

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 23, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Selectmen's Conference Room**

- 1 Call to order – First Selectman David Pinney called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- 2 Members present – Kathleen Devlin, David Pinney and Joseph Tolisano. Also present, Marcia Mitchell, Exec. Asst./Ops. Mgr. as recording secretary and several interested citizens.
- 3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 4 Correspondence - none
- 5 Citizen Comments - none
- 6 Old Business
 - 6.1 2010 Operating Budget – no state legislative news to report.
 - 6.2 Selectmen's participation in April 27 Budget Hearing – slideshow reviewed. Mr. Pinney will present numbers and Mr. Tolisano will present comments.
 - 6.3 Joint Community Application Cooperation Agreement – CDBG Housing Rehab Grant w/Ellington & Suffield – *motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Tolisano, and unanimously carried, to authorize Mr. Pinney to sign the Joint Community Application Cooperation Agreement for a CDBG Housing Rehab Grant w/Ellington & Suffield on behalf of the town.***
- 7 New Business
 - 7.1 Scantic River Watershed Resolution – after brief discussion and comments from Mr. Rexford Joffray of the Scantic River Watershed Association, *motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin, and unanimously carried, to adopt the resolution supporting the creation of a multi-use Greenway Trail system from the Connecticut state line in Somers to the East Windsor Town line in Enfield.***

Mr. Pinney raised two other topics as information for the Selectmen

 - 7.2 Talks are taking place with our current electric power supplier, Transcanada, to revise our current contract in light of lower market rates for electricity. We are looking to lock in a lower rate for an extended contract period or to implement a “blended rate” for the remainder of the current contract period. *Motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried, to authorize Mr. Pinney, with input from CFO Greg Simmons, to act on behalf of the Town in the renegotiation of the town's electric power supplier contract.***
 - 7.3 Mr. Pinney said that he had been approached by George Roberts, a resident of the 55+ housing in Somersville, who, in the interest of attracting more people to the complex, asked that the BOS consider offering a property tax waiver for the first year of occupancy as an incentive to new owners. The selectmen expressed gratitude to Mr. Roberts for a creative idea, but were reluctant to consider any tax waivers, given the current economy. Mr. Tolisano suggested that any incentives should come from the developer. Ms. Devlin suggested that Mr. Roberts contact the Economic Development Commission to work with local merchants and some

sort of shopping incentive, i.e. merchants offer owners at this complex a frequent buyer card with an incentive after a fixed number of purchases.

- 8** Authorization of Scheduled Payments – ***Motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried, to authorize scheduled payments totaling \$124,871.80.***
- 9** Appropriations/Transfers – ***Motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried, to approve one appropriation and one transfer as follows:***

<i>Requestor</i>	<i>From account</i>	<i>To Account</i>	<i>Explanation</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Fire Department</i>	<i>Appropriation of grant funds received</i>	<i>68-10-385.1 – Compressor rplcmt.</i>	<i>FEMA grant to replace SCBA compressor</i>	<i>\$41,000</i>
<i>Senior Center</i>	<i>10-10-511.1-Health Insurance</i>	<i>51-30-640.1 – Senior Center Expense</i>	<i>Cover expected shortfall due to contract cost of heating oil</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>

- 10** Approval of Minutes – 4/16/09 - Ms. Mitchell pointed out that the heading of the minutes as submitted reads “AGENDA” instead of “MINUTES”. ***Motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried, to amend as noted and approve minutes of the 4/16/09 BOS Meeting.***
- 11** Board of Selectmen Remarks - none
- 12** Citizen Comments - none
- 13** Adjournment – ***Motion by Mr. Pinney, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

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

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