

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday January 19, 2011 6:00PM
Somers Town Hall Auditorium

1. Call to Order –Ms. Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2. Members Present- First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Joe Tolisano.
Recording – Kimberly Marcotte CFO and approximately 15 interested residents.

3. Pledge of Allegiance – recited

4. New Business

a. Sunshine Farms traffic – Citizens in the Sunshine Farms community were present to speak to the selectmen on their concerns with the industrial traffic along their residential street and the removal of stop signs. Ms. Pellegrini gave an overview of the Federal and State regulations related to traffic signage, the results of the traffic study conducted by the State Police and the history of the stop signs in Sunshine Farms. Jeff Bord, Town Engineer /Director of Public Works, spoke to issues related to planning and zoning of subdivisions and Federal Highway Administration standards. Resident, Collin Andersen, speaking for the community members expressed the concerns of the community with the removal of the stop signs, the temporary berm and the traffic issues that are a result of it and truck traffic to the industrial park and its impact on the road. Community residents expressed concerns with the quality of traffic study's data sample, the safety of school children waiting for the bus and need for better communication to the residents in the affected areas. The Selectmen stated the need for the Town to adhere to a uniform standard throughout the town.

The town will pursue the following actions:

- Apply to the State of CT to have Sunshine Farms Rd designated a No Thru Truck Traffic road and post appropriate signage.
- Leave berm in place temporarily.
- Notify business owners in industrial park that truck traffic will not be permitted on Sunshine Farms Rd and request that they contact their carriers and advise them of this change.
- Request the BOE review the location of the existing bus stop and speak to the bus company about the safety concerns with the buses turning around while the temporary berm is in place.
- Investigate traffic calming options including the use of cameras.

b. Stop Signs and Barriers – Todd Rolland, Deputy Director of Public Works explained the state and federal guidelines regarding stop signs and presented a draft Stop Sign Policy. After some discussion it was decided that state and federal guidelines should be followed rather than implement a Town Stop Sign Policy. ***Motion was made by Ms. Devlin and seconded by Ms. Pellegrini that the Town follow the state and federal guidelines as per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and the Connecticut State Traffic Commission. Motion unanimously carried.***

c. Mowing & Trimming Contract –The use of an outside contractor to mow and trim the recreational fields for the coming year was discussed. Concerns with the uneven results and attention to detail by the contractor were outlined by Mr. Rolland. The fields will be managed this year with town staff supplemented with temporary contracted labor. Mr. Tolisano detailed the need for the fields to be well maintained and the field use coordinated by the recreation director and the BOE. A review of the field use policy will be conducted.

d. Town email – Update on standardization of Town email systems. SomersRec@Yahoo.com is closing and being changed to SomersRec@somersct.gov. The use of gmail.com accounts will be reviewed with the BOE.

5. Authorization of Scheduled Payments – ***Motion by Ms. Devlin, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini to approve scheduled payments in the amount of \$12,751.55. Motion unanimously carried.***

6. Appropriations/Transfers

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Land & Building Services	100-0010-010-0335-5-00	4,500
Highway Salaries	100-3018-030-0110-5-00	(4,500)

Motion to approve transfer was made by Ms. Devlin and seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. Motion unanimously carried.

Heat	100-3019-070-0624-5-01	1,700
Field Marking	100-3019-070-0628-5-00	(1,700)

Motion to approve transfer was made by Ms. Devlin and seconded by Mr. Tolisano. Motion unanimously carried.

7. Adjournment – Motion was made by Ms. Pellegrini and seconded by Mr. Tolisano to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Marcotte, CFO