

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 24, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Selectmen's Conference Room**

- 1 Call to order – First Selectman David Pinney called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.
- 2 Members present – David Pinney and Joseph Tolisano. Kathleen Devlin was present by telephone. Also present were Marcia Mitchell, recording, and several interested citizens.
- 3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 4 Correspondence
 - 4.1 Memo from town clerk re: appointment of Karl Walton to Conservation Commission – the selectmen acknowledged receipt of a memo from Town Clerk, Ann Logan, notifying them that their appointment of Karl Walton as a “citizen at large” member of the Conservation Commission was not a valid appointment, as there were currently no “citizen at large” openings, only one opening for a Planning Commissioner, and one opening for a Zoning Commissioner. Ms. Logan’s memo did note that there was an opening for a Conservation Commission alternate member for which Louis Lipton had not expressed an interest in being reappointed to. ***Motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried to rescind their 9/10/09 appointment of Karl Walton as a “citizen at large” member of the Conservation Commission. Motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Tolisano and unanimously carried to appoint Karl Walton as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission to fill the term for which Louis Lipton was not reappointed, that expires on 12/22/09.***
 - 4.2 Letter from Linda Abbott re potential appointment to Cultural Commission – in her letter, Ms. Abbott recommended that the Board of Selectmen appoint Rich Mazur to the Cultural Commission, as he has expressed an interest, and has the time available to participate as necessary in their scheduled events. ***Motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried to appoint Rich Mazur to the Cultural Commission to fulfill the term vacated by Lois Lindell that expires on 12/22/10.***
- 5 Citizen Comments - none
- 6 Old Business
 - 6.1 Public information session on intersection improvements at 9th District & Main Street – Mr. Pinney explained that the Department of Transportation requires that the town conduct a public information meeting on the progress to date for redesign of the intersection at Main Street (Rt. 190), Ninth District and Sokol roads. After a brief discussion, the Selectmen agreed that this meeting would best be conducted by Bob Cafarelli, Director of Public Works and Town Engineer, and that the best location would be at the Fire House. They tentatively scheduled the meeting for Thursday, October 15, exact time to be determined.
 - 6.2 Intersection at Hampden & Stafford Roads – Public Works staff and the Town Engineer have visited and reviewed the site, and have done some additional trimming of tree limbs and brush to allow better visibility of the existing signs and intersection. They recommend replacing the stop sign with a larger, more reflective sign (48” instead of the 30” existing sign). They are also evaluating new technology for the flashing warning lights installed on top of the stop sign – solar powered, 24-hour, etc. Sergeant Claudio also recommends that the Board of Selectmen appoint a “Traffic Control Advisory Board” comprised of someone from the Selectmen’s office, the resident trooper, public works director, highway foreman, and possibly someone from Fire/EMS, to meet periodically to discuss and make recommendations on traffic-related problems in town. Mr. Pinney would expect this board to address concerns about the adequacy of signage controls at intersections, etc. Mr. Pinney also would like a specific response from the Public Works department as to grooving the pavement on approach to the intersection, and also a specific response from the resident trooper as to the best approach to controlling this

- intersection. Ms. Devlin would like a response as to why a 4-way stop is not appropriate for this intersection, as was determined the last time this intersection was studied.
- 6.3 Fire Marshal Permits – Ms. Devlin said that she had been presented with concerns that the charges for Fire Marshal Permits are “excessive” and would be “unaffordable” for events such as the Four Town Fair. Mr. Pinney explained that the Fire Marshal had been very sensible and flexible about applying the new fees, and that his primary concern was for safety and not for revenue. The Fire Marshal reported to Mr. Pinney that he collected just over \$400 for permits issued for the Fair. His inspections and evaluations were targeted at portable fuel sources, fire extinguishers, and safety of floats and rides. Members of the Fair association had visited Mr. Pinney with concerns that, based on their calculations, the Fire Marshal Permit fees for the Fair could exceed \$2,000. The Selectmen agreed to continue educating the public in this regard.
- 7 New Business
- 7.1 Resolution for DEMHS grant – Mr. Pinney explained that this is an annual grant that covers 50% of certain operating costs for the EOC, for which DEMHS requires an annual resolution. ***Motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried to adopt the DEMHS resolution which is attached to and made part of these minutes.***
- 7.2 CRCOG preliminary interest determination for examining possible formation of “Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority” – Mr. Pinney explained that CRCOG is examining the possible formation of this type of authority to replace CRRA when their contract expires in 2012. CRCOG is looking for member towns to support this investigation with a payment of \$500. The payment in no way commits any member town to ultimate participation in any arrangement – only to the evaluation of a proposal once the investigation is completed. ***Motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried to make a \$500 payment to CRCOG for its investigation of the possible formation of “Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority”.***
- 7.3 Blight ordinance – Ms. Devlin wanted to be sure the BOS remembered a citizen’s request earlier this summer for the BOS to evaluate and consider possible adoption of a blight ordinance for the Town. Mr. Pinney will review Enfield’s blight ordinance and request research from CCM as to blight ordinances in general, and will report findings back to the BOS.
- 8 Authorization of Scheduled Payments – ***Motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Tolisano and unanimously carried to authorize scheduled payments totaling \$500,030.92.***
- 9 Appropriations/Transfers - None
- 10 Approval of Minutes – 9/10/09 – ***Motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Tolisano and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the 9/10/09 Board of Selectmen’s meeting as written.***
- 11 Board of Selectmen Remarks
- 12 Citizen Comments - None
- 13 Adjournment – ***Motion by Mr. Tolisano, seconded by Ms. Devlin and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Mitchell
Exec Asst/Ops Mgr
Recording Secretary

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**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE
SOMERS BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

CERTIFICATION:

I, Ann Marie Logan, the Town Clerk of Somers, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by Somers Board of Selectmen at its duly called and held meeting on September 24, 2009, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Somers Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, that David Pinney, as First Selectman of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that David Pinney now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since Nov. 18, 2003.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this ____ day of September 2009.

Ann Marie Logan, Town Clerk



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