

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, March 4, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall**

1. Call to order – First Selectman Pinney called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
2. Members present – Kathleen Devlin, David Pinney and Joseph Tolisano. Also present were Len Slaga, Chairman of the Somers Housing Authority, Harvey Edelstein, REDI, Consultant to the Somers Housing Authority and Attorney Patrick McHale representing the Town of Somers.
3. Executive Session –
 - 3.1. At 6:10, Ms. Devlin moved that the Selectmen go into executive session to discuss the performance of an appointed town official by conducting a Hearing with that official, Len Slaga, and further that Mr. Slaga, Mr. Edelstein and Attorney McHale be invited to participate in the executive session/Hearing. This session was to be closed at Mr. Slaga's request. Mr. Tolisano seconded, and the motion unanimously carried.
4. The Executive Session concluded at 8:05 p.m. at which time the Selectmen returned to the special meeting to consider possible action regarding removal of town official from appointed position. After brief discussion, Mr. Tolisano moved that:

The Board of Selectman ("Board") of the Town of Somers ("Town"), based upon the hearing conducted this evening and the evidence presented, hereby finds the following: that Mr. Len Slaga ("Mr. Slaga"), as Chairman and Member of the Somers Housing Authority ("Authority"), committed inefficiency and neglect of duty in the following respects:

That Mr. Slaga has failed to serve the best interests of the Authority by failing to cooperate with the recommendations of the Development Consultant, Real Estate Diagnostics Inc. ("REDI") by:

- a) Failing to select a qualified Management Company to serve the Authority with regarding to the Woodcrest Housing Development Project ("Project"); and
- b) Failing to cooperate with REDI's attempts to hire a professional bookkeeper with low-income housing tax credit experience to assist the Authority with financial recordkeeping pertaining to the Project; and
- c) Failing to cooperate with REDI's attempts to professionalize the operations of the Authority in order to make the Project attractive to investors.

And that Mr. Slaga's actions and failures to act have contributed to delays in the Project and loss of funding for the Project, which has harmed the Authority and the Project.

Based upon the above findings the Board hereby removes Mr. Slaga as a Commissioner of the Authority effective immediately.

Ms. Devlin seconded, and the motion unanimously carried.

5. Adjournment – Mr. Tolisano moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Ms. Devlin seconded, and the motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Pinney
First Selectman

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