

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2009
Selectmen's Conference Room**

1. Location of Emergency Exits

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM

3. Members Present

Joseph Tolisano, David Pinney

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Correspondence

5.1. Recommendation to appoint Mary McGurk to Cultural Commission

Mary Ann Olsen has submitted a letter of resignation from the Cultural Commission. Linda Abbott has recommended Mary McGurk for appointment to the Commission.

Motion by Tolisano, seconded by Pinney and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Mary Ann Olsen and to appoint Mary McGurk to fill the remainder of the term which expires Dec. 22, 2009.

6. Citizen Comments

7. Old Business

7.1. Consideration and Possible action on resolution to proceed with intersection improvements at Main Street, Ninth District Road and Sokol Road

David Pinney reported that the public information session conducted at the firehouse on October 15, 2009, was well attended. While a number of questions were raised and addressed, none represented any opposition to the project as it is currently proposed.

Motion by Tolisano, seconded by Pinney and passed unanimously to recommend to the Connecticut Department of Transportation that the work on the project continue as represented in the preliminary designs presented to the town on October 15, 2009.

7.2. Other

8. New Business

8.1. Consider renewal of leases for use of the Blacksmith Shop and Legion Hall

David Pinney briefly reviewed the history of leases on two town-owned buildings, one that leased the Blacksmith Shop to the Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational Church of Somersville for 20 years and is expiring on Nov. 1, 2009, and the other that leased the Legion Hall to the Village Players for 10 years and has recently expired.

The selectmen agreed that the town attorney should review the lease pertaining to the Blacksmith Shop with an eye toward renewing the lease with no changes. As there is active discussion currently about possible enhancements to the town land next to the Mill Pond, where the Legion Hall is located, the selectmen want to explore the option of continuing to lease the building to the Village Players, but on terms that would allow for termination with reasonable notice at the will of the town. David Pinney will review this with the Somersville Planning Committee, the Village Players and the Town Attorney.

8.2. Other

- 8.2.1. Donna Doyker has brought forward a request from the Somers Women's Club for the selectmen to establish the week of Oct. 25 through Nov. 1, 2009, as "White Ribbon Against Pornography Week" as a sign of the town's commitment to community standards of decency.

Motion by Tolisano, seconded by Pinney and passed unanimously to recommend to adopt the proposed resolution proclaiming the aforementioned week as "White Ribbon Against Pornography Week."

- 8.2.2 David Pinney reviewed possible projects to be funded by a grant of \$56,000 available to the town under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant created within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. These include photovoltaic solar panels at the firehouse to supply some of the electricity needed there or upgrades to the heating system and controls at Kibbe-Fuller. Pinney is continuing to analyze the alternatives in determining which approach produces the best return for the town.

Motion by Tolisano, seconded by Pinney and passed unanimously to recommend to authorize submitting an application for a EECBG grant and to authorize David Pinney to execute all necessary documents in support of that application and for contracting with the state on implementing the grant should one be awarded to the town.

9. Authorization of Scheduled Payments and Tax Refunds

Motion by Tolisano, seconded by Pinney and passed unanimously to recommend to authorization of payments of \$277,718.14 as presented.

10. Appropriations/Transfers

11. Approval of Minutes

11.1. Regular meeting of October 8, 2009

Motion by Tolisano, seconded by Pinney and passed unanimously to recommend to adopt the minutes as presented.

12. Board of Selectmen Remarks

13. Citizen Comments

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Pinney

These minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting of the Board of Selectmen