

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 11, 2008, 3:00 p.m.
Selectmen's Conference Room**

1. Call to order – First Selectman David Pinney called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
2. Members present – Kathleen Devlin, David Pinney & Joseph Tolisano. Also present were Marcia Mitchell, Exec. Asst./Ops. Mgr. as recording secretary; Robert Cafarelli, Director of Public Works; and Mike Provencher, Parks Superintendent.
3. Old Business
 - 3.1 Field Conditions – report on current field conditions presented by Bob Cafarelli & Mike Provencher. Mr. Cafarelli & Mr. Provencher presented a summary report of the condition of the town's fields. The fields are in good to very-good condition with the exception of the Somersville fields behind the Elementary school that are used for instructional soccer. These fields are in fair to poor condition. Each field location was individually reviewed and commented upon. Also discussed was the level of vandalism and associated effort at each location. The Selectmen agreed that the gate at Field Road Park should be locked once again at night to reduce the level of vandalism, and Mr. Pinney will communicate this to the resident troopers. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Cafarelli and Mr. Provencher, and asked them to research the steps necessary to bring all the fields up to "very good" condition, including any extra steps/services not currently being provided and the cost of those steps/services.
 - 3.2 Proposed tax abatement ordinance – review revised copy and anticipated agreement between Town and Woodcrest Elderly Housing, LP. The Selectmen reviewed the revised tax abatement ordinance, as it would be presented at the public hearing on 6/16/08. They also reviewed the draft agreement between the Town and Woodcrest Elderly Housing, LP, and made suggestions to Mr. Pinney as to modifications to that draft.
 - 3.3 Status of FY 2008 budget – discussion. Mr. Pinney said that there would be some funds available at year-end as a result of the freeze, and that he wanted the Selectmen's recommendations as to whether there were items that were important to purchase. Mr. Tolisano said that the Town was in need of certain emergency supplies and equipment that needed to be given priority. The first was a portable light kit with a generator – one of these units is required, a second one would be very useful. Second, cots for the emergency shelter. Mr. Tolisano said that CRCOG had these available for \$37 each including a pillow and a blanket, and that he would recommend the town purchase 100.

After further discussion, the Selectmen prioritized the following purchases:

 - (1) Portable lighting kit with generator

(100) Cots/blankets/pillows

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Top off all town fuel tanks to the extent possible with any remaining funds.

Mr. Tolisano said that he would get pricing on the portable lighting kits/generators.

4. Adjournment – Ms. Devlin moved that the meeting be adjourned at 4:45 p.m.; Mr. Tolisano seconded and the motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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