

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, April 23, 2008, 5:30 p.m.
Town Hall Auditorium**

1. Call to order
Meeting was called to order at 5:30
2. Members present
Kathleen Devlin, David Pinney
3. Old Business
 - 3.1 Website vendor references & recommendation

Motion by Devlin, Seconded by Pinney and passed Unanimously to proceed with E-Gov Link to develop a new municipal web site

4. New Business
 - 4.1 Resolution to authorize First Selectman to apply for grant to expand Dial-a-Ride services; and, if successful, to execute documents for Dial-a Ride services expansion contract.

Motion by Devlin, Seconded by Pinney and passed Unanimously to authorize David Pinney, the First Selectman to apply for a grant to expand Dial-a-Ride services in town and, if successful, to execute all documents pertaining to contract for the grant.

- 4.2 Develop agenda for Annual Town Meeting

It was noted that the proposed budget for 2008-2009 will be on the agenda along with selecting a date for the referendum pertaining to budget. Any appointments needing town meeting approvals will be on the agenda along with any approved transfers in excess of \$20,000. There may be some road acceptances that could be added as well. The agenda will be finalized at a special meeting anticipated following the hearing on the budget on April 28.

- 4.3 Consider draft of budget referendum questions

Possible advisory questions to include on the referendum ballot were discussed. The objective would be to determine voters' opinions about the level of funding proposed for the school and town sections of the budget. Given that any question would have to accommodate a yes or no response it was recognized that it would take several questions to establish a respondent's position. David Pinney will draft such questions for possible discussion on the 28th.

5. Authorization of Scheduled Payments & Tax Refunds

Motion by Devlin, Seconded by Pinney and passed Unanimously to approve payments and tax refunds in the amount of \$257,629.79

5. Appropriations/Transfers

5.1 Transfer Request from Shirley Warner

Motion by Devlin, Seconded by Pinney and passed Unanimously to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from the Children's Librarian line (50-21-502.2) to the Reference Librarian line (50-21-508.5).

6. Approval of Minutes

6.1 April 7, 2008 Regular Meeting

Motion by Devlin, Seconded by Pinney and passed Unanimously to approve the minutes as provided.

7. Public Discussion commencing at 6:00 p.m.

7.1 Continue discussion started 4/1/08 regarding performance of Gilbert Rivard, appointed town official.

Joseph Tolisano joined the board and attorneys Duncan Forsyth, Patrick McHale, and Carl Landolina joined to continue the hearing. A transcript will be submitted for the record.

8. Consider possible action regarding removal of town official from appointed position.

Motion by Tolisano, seconded by Devlin and passed unanimously to adopt the attached motion that calls for removing Gil Rivard as a member of the Somers Housing Authority.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Submitted by

David Pinney

Not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.