

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, September 9, 2010  
Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM by Mr. Tolisano in the absence of First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini

Members present: Mr. Tolisano, Mrs. Devlin. Also in attendance were Mr. Douglas Minich Operations Manager – recording, Sgt. Jose Claudio Resident Trooper.

Attendees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence – none

Citizen comments – Mrs. Devlin brought up some complaints from Mr. John Vesce, Mrs. Amanda Vesce and Mr. John Boyle regarding traffic control on Rte 190 reconstruction. There seemed to be a lack of coordination in that area and dangerous conditions existed. The residents pointed out that there was no police presence at the construction and Sgt. Claudio explained that all CSP traffic control was handled from CSP HQ Middletown and Sgt. Claudio received complaints in his office as well. Mrs. Devlin and Mr. Tolisano expressed concern that local Resident Troopers should conduct traffic control on local projects and asked that the Town contact Representative Bacchiochi and Senator Kissel and have them contact CSP Headquarters in Middletown on the Towns behalf regarding traffic control at future events.

Opportunity for Selectmen to add new items – none added

Old Business – none

New Business

TransCanada Energy contract extension was discussed. An opportunity exists for the Town to extend its current contract with TransCanada to obtain a lower Kwh rate. The rate would change from the current rate of 11.269 to 10.969. ***Motion was made by Mr. Tolisano to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the contract extension, seconded by Mrs. Devlin, both voted to approve.***

Part time shared constable with Stafford. An opportunity exists to enter into an agreement with the Town of Stafford to share a part time constable. Sgt Claudio explained that the individual under consideration is a recently retired Connecticut State Police Trooper. His employment would give the Town coverage in the evening hours where there is a current need, and be a hedge against future costs of the Resident Trooper program now borne by the Town. The individual would undergo Municipal Part Time

Constable training and certification and equipment costs would be shared by Somers and Stafford. Mr. Tolisano suggested that any employees be hired at will and the Attorney Pat McHale be consulted regarding that. ***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign a conditional letter of probationary employment for a shared constable with Stafford, seconded by Mr. Tolisano, both voted to approve.***

Somers/NCCD agreement for signature of First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini. ***Motion by Mr. Tolisano to table this topic for further discussion with First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. Tabled.***

Traffic Commission – Old Mill Road Race. The Grammar School wants to have a 5K road race on Saturday May 7, 2011 at 9:30 AM and submitted route map and approval letter by Resident Trooper Jose Claudio. Only Town roads will be affected. ***Motion by Mr. Tolisano to approve the Old Mill Road Race, seconded by Mrs. Devlin, both voted to approve.***

Authorization of Scheduled Payments. ***Motion by Mrs. Devlin to approve payment of bills totaling \$294,676.40, seconded by Mr. Tolisano, both voted to approve.***

Appropriations/Transfers – none

Approval of Minutes – 8/26/10. ***Motion by Mrs. Devlin to approve Minutes of 8/26/2010, seconded by Mr. Tolisano, both voted to approve.***

Board of Selectmen Remarks – none

Adjournment. ***Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Devlin, seconded by Mr. Tolisano, both voted to approve.***

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas H. Minich, Recording Secretary

*Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting*