

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.
Town Hall Auditorium**

1. Location of Emergency Exits

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall lower conference room

3. Members Present

Kathleen Devlin, Joseph Tolisano, David Pinney

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Correspondence

None

6. Citizen Comments

None

7. Old Business

7.1. Report on recent flood events

D. Pinney shared copies of a report from Town Engineer and Director of Public Works Bob Cafarelli. The report notes that some of the property at the end of Northwest Drive is within the 100-year flood zone. It also notes that records indicate no major storms between 1955 (a 500-year event) and 2005 (a 100-year event). The storm of September 6, 2008, also approached equaling a 100-Year event. An inspection of the area at the end of Northwest Drive did not reveal any significant changes that would contribute to increased flooding. The flooding experience recently is consistent with the analysis that describes this area as prone to flooding in the event of a 100-year storm. Two residents from Northwest Drive were still concerned that flooding characteristics have changed since the 2005 storm. D. Pinney will see if Connecticut DEP can provide a second opinion and also see about creating an opportunity for town and/or state staff to meet with the residents to review the matter further.

7.2. Woodcrest update

D. Pinney reported that the relocation of current residents to the new building had begun.

7.3. Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) follow-up

D. Pinney shared with the selectmen a summary of the status of implementation steps assigned within the plan to the selectmen (attached to these minutes). Among the 43 steps identified, 12 were noted as complete, 12 in progress, 8 not started, and 14 as requiring funding. The selectmen were concerned that the fiscal constraints that the town will face in the next few years will severely limit or preclude working on steps requiring funding. The selectmen also took from the discussions with several town commissions at a recent meeting that it would be appropriate to amend the plan to anticipate more participation by the Economic Development Commission. D. Pinney will provide a report to the Planning Commission.

7.4. Human Services Director

D. Pinney reviewed the capacities of the finalists for the position. The selectmen discussed alternative ways of aligning the various functions among staff. D. Pinney will continue to assemble additional information on options.

7.5. Other

K. Devlin inquired about the status of planning for improvements in Somersville. D. Pinney indicated that following a meeting with DOT staff, DOT is reviewing proposed streetscape improvements and estimating costs of those improvements. With that information in hand, the planning committee can identify which improvements to take up and move forward.

8. New Business

8.1. D. Pinney reviewed the need to re-point masonry on the town hall to prevent water from getting into the town vault and other areas. The minimally necessary work is estimated to cost \$8,000. The roof on Piedmont Hall is also leaking and is estimated to cost \$8,000 to re-roof the building. The selectmen agreed work should proceed and be paid for from the capital building maintenance account line. The work will be reviewed with the Finance Board so as to update them and evaluate the nature of the work as capital projects.

D. Pinney also reviewed the status of the project to repair and improve the boiler and heating system at the fire house. Bids have been received and are currently being reviewed.

8.2. 2009 Meeting Schedule

Motion by K. Devlin, seconded by J. Tolisano and passed unanimously to continue meeting every other Monday through 2009, with the only exception being the plan to meet on the Tuesday following Labor Day.

8.3. Other

9. Authorization of Scheduled Payments & Tax Refunds

Motion by K. Devlin, seconded by J. Tolisano and passed unanimously to authorize the payments and tax refunds as presented.

10. Appropriations/Transfers

Motion by K. Devlin, seconded by J. Tolisano and passed unanimously to endorse the following:

Reimbursement appropriation of \$4785.12 from general fund to Acct 40-19-508.2

Transfer of \$675.50 from Acct 60-10-383.0 to general fund

Transfer of \$144.75 from Acct 62-10-383.0 to general fund

Transfer of \$145.63 from Acct 66-10-383.0 to general fund

Transfer of \$173.15 from Historic Monies to Acct 10-10-520.1

Transfer of \$500.00 from Acct 50-21-609.1 to Acct 50-21-611.1

11. Approval of Minutes

Motion by J. Tolisano, seconded by K. Devlin and passed unanimously to approve minutes for the regular meeting of Oct. 6 and the special meeting of Oct. 17, 2008.

12. Board of Selectmen Remarks

None

13. Citizen Comments

None

14. Adjournment

8:50

Respectfully submitted,

David Pinney

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent Selectmen's meeting.