

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, December 17, 2009, 6:00 p.m.  
Selectmen's Conference Room**

- 1 Call to order – First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- 2 Members present – Other than Ms. Pellegrini, Kathleen Devlin and Joseph Tolisano. Also present Marcia Mitchell as recording secretary, and two interested citizens.
- 3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 4 Correspondence – Letter from David Reed with suggestions regarding the appointment/reappointment of board/commission members. The selectmen acknowledged Mr. Reed's suggestions and asked Ms. Mitchell to draft a thank you letter. They noted that appointment/reappointment of board/commission members is the sole responsibility of the Board of Selectmen; however, they welcome input from multiple sources, including the Town Republican and Democrat Committees as part of the process.
- 5 Citizen Comments - none
- 6 Opportunity for Selectmen to add agenda items – the selectmen unanimously agreed to add as item 7.4 "Ambulance update discussion".
- 7 Old Business
  - 7.1 Board/Commission Appointments/Reappointments – Ms. Mitchell presented a listing by Board/Commission of all individuals due for reappointment and all vacancies. Ms. Mitchell had sent a letter out to these individuals asking for their interest in reappointment, and the list included responses received to date. The Selectmen discussed several openings and input they had received about appointments to fill those vacancies. They acknowledged that an individual remains seated until they resign or are replaced by the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen also made recommendations to fill several vacancies as listed below. The Selectmen also agreed to hold any reappointments to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Commission (members remain seated until resignation or replacement) until after the evaluation on the combination of the two commissions is completed.
    - ***Motion (Ms. Devlin), seconded (Mr. Tolisano) and unanimously voted to accept, with regret and thanks, Barbara Flebotte's request to not be reappointed to the Advisory Commission to the Elderly.***
    - ***Motion (Ms. Pellegrini), seconded (Ms. Devlin) and unanimously voted to appoint Jordan Chatis to the Advisory Commission to the Elderly for a term ending 12/22/2010.***
    - ***Motion (Ms. Pellegrini), seconded (Ms. Devlin) and unanimously voted to appoint Timothy Tomko to the Design Review Board for a term ending 12/22/2012, replacing Richard Cheney, with thanks to Mr. Cheney for his service. Mr. Tomko has design experience and expressed an interest in sharing his expertise in this regard.***
    - ***Motion (Mr. Tolisano), seconded (Ms. Devlin) and unanimously voted to appoint Mary Caravella to the Ethics Commission for a term ending 12/22/2011.***
    - ***Motion (Ms. Devlin), seconded (Mr. Tolisano) and unanimously voted to appoint Andrew Rockett to the Fire Commission for a term ending 12/22/2011.***
    - ***Motion (Ms. Devlin), seconded (Mr. Tolisano) and unanimously voted to accept, with regret and thanks, Joan Jaquith's request to not be reappointed to the Housing Authority.***
    - ***Motion (Ms. Pellegrini), seconded (Ms. Devlin) and unanimously voted to appoint David Pinney to the Housing Authority for a term ending 12/22/2014.***

- **Motion (Ms. Pellegrini), seconded (Mr. Tolisano) and unanimously voted to appoint Timothy Keeney to the Special Projects Building Commission for a term ending 12/22/2011.**
- **Motion (Ms. Devlin), seconded (Mr. Tolisano) and unanimously voted to reappoint those individuals who have to date expressed an interest in reappointment as set forth on the attached list which is made part of the minutes.**

- 7.2 Update – Somersville streetscape – Ms. Pellegrini shared with the Selectmen that she had visited the DECD and had received an agreement, in concept, to proceed with the streetscape improvements as planned, pending review by DOT. Steps that need to take place are activation of the Special Projects Building Commission, and potential appointment of a grant administrator. The Selectmen asked Ms. Mitchell to draft correspondence to the Board of Education requesting that they reaffirm Tim Potrikus as their appointee to the Special Projects Building Commission, and correspondence to the Board of Finance requesting that they name an appointee to the Special Projects Building Commission.
- 7.3 Kibbe Fuller – building issues – Ms. Pellegrini briefed the selectmen on the condition of the Kibbe Fuller building. The mold remediation will cost approximately \$13,000. In order to fund this repair, Ms. Pellegrini will be closing the building for the winter, and the heating fuel savings will be applied to the cost of the remediation. The Selectmen supported Ms. Pellegrini in this action. Remaining programs will be offered relocation to other town facilities during the time the building is closed.
- 7.4 Ambulance Update – as moved, seconded and unanimously voted under Item 6, the selectmen took up discussion of the repair vs. replacement of the back-up ambulance unit. Ms. Pellegrini briefed the selectmen on her conversation with the chair of the Board of Finance, Jim Persano; the chair of the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) committee, Tom Mazzoli, as well as with the Fire Chief. The Board of Finance supports the repair of the back up ambulance, and will approve transfer of \$10,000 from the Ambulance Fund to complete the repairs. Further discussion of the potential for replacement of the back up ambulance was had by the Selectmen, who would support the purchase at a discount of a cab/chassis during the current fiscal year, which would then be stored until fiscal year 2011, when the ambulance is officially scheduled for replacement.

## 8 New Business

- 8.1** Acceptance of Roads per Planning Commission recommendation – The Planning Commission, at its December 10, 2009 meeting, unanimously voted to recommend acceptance of Loubier Drive and Franklin Woods Drive to the Board of Selectmen. **Motion (Mr. Tolisano), seconded (Ms. Devlin) and unanimously voted to accept Loubier Drive and Franklin Woods Drive as town roads.**
- 8.2 Agenda for 1/13/10 Special Town Meeting – the selectmen unanimously agreed that the agenda items will be transfers over \$20,000 (if any); ratification of appointments/reappointments, and recommended settlement of Schober v. Town of Somers.

## 9 Authorization of Scheduled Payments – **Motion (Ms. Devlin), seconded (Mr. Tolisano) and unanimously voted to authorize scheduled payments totaling \$200,572.53.**

## 10 Appropriations/Transfers – **Motion (Mr. Tolisano), seconded (Ms. Devlin) and unanimously voted to approve the following Appropriations/Transfers for referral to the Board of Finance:**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>From Acct</b>	<b>To Acct</b>	<b>Requestor</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>		<b>Finance</b>	<b>Cover Federal Single Audit requirement</b>
<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>Ambulance Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Fire Vehicle Maint.</b>	<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>Cover repairs to backup ambulance required to place back in service</b>
<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>		<b>CFO</b>	<b>Pass through agricultural viability grant funds</b>
<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>Selectmen Legal</b>	<b>Planning Legal</b>	<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>Cover planning legal expenses</b>

- 11 Approval of Minutes – 12/3/09 Meeting – correction to State Police resolution - Ms. Mitchell noted that, under item 7.2 the minutes needed to be amended to reflect services of five resident state troopers **and one Supervising Resident State Trooper** to be accurate and to support the contract, which was unchanged. **Motion (Mr. Tolisano), seconded (Ms. Devlin) and unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the 12/3/09 meeting as amended.** Ms. Mitchell noted that the minutes of the 12/1/ 09 Special meeting were also available for approval. **Motion (Mr. Tolisano), seconded (Ms. Devlin) and unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the 12/1/09 Special meeting as written.**
- 12 Board of Selectmen Remarks – The Selectmen asked about the progress re the evaluation of the combination of the Planning and Zoning Commissions. Ms. Pellegrini said that she expected to receive the second legal opinion in 2-3 weeks, and that the opinion would determine if we would go forward with the drafting of an ordinance.
- 13 Citizen Comments – Mr. Dan Fraro, member of the Zoning Commission and the WPCA offered to provide copies of the materials he had received when he attended Land Use School at UConn if it would be useful. He also said that the School was worthwhile and he would recommend that all members of Land Use-related boards attend. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Fraro and said they would be happy to have staff copy the materials if Mr. Fraro wanted to provide them. Lise Wood, alternate member to the Conservation Commission, shared information about the background of the Kibbe Fuller building, that it had been dedicated to use as a school and that it needed to be maintained as a community center, if not an instructional institution. The Selectmen thanked Ms. Wood for the information she provided.
- 14 Adjournment – **Motion (Ms. Devlin), seconded (Mr. Tolisano) and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Mitchell  
Exec Asst/Ops Mgr  
Recording Secretary

**MINUTES ARE NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVAL AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING**

**TOWN OF SOMERS**  
**Board/Commission Reappointments**  
**Approved by the Board of Selectmen at their 12/17/09 Meeting**

<b>Comm</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Reappt Date</b>	<b>New Term End</b>
Adv Comm to Elderly	Arlene Yarnes	12/17/2009	12/22/2010
Adv Comm to Elderly	Donna F. Doyker	12/17/2009	12/22/2010
Adv Comm to Elderly	Dorothy Hillman	12/17/2009	12/22/2010
Adv Comm to Elderly	Elaine L. Bemont	12/17/2009	12/22/2010
Adv Comm to Elderly	Patricia M. Bachetti	12/17/2009	12/22/2010
Assessment Appls	Michael Provencher	12/17/2009	12/22/2012
Bldg Code Brd Appeals	John V. Panciera	12/17/2009	12/22/2014
Bldg Code Brd Appeals	Richard W. Larson	12/17/2009	12/22/2014
Cemetery Comm	Carole R. Pyne	12/17/2009	12/22/2015
Cemetery Comm	George Warner	12/17/2009	12/22/2015
Cemetery Comm	Thomas H. Brewer	12/17/2009	12/22/2015
Civil Prep Advisory Council	Arthur J. Hoza	12/17/2009	12/22/2010
Civil Prep Advisory Council	Charles Daniel Thayer Jr	12/17/2009	12/22/2010
Civil Prep Advisory Council	Joseph R. Tolisano	12/17/2009	12/22/2010
Civil Prep Advisory Council	Michael Provencher	12/17/2009	12/22/2010
Conservation Comm	Todd Whitford	12/17/2009	12/22/2014
Conservation Comm Alt	W.Karl Walton	12/17/2009	12/22/2010
Conservation Comm Alt	Lise Wood	12/17/2009	12/22/2010
Cultural Comm	Christine Anthony	12/17/2009	12/22/2010
Cultural Comm	Dee M. Moak	12/17/2009	12/22/2011
Cultural Comm	Mary McGurk	12/17/2009	12/22/2010
Economic Dev Comm	Ronald L. Elliott	12/17/2009	12/22/2014
Emergency Mgt Director	Joseph R Tolisano	12/17/2009	12/22/2011
Ethics Comm	Melissa Duperre	12/17/2009	12/22/2011
Ethics Comm	Philip J. Hendel	12/17/2009	12/22/2011
Fire Comm	Anthony J. Bruno	12/17/2009	12/22/2011
Fire Comm	David B. Palmer Jr	12/17/2009	12/22/2012
Fire Comm	Vincent P. Navin II	12/17/2009	12/22/2012
Prison Liaison/Public Safety	Anthony J. Liquori Jr	12/17/2009	12/22/2011
Prison Liaison/Public Safety	Charles J. Colby Jr	12/17/2009	12/22/2011
Prison Liaison/Public Safety	Robert L. Minch	12/17/2009	12/22/2011
Recreation Comm	Alicia M. Albert	12/17/2009	12/22/2011
Recreation Comm	JJ Wassmuth	12/17/2009	12/22/2011
Recreation Comm	Karen E. Murdoch	12/17/2009	12/22/2011
WPCA	Charles J. Colby	12/17/2009	12/22/2012
WPCA	Daniel A. Fraro	12/17/2009	12/22/2012
WPCA	James R. Faust	12/17/2009	12/22/2012
WPCA	Stephen A. Getman	12/17/2009	12/22/2012
Zoning Brd of Appeals	Barbara Flebotte	12/17/2009	12/22/2014