

**TOWN OF SOMERS
EFFICIENCIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 5:30 p.m.
Selectmen's Conference Room**

- 1 Call to order – First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- 2 Members present – Tim Barry, Chet Ladd, Jim Radziewicz, Paul Salva. First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectman Kathleen Devlin, and Marcia Mitchell (recording) were also present.
- 3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 4 Purpose & objectives – Lisa Pellegrini
 - 4.1 Summary – scope & timing – Ms. Pellegrini discussed the current staffing of the health/sanitation department and the fact that the State is expected to mandate that every town join a health district within the next several years. Regionalization remains a high priority. She expects the group's activities to be concluded within 30-45 days.
 - 4.2 Data gathering – Ms. Pellegrini handed out a proposal package from the North Central District Health Department and asked that the members consider what information they would like to get from the town and other sources, and in what form.
 - 4.3 Identify, validate, and prioritize alternatives – Ms. Pellegrini charged the group with identifying and evaluating all available alternatives.
 - 4.4 Present recommendations to Board of Selectmen – Ms. Pellegrini asked that the group prepare a presentation with its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for the second half of April.
- 5 Open discussion – identify data gathering needs – after significant discussion, the group requested the following meetings/information:
 - Existing health department/sanitarian costs (salaries, benefits, other) and time
 - Meeting with Sanitarian
 - Meeting with Health Director
 - Numbers/types of permits issued and annual averages
 - Permits revenue and annual average
 - Information about Sanitarian's employment with the town and with the WPCA
 - Comparison of Health District fees with Somers fee scheduleMs. Mitchell will coordinate the gathering of the data and provide it to the group ASAP. She will also extend invitations to Mr. Jacobs and Dr. Segool.
- 6 Meeting schedule – the group scheduled two meetings: Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 5:30; Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 5:30. They requested that arrangements be made for Steve Jacobs and Dr. Richard Segool to meet with them at the March 18 meeting. After those conversations, they will decide who else they want to meet with and when.
- 7 Other questions - none
- 8 Adjournment – Ms. Pellegrini adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Mitchell
Exec. Asst./Ops. Mgr.

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