

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 10, 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 – Rick McCullough, Marcia Mitchell (recording), and Kala Kachmar, reporter for the Journal Inquirer.
- 3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 4 Correspondence – Letter from Lois Lindell notifying the town of her immediate resignation from the Cultural Commission. ***Motion by Ms. Devlin, second by Mr. Tolisano, and unanimously carried to accept with regrets and thanks for many years of service, the resignation of Lois Lindell from the Cultural Commission.***
- 5 Citizen Comments – none. Motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Tolisano and unanimously carried to consider item 7.1 at this time. Mr. Pinney explained that, while acceptance of this type of property and easement was relatively routine, he was not yet in receipt of town attorney Landolina's evaluation and opinion on these documents. After brief discussion, ***motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Tolisano and unanimously carried to accept property and easements from Bridle Path Drive subdivision (McCullough) contingent upon receipt of Attorney Landolina's review and approval.***
- 6 Old Business
 - 6.1 Board & Commission vacancies and potential appointments – Mr. Pinney and Ms. Devlin met recently with Rick Krein, a current member of the Ethics Commission, who had expressed a desire to become involved in a board/commission that is more active. They specifically discussed the Zoning Board of Appeals. ***Motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Tolisano and unanimously carried to appoint Rick Krein to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term beginning upon receipt of Mr. Krein's resignation from the Ethics Commission, and ending 12/22/2013.***

There was a brief discussion of other openings including those on the Cultural, Zoning, and Conservation Commissions. Since Karl Walton is no longer a member of the Planning Commission, he also is no longer eligible to serve as the Planning Commission representative on the Conservation Commission; however, the Selectmen would like to see him continue his participation on Conservation as a member at large. ***Motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Tolisano and unanimously carried, to reappoint Karl Walton to fill a member at large vacancy on the Conservation Commission for a term expiring 12/22/2013.***
 - 6.2 Somersville Mill Update – Mr. Pinney stated that the mill's current owner had been in contact to inform the town that he was in the process of securing a development team. Mr. Pinney said that some time ago the Town was awarded a small brownfields grant from CRCOG to complete an environmental assessment of the Mill property. He suggested that the Town might wish to partner with the mill's owner on the environmental assessment using these grant funds. Both Mr. Tolisano and Ms. Devlin said they would be in favor of proceeding on this course only if the Town controlled the assessment and the funds, and appropriate conditions/contingencies were made part of the agreement to partner in this manner. Mr. Pinney will pursue the funds and the partnership and keep the BOS informed.
 - 6.3 Intersection improvements update – Mr. Pinney and Town Engineer Bob Cafarelli had a recent meeting with the CT Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the engineering plans for intersection improvements at the Rt. 190/9th District/Sokol Road intersection. He expects actual construction to begin in the summer of 2011. There will be left turn lanes in both directions on Rt. 190. The DOT wants public discussion of the plans, and they are looking for the BOS to organize this type of discussion in October.

Mr. Pinney met separately with the DOT representatives regarding potential improvements at the intersection of Rts. 190 and 83 in the center of town. This project is currently only at a conceptual stage. Mr. Pinney said the estimated cost is in the \$4

million range; however there are no state funds available at this time for this project. He suggested that the \$2 million STP Urban grant awarded to rebuild the Maple Street bridge might be redirected to this project to jump start it. He will keep the selectmen apprised as the project progresses.

- 6.4 H1N1 update – Mr. Pinney attended a meeting at the state earlier today. The state expects to receive 500,000 doses of the vaccination in mid October that will be distributed to those providers who have identified patient populations in the defined high-risk categories.

7 New Business

- 7.1 Accept property and easements from Bridle Path Drive subdivision – see item 5.
7.2 Social Services update – ACCESS Agency – the Agency has provided us with an onsite representative one day per week to process applications for heating assistance. Our part-time social services staff is setting up the appointments (the rep can handle 9 appointments per day). The ACCESS Agency is providing this representative at no charge to the town.

- 8 Authorization of Scheduled Payments – ***Motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Tolisano and unanimously carried to authorize scheduled payments totaling \$280,898.51.***

- 9 Appropriations/Transfers – ***Motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Tolisano and unanimously carried to approve the following two transfers for submission to and approval by the Board of Finance:***

<i>Requestor</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>From Acct</i>	<i>To Acct</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Selectmen's office</i>	<i>Expand meals on wheels coordinator engagement using grant funds from CT Department of Social Services</i>	<i>Dept of Social Svcs Grant</i>	<i>Meals on Wheels Coordinator</i>	<i>\$1,200.00</i>
<i>Planning Comm.</i>	<i>Cover continued litigation stemming from appeals filed in response to Bernier Subdivision approval</i>	<i>Selectmen's Legal services</i>	<i>Planning Legal services</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>

- 10 Approval of Minutes – 8/27/09 – ***Motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the 8/27/09 Board of Selectmen's meeting as written.***

- 11 Board of Selectmen Remarks – Ms. Devlin will be out of town on the Board's next meeting date, so the Directors will be invited to the 10/8/09 BOS meeting.

- 12 Citizen Comments - none

- 13 Adjournment – ***Motion by Mr. Tolisano seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

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

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