

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 26, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Selectmen's Conference Room**

- 1 Call to order – First Selectman David Pinney called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- 2 Members present – Kathleen Devlin & David Pinney. Also present were Marcia Mitchell, Exec Asst/Ops Mgr, recording and Greg Simmons, CFO.
- 3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 4 Correspondence – Inquiry received from Glen Reynolds at the Fire Department about when he could present the Fire Poster contest winners to the Board of Selectmen. Board members agreed that this presentation should take place at the same meeting at which the Percoski and Anderson awards are presented some time in May.
- 5 Citizen Comments - none
- 6 Old Business
 - 6.1 2010 Operating Budget – Mr. Pinney and Ms. Devlin discussed the amount of money expected to be turned back from this year's operating savings. Mr. Pinney said that he and the staff would firm up the total expected turnback.
 - 6.2 Development of additional playing field at Field Road Rec Facility. A draft agreement is under review for Garf Trucking, Inc. to do this project. *Motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Pinney, to approve the contract with Garf Trucking Inc. for development of an additional playing field at the Field Road Recreational Facility pending final approval of language acceptable to the Town Attorney. Motion unanimously carried.***
- 7 New Business
 - 7.1 Fee Review Plan – Mr. Pinney said that the Town Attorney has advised him that, though fees in the past were established by action of the Board of Selectmen, an ordinance should be developed and adopted to allow for establishment and periodic review of fees to be charged for certain town services, i.e. building permits, fire marshal inspections, etc. After brief discussion, *motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Pinney to initiate necessary actions for development of an ordinance to establish and review fees for certain town services that will be reviewed at a public hearing to be scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2009. Motion unanimously carried.***
 - 7.2 Authorize CDBG projects for coming year. Two potential projects were discussed – Battle Street sidewalk replacement and continued participation in the joint Housing Rehab program with the town of Ellington. *Motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Pinney, to authorize the First Selectman to act on the Town's behalf in applying for CDBG grant funds for FY 2010. Motion unanimously carried.***
 - 7.3 SAFER Grant – discussion - no action was taken.
 - 7.4 Kibbe Fuller Boiler – Mr. Pinney reviewed a proposal to repair the leaking boiler at the Kibbe Fuller building for \$3,600. The selectmen agreed to evaluate the proposal in July under the new fiscal year budget.
 - 7.5 Stormwater Management Consent Order – Mr. Pinney provided the board information regarding the town's failure to comply with State of CT stormwater management rules for the last 5 years. The state has issued a consent order demanding that the town comply with these rules. A fine of \$5,000 has been assessed, and annual testing will cost the town \$5,200. The town may be forced to complete five tests during the first year of compliance to make up for the failure to comply in the last five years. Mr. Pinney said he would keep the board apprised of the compliance process.
- 8 Authorization of Scheduled Payments – *Motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Pinney to authorize payments scheduled 3/23/09 & 3/25/09, totaling \$158,094.31. Motion unanimously carried.***

- 9 Appropriations/Transfers – **Motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Pinney to authorize the following appropriations/transfers for approval by the Board of Finance:**

Requestor	Amount	To	From
Civil Prep	\$700.00	Civil Prep	Part-time Police
Finance	\$1,000	Auditing	Budget Prep, Town Report, Clerical Help
Fire	\$7,643	Overtime, Cell tower Rental, Equipment Maint, Radio Maint	Part-time Salaries, Health & Safety, Electricity
Fire	\$41,000	Appropriation of grant funds received for replacement compressor	
Town Clerk	\$200	Supplies	Postage
ZBA	\$500	Clerical Help	ZBA Legal

Motion unanimously carried. The Selectmen considered a written request from the Economic Development Commission requesting that the Board of Selectmen transfer \$2,100 into the Economic Development account to cover a dues payment to the Metro Hartford Alliance that was approved by the BOS and not by the EDC. The selectmen said that they would reconsider participation in the Metro Hartford Alliance in the new budget year, but that there would be no transfer in the current fiscal year.

- 10 Approval of Minutes – 3/12/09 – Motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Pinney to approve the minutes of the 3/12/2009 Board of Selectmen meeting as written. Motion unanimously carried.

- 11 Board of Selectmen Remarks – The selectmen discussed several incomplete reappointments and new appointments. After brief discussion, **motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Pinney to reappoint:**

- **Ray LaFlamme to the Prison Liaison/Public Safety Commission for a term ending 12/22/09; and,**

- **John Cowles to the Cultural Commission for a term ending 12/22/09;**

And to appoint:

- **Michelle Tingley and Annie Gagnon to the Recreation Commission for a term ending 12/22/2010.**

Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Mitchell asked for clarification on the terms of appointment for Tom Mehl, Jr. to the Fire Commission and Dan Fraro to the Zoning Commission. After very brief discussion, the Selectmen agreed that these terms commenced on appointment, and the three-year term to the Fire Commission will expire 12/22/2011, and the five-year term to the Zoning Commission will expire 12/22/2013.

- 12 Citizen Comments - None

- 13 **Adjournment by unanimous consent at 7:03 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Mitchell
Exec Asst/Ops Mgr
Recording Secretary

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