

Town of Somers
Special Town Meeting
Legal Notice
Thursday, September 22, 2011

A Special Town Meeting will be held at the Somers Town Hall, 600 Main Street, Somers, CT on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 6:00 pm to act on the following:

1. Elect a moderator
2. To discuss and vote on a resolution appropriating \$22,070 from the General Fund for the demolition, replacement and construction of additional parking for the First Student Bus Barn located on Field Road. The State of CT approved the project as a Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP). All expenditures will be reimbursed to the Town of Somers by State of CT office of Policy and Management.
3. Adjournment

Dated at Somers, CT this 18th day of August 2011.

Board of Selectmen
Lisa Pellegrini, First Selectman
Kathy Devlin
Bud Knorr

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I, Ann Marie Logan, Town Clerk of the Town of Somers, certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the notice that was duly posted and advertised.
Attest: Ann Marie Logan

Special Town Meeting Minutes
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Special Town Meeting of Thursday, September 22, 2011 called to order at approximately 6:00 pm by First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini with 7 citizens in attendance. The Legal Notice was read by Town Clerk Ann Marie Logan.

1. Elect a Moderator

A motion was made by K.Anderson, seconded by D.Stebbins and unanimously voted to elect L.Pellegrini as moderator.

2. Discuss and vote on resolution appropriating \$22,070 for the demolition, replacement and construction of additional parking for First Student Bus Barn located on Field Road.

The structure on Field Road sustained substantial damage to the roof during the winter snow storms. There is \$8,000 available for asbestos abatement which will be covered by LoCip monies. The town received a quote of \$22,070 for the demolition and removal of the structure. Discussion was opened to public comment. D.Stebbins commented for confirmation that once the asbestos abatement was complete there would be no digging and the area just covered over. Mrs. Pellegrini confirmed the statement. K.Anderson commented that once you begin demolition of the foundation and footings, you do not know what you are digging into and what hazards exist under the ground. He stated that a complete survey should be conducted to prevent potential contamination issues. Mrs. Pellegrini commented that the ground is being left alone and that it is the building that is being removed and not the soil. No holes are being dug and an examination/survey is not part of the demolition.

A brief recess was called in order to request the Town Engineer, Mr. Jeff Bord attend the meeting and respond to comments and questions.

Mr. Bord commented that there is no evidence of land contamination on the site and that no environmental study was required by the State as a pre-condition to applying for LoCip monies. Mr. Bord then commented that the concrete and the concrete footings were not being dug and removed and in fact, they were being paved over and entombed. The issues of potential contamination were never brought up in conversations with the State Department of Environmental Protection and Mrs. Pellegrini stated that a survey was not a condition of approval. The abatement company is strictly for asbestos removal and no survey will be done for hazard materials. The site is environmentally sound and the Town did what was required for the expenditure of LoCip monies. Why should the Town incur additional expenditures going into environmental costs which would also require many years of continuous testing? The Town is not excavating and not selling. The site has been reviewed by the Town Engineer, Town Sanitarian, and the Town Building Inspector. It was the consensus of these individuals and since there was no digging, there was no warrant of conducting an environmental survey. It was also noted that when the oil tanks were removed from the site, there was no indication of contamination.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on the resolution of appropriating \$22,070 for the demolition, replacement and construction of additional parking at the former town garage on Field Road. Vote was taken with the following results: two (2) in favor and 0 opposed. Motion carried.

3. Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn the Special Town Meeting of September 22, 2011 at approximately 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Logan
Town Clerk
Town of Somers