

1. Location of Emergency Exits – fewer than 50 people in attendance
2. Call to order at 7:20 p.m.
3. Members present – Kathleen Devlin, David Pinney & Joseph Tolisano. Present from the town staff were Francine Aloisa, Library Director; Marcia Mitchell, Executive Assistant/ Operations Manager; Mike Provencher, Parks Superintendent; and Greg Simmons, Director of Finance. Also present were members of the Library Building Committee, Bob Socha, Shirley Warner & Tim Welch, members of the Pension Committee Bill Kirkpatrick and Ham Wilson; member of the Board of Finance, Tom Mazzoli; and several interested citizens.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Possible executive session involving discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that discussion be held at an open meeting: The Board of Selectmen and the Town Attorney, Carl Landolina recessed to executive session at 7:22 p.m. They rejoined the meeting attendees at 8:06 p.m. and advised the group that Barbara Henderson had been invited to join the executive session, and that no actions were taken in the session.
6. Correspondence
 - 6.1. 11/29/07 From A. Kirkpatrick re: resignation from Cultural Commission: ***Ms. Devlin moved to accept Ms. Kirkpatrick's resignation from the Cultural Commission with regrets and congratulations on her election to the Board of Education. Mr. Tolisano seconded and the motion was unanimously carried.***
 - 6.2. 12/6/07 from the Somers Historical Society was noted for comments regarding the potential relocation of the Children's Library to the Town Hall Auditorium, and the potential impact on the users of the Auditorium.
 - 6.3. 11/30/07 memo from the Somers Fire Commission recommending that the town invest in a ladder truck. The correspondence was copied to the Board of Finance, Zoning and Planning Commissions, Senator Kissell and Representative Bacchiochi.
7. Citizen Comments – none raised at this time.
8. Old Business
 - 8.1. Shared Services Grant Program – endorsed at earlier Town Meeting.
 - 8.2. Update - Reconstruction of intersection at Main Street, Ninth District and Sokol Road: CRCOG endorsed increased funding of up to \$2.7 million for the project, covering the shortfall identified at the 11/26 meeting. The approval for this increase should be granted at a final meeting on 12/12/07. This leaves only the design/engineering costs to be covered by the Town. ***Mr. Pinney asked for a motion to recommend to the Board of Finance that up***

to \$450,000 be appropriated for the purpose of designing and engineering the reconstruction at Main Street, Ninth District and Sokol Roads; Ms. Devlin so moved, Mr. Tolisano seconded and the motion was unanimously carried.

8.3. Temporary Relocation of Children’s Library – evaluation of possible sites: Mr. Pinney shared a schedule of activities at the Kibbe Fuller (KF) building for the month of December for the Board’s consideration in the evaluation of this relocation. He commented that multiple programs would have to be relocated if KF were used to temporarily house the Children’s Library, while fewer events would have to be relocated if the Town Hall Auditorium (Auditorium) were used. Other comments were heard advocating use of KF to house the Children’s library and keep the Auditorium open for large group meetings, as well as for the upcoming presidential primaries and election. Comments were also made about the numbers of people affected by the relocation of the Children’s Library as opposed to the number of people affected by the relocation of the recreation programs. Ms. Logan recommended that the Presidential Election not be relocated, and asked whether the Fire Department hall had been considered as a possible site for the Children’s Library relocation. Mr. Pinney commented that the Children’s Library project architects would make provisions for the election process in the reconfiguration of the Auditorium space. Ms. Devlin commented that she believed the Town Attorney should be consulted as to the impact of using the Auditorium on the town hall’s capacity to accommodate all citizens that wish to be heard during specific meetings. Ms. Warner commented that there was no air conditioning in KF; the selectmen responded that if KF were chosen as the site for Children’s Library during construction that air conditioning would be accommodated using window units. Mr. Welch asked if the library could consider using the Gym at KF instead of the two available classrooms. The Selectmen said yes. Mr. Tolisano commented that time was running out, and asked the members of the Library Building committee when the Children’s library planned on moving. Mr. Welch commented sometime in February. ***Mr. Tolisano then moved that the Children’s Library be temporarily relocated to the Kibbe Fuller building during the reconstruction, pending satisfactory layout in the space. Ms. Devlin seconded the motion. Mr. Tolisano and Ms. Devlin voted in favor, and Mr. Pinney opposed the motion. The motion carried with a vote of two to one.***

8.4. Committee appointments – responses received to date – Ms. Mitchell noted that the following individuals had been contacted with the noted results

Name	Commission	Response
Lise Wood	Conservation Alternate	Wants opptnty to cont as full mbr
Louis Lipton	Conservation Alternate	No response
Clifford Bordeaux	Planning	Reconfirmed in September
Michele Hayward	Planning	Does not want reappointment
Joseph Iadarola, Jr.	Planning Alternate	Wants reappointment
Karen Murdoch	Recreation	Wants reappointment
Christine Meunier	Recreation	Does not want reappointment
JJ Wassmuth	Recreation	Wants reappointment

Pamela Coverdill	Recreation	Cannot cont – will suggest replacements
Jerome Young	Zoning Appeals Alternate	Wants to continue as alternate
Robert Martin, III	Zoning	No response
Daniel Fraro	Zoning Alternate	No response

Mr. Pinney noted that there were other appointments that were expiring on December 22, or thereabouts, and that those individuals would be contacted in the coming week.

Ms. Devlin moved that the following appointments be made; Mr. Tolisano seconded, and the motions were unanimously carried.

Name	Appointment to	Term to expire
Joseph Iadarola	Planning Alternate	12/22/2012
Lise Wood	Conservation Commission, full member	12/22/2012
JJ Wasmuth	Recreation	12/22/2009
Karen Murdoch	Recreation	12/22/2009
Jean Bryanton	Cultural (to fill A. Kirkpatrick resignation)	12/22/2008
Robert Pfeiffer	Housing Authority (replaces B. Henderson, not reappointed)	12/22/2011
Robert Cafarelli	Civil Preparedness (replaces E. Morrill, retired)	12/22/2009
Jose Claudio	Civil Preparedness	12/22/2009
Ed Pagani	Civil Preparedness (pending appointment as Fire Chief)	12/22/2009

Mr. Pinney noted that Clifford Bordeaux and Jerry Young had been reappointed at an earlier date, therefore no action on these individuals was required.

Mr. Pinney noted that the board wishes to appoint Scott Sutter to the Planning commission to replace Michele Hayward. Mr. Sutter is a Somers resident, but not a registered voter. His appointment will be taken up at the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

8.5. Open positions review – currently have open one Highway Maintainer position, the Fire Marshal, and the Building Official. Highway Maintainer (30 applications rec'd. to date; 6 interviews scheduled) interviews will conclude this week, and the position should be filled from the candidates interviewed. Fire Marshal has been re-advertised with a closing date of 12/14/07, with only one applicant to date. The Building Official position has been advertised with a closing date of 12/14/07, with two viable applications to date.

8.6. Position descriptions update – slightly behind schedule

8.7. Update on Mill redevelopment activity – none at this time

9. New Business

9.1. Adoption of Historic Documents Preservation Grant Resolution – *Mr. Tolisano moved*

that the Historic Documents Preservation Grant Resolution be adopted as written; Ms. Devlin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Devlin moved that the related non-discrimination resolution be adopted as written; Mr. Tolisano seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

9.2. Meetings for remainder of year – the board cancelled its December 24, 2007 regular meeting.

9.3. Special meetings for budget/planning process – the board scheduled a special meeting for January 7, 2008.

9.4. Computer Committee: 3-5 year plan for IT & Website – tabled for later date.

Ms. Devlin moved that item 9.5.2 be considered next; Mr. Tolisano seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

9.5.2 Recommendation from Pension Committee regarding funding for lump-sum payments: Two recent retirements need funding to cover the requested lump-sum payments, since the current pension plan is only 75% funded. Instead of reducing the funding for the balance of the plan, the Pension Committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen request an appropriation from the Board of Finance to cover these lump-sum retirement payouts. *Ms. Devlin moved that the Board of Selectmen request an appropriation for the amounts necessary to cover these two lump-sum payments; Mr. Tolisano seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.*

9.5. Finance Update – Greg Simmons

9.5.1. CIP Progress – requests are coming in, process will essentially be the same as last year, but all requests will be reviewed and prioritized by the Board of Selectmen prior to being handed off to the CIP committee.

9.5.2. Recommendation from Pension Committee regarding funding for lump-sum payments – covered earlier.

9.6. Other: Mr. Tolisano stated that one of the priorities for the Selectmen was payroll/ Financial software. Mr. Simmons stated that he is working with the School to determine whether or not they would be able to do the town payroll and in their evaluation of financial software – they have narrowed down to 2 vendors, and have invited him & Ms. Mitchell to demos by both of the vendors. No numbers yet on these projects. Ms. Devlin inquired as to whether there was budget guidance from the Board of Finance as yet. Mr. Simmons reported that none had yet been received. Mr. Pinney said that his office would coordinate the communication to the Town departments once that guidance was received. The Selectmen communicated to Mr. Simmons and Ms. Mitchell that they expected that the staff would prep

a preliminary budget briefing for presentation to the Selectmen by mid-February.

10. Authorization of Scheduled Payments: *Ms. Devlin moved to approve payments totaling \$166,516.00; Mr. Tolisano seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

11. Appropriations/Transfers

11.1. Tax Refunds – *Mr. Tolisano moved to approve eight tax refunds totaling \$658.62 (included in payments authorization); Ms. Devlin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

11.2. Appropriations/Transfers - none

12. Approval of Minutes

12.1 Special BOS minutes of 11/19/07: *Ms. Devlin moved that the minutes of the Special meeting of the Board of Selectmen dated 11/19/07 be approved as amended to reflect Terry Henderson’s comments in an e-mail dated 12/1/07; Mr. Tolisano seconded and the motion unanimously carried.*

12.2 Regular BOS minutes of 11/26/07: *Ms. Devlin moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen dated 11/26/07 be approved as written; Mr. Tolisano seconded and the motion unanimously carried.*

12.3 Special BOS minutes of 12/3/07: *Ms. Devlin moved that the minutes of the Special meeting of the Board of Selectmen dated 12/3/07 be approved as written; Mr. Tolisano seconded and the motion unanimously carried.*

13 Board of Selectmen Remarks

13.1 Update from First Selectman – none at this time

13.2 Other – none at this time

14 Citizen Comments – none at this time

15 Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Mitchell
Executive Assistant/Operations Manager
Recording Secretary