

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 7, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Selectmen's Conference Room**

- 1 Call to order – First Selectman David Pinney called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- 2 Members present – Kathleen Devlin, David Pinney and Joseph Tolisano. Also present as recording secretary was Marcia Mitchell, Exec. Asst./ Ops. Mgr.
- 3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 4 Correspondence – Resignation from Fire Commission; resignation from Library Board of Directors; resignation from Ethics Commission. Mr. Pinney asked that the e-mail from Alyson Vecchiarelli of the Ethics Commission be classified as a declination of reappointment and not a resignation. The other selectmen agreed. ***Motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Tolisano and unanimously carried to accept with regret***
 - ***the resignations of Alice VanTasel from the Fire Commission and Laurel Welliver from the the Library Board of Directors; and,***
 - ***Alyson Vecchiarelli's declination of reappointment to the Ethics Commission.***The selectmen will consider potential replacements for the Fire and Ethics commissioners; the Library Board has 30 days to fill their opening, after which the Selectmen may appoint a replacement.

Mr. Pinney also reviewed a petition submitted by sixteen business owners along the north side of Main Street in Somersville asking that a sidewalk not be installed in front of their businesses. Mr. Pinney said that the petition would be discussed at the Somersville Planning meeting later that evening.
- 5 Citizen Comments - none
- 6 Old Business
 - 6.1 Referendum questions – after brief discussion regarding potential non-binding referendum questions for the budget ballot, ***motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Tolisano and unanimously carried to keep the same questions on the ballot as were present last year.*** The selectmen agreed that a separate survey would be developed and inserted in the July tax bill mailing.
 - 6.2 Joint Community Application Cooperation Agreement – CDBG Housing Rehab Grant w/Ellington & Suffield – Revised documents and resolution. Revised documents including a resolution were reviewed by the selectmen. After brief discussion, ***motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried that the Somers Board of Selectmen adopt the following resolutions regarding joint participation in the Ellington Housing Rehabilitation Program (EHRP), to be funded through a Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program grant, and that the First Selectman is hereby authorized to enter into and execute individual Cooperation Agreements by and between the Town of Ellington and/or the Towns of Somers and Suffield, respectively, and to take all other actions necessary relative to said grant: the full text of these resolutions is attached to and made part of these minutes.***
- 7 New Business
 - 7.1 Resident Trooper Services Contract – Mr. Pinney reviewed a resolution for the BOS to authorize the First Selectman to execute a contract on behalf of the Town of Somers for the services of a specific number of resident troopers. Given the fact that the town's

budget has not yet been adopted, and that state support (or lack thereof) for the towns' resident trooper programs is not yet defined, the selectmen chose to postpone this action for a later date.

- 8 Authorization of Scheduled Payments – ***motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried to authorize scheduled payments totaling \$133,702.62.***
- 9 Appropriations/Transfers – ***motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried to approve the following appropriations/ transfers and forward to the Board of Finance for its approval.***

<i>Requested by/reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>To account</i>	<i>From account</i>
<i>Town Clerk/cover account shortfall</i>	<i>200.00</i>	<i>10-12-520.1</i>	<i>10-12-533.1</i>
<i>Selectmen/appropriation</i>	<i>725.00</i>	<i>to pass through donation received specifically for Somers Beautification Water Wagon. No net impact to town budget</i>	
<i>Selectmen/appropriation</i>	<i>10,800</i>	<i>Farmland preservation grant administered by CCM. No net impact to town budget</i>	
<i>Selectmen/appropriation</i>	<i>3,100</i>	<i>Additional funds for state license fees expense</i>	

- 10 Approval of Minutes – 4/23/09 - ***motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried to accept minutes of the 4/23/09 Board of Selectmen meeting as written.***
- 11 Board of Selectmen Remarks –
- Mr. Pinney gave a brief Woodcrest update. The Housing Authority has contracted once again with REDI to move ahead with the next development phase, and application for funding has been made to the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority. Mr. Pinney also reported that REDI was requesting that the town consider extending abatement of taxes as it applied to phase one to those units to be constructed under phase two. The selectmen did not endorse any additional tax abatement for phase two.
 - Mr. Pinney said that he had received an agreed-upon collective bargaining agreement with the Somers Fire Fighters union, Local 4284, IAFF. The agreement extends the current contract for one year with salaries frozen at their current rate. ***Motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried to accept the proposed collective bargaining agreement with the Somers Fire Fighters union.***
 - Mr. Pinney said that the town would be participating in an electric supply bid process on Wednesday, May 13.
- 12 Citizen Comments - none
- 13 Adjournment – motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Tolisano and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Moved and Voted that the Somers Board of Selectmen adopt the following resolutions regarding joint participation in the Ellington Housing Rehabilitation Program (EHRP), to be funded through a Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program grant, and that the First Selectman is hereby authorized to enter into and execute individual Cooperation Agreements by and between the Town of Ellington and/or the Towns of Somers and Suffield, respectively, and to take all other actions necessary relating to said grant:

JOINT COMMUNITY APPLICATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT

CONNECTICUT SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Towns of Ellington, Somers and Suffield have identified need in the municipalities to provide decent housing and related conditions, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ellington contemplates submitting jointly with the Towns of Somers and Suffield an application for single purpose block grant funds under the Small Cities Program of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for the purpose of meeting such needs, and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Ellington, Somers and Suffield understand that the Town of Ellington will act as the applicant and will have the ultimate responsibility to assume all obligations under terms of the grant including assuring compliance with all applicable laws and program regulations and performance of all work in accordance with the contract.

WHEREAS, it is understood that the Towns of Ellington, Somers and Suffield and DECD have access to all participants' community development block grant records and authority to monitor all activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant the Towns of Ellington, Somers and Suffield agree to cooperate in the submission of an application for such block grant funds, and agree to cooperate in implementation of the submitted Small Cities Program, as approved by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Nothing contained in this agreement shall deprive any municipality of any power or zoning, development control or other lawful authority that it presently possesses.

ADOPTED on this 7th day of May, 2009.

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