide a tax break for hybrid vehicles

David Pinney will check to see what the impact would be to the town financially depending on how many hybrid vehicles are registered to Somers citizens.

8.4 Other:

Kathy Devlin will not be here for the next selectmen's meeting on 10/15/07. Marcia Mitchell will join the staff as the new Executive Assistant/Operations Manager on October 22, 2007 and her office will be located in the First Selectman's area. Connie Carenzo will relocate to the office across from the Treasurer's and remain as a full-time Social Services Director until her retirement date of 7/1/08. The Board agreed that an employee meeting should be held to acquaint all of the employees with these changes and others that are pending and how these changes may affect them. David Pinney will look into scheduling a time and place for this meeting.

9. Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

David Pinney talked briefly about police overtime and the fact that it is not offered to resident troopers first. He will be sending a letter of inquiry to the Police Commissioner.

Kathy Devlin made a motion to authorize scheduled payments in the amount of \$300,688.97 generated on September 21, 25, 26 and October 1, 2007. This motion was seconded by Joe Tolisano and unanimously approved.

10. Appropriations/Transfers:

Kathy Devlin made a motion to approve the following transfer; seconded by Joe Tolisano and unanimously approved:

**Board of Education:**

transfer \$1,000 from acct. #68-10-485.6 SHS Track to acct. #68-10-487.3 Steam Oven

10.1 Tax Refunds:

Joe Tolisano made a motion to authorize tax refunds in the amount of \$2,841.57 as recommended by the Tax Collector. This motion was seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved.

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11. Approval of Minutes:

11.1 BOS regular meeting of 9/17/07

Joe Tolisano made a motion to approve the BOS minutes of 9/17/07, as written. This motion was seconded by David Pinney and unanimously approved.

11.2 BOS special meeting of 9/26/07

Joe Tolisano made a motion to approve the BOS special meeting minutes of 9/26/07, as written, seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved.

12. Board of Selectmen Remarks:

12.1 Update from First Selectman: Nothing further was discussed.

13. Citizen Comments: There were none.

14. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned by mutual consent at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Carenzo, Recording Secretary  
TOWN OF SOMERS

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