

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, May 19, 2008, 7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Auditorium**

1. Location of emergency exits – not done, fewer than 50 people in attendance.
2. Call to order – First Selectman, David Pinney, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
3. Members present – Kathleen Devlin, David Pinney, and Joseph Tolisano. Marcia Mitchell, Exec. Asst./Ops. Mgr. was present as recording secretary; Glen Reynolds, Assistant Fire Marshal, and the families and winners of the Fire Prevention Poster Contest were also present.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Correspondence - none
6. Citizen Comments - none
7. Guest Presentation:
  - 7.1 Glen Reynolds, Somers FD and Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners – Asst. Fire Marshal Reynolds presented the winners of this year's fifth-grade Fire Prevention Poster Contest. First Prize winner is Emily Prudden; Second Prize winner is Brian Provencher; and, Third Prize winner is Kelsey Kalish. The students proudly displayed their posters, and were congratulated by the Selectmen.
8. Old Business
  - 8.1 2008 budget status – Mr. Pinney updated the Selectmen on the status of this year's spending. Bottom line is that he predicts a \$20,000 - \$25,000 positive variance by year-end. The Selectmen briefly discussed where that variance would best be applied – competing needs include the Firehouse heating system, road maintenance, or the filling of all the facilities fuel oil tanks at the current rate, which is expected to continue to increase. The Selectmen generally agreed that the best use of any surplus would be to fill the fuel tanks.
  - 8.2 Website Update – Ms. Mitchell updated the Selectmen on the status of the website project. She stated that the Steering Committee expects to have a live website on July 1<sup>st</sup> that will include a Frequently Asked Questions center, Citizen request center, online documents, an interactive calendar and the requisite department, town, board/commission and governmental information. She asked the Selectmen to consider branding the town stationery, business cards, etc., using one of the font styles selected for use on the website. The Selectmen reviewed the materials proposed and made a font selection – Georgia – for use in branding town communications.
9. New Business – none at this time

10. Authorization of Scheduled Payments & Tax Refunds – *Ms. Devlin moved that the Selectmen approve scheduled payments in the amount of \$93,759.98; Mr. Tolisano seconded, and the motion unanimously carried.*
11. Appropriations/Transfers – *Ms. Devlin moved that the Selectmen approve the following budget line transfers; Mr. Tolisano seconded, and the motion unanimously carried.*
  - 11.1 *Transfer Request from Fire Department - \$295 from 20-16-561.1 to 20-16-531.5*
  - 11.2 *Transfer Request from Selectmen - \$2,515 from 10-16-501.0 to 10-25-501.0 and \$2,486 from 10-16-501.0 to 40-19.501.0.*
12. Approval of 5/12/08 minutes of Special Meeting of Board of Selectmen – *Ms. Devlin moved that the minutes of the 5/12/08 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen be accepted as written; Mr. Tolisano seconded and the motion unanimously carried.*
13. Board of Selectmen Remarks – Mr. Tolisano asked about a legal notice he had received. Mr. Pinney commented that the notice detailed a lawsuit against the Zoning Commission regarding a request for Zoning change that was not approved. The suit has been brought by Robert Smyth, in relation to 251 Field Road, and notes that the members of the Zoning Commission seated at the time of the vote who voted against the change failed to state a reason for their vote as required by statute.
14. Citizen Comments - none
15. Adjournment – *at 8:04 p.m. Mr. Tolisano moved that the meeting be adjourned; Ms. Devlin seconded, and the motion unanimously carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Mitchell  
Exec. Asst./Ops. Mgr.  
Recording Secretary.

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