

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
January 26, 2012  
6:00pm  
Town Hall Auditorium**

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the public hearing to order at 6:00pm.

**Members Present:** First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr, Operations Manager Kim LaFleur (recording) and eight interested residents.

**Amusement Devices – The licensing of mechanical amusement devices:**

Mrs. Pellegrini began by explaining the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the repeal of the Amusement Devices Ordinance. The ordinance was adopted in 1981, has never been enforced and was forgotten until recently when an application by Somers Golf Center for an amendment to a Special use permit came before the Zoning Commission.

A letter sent by Mr. John Collins, Staff Liaison to the Zoning Commission, was then discussed at a December 29, 2011 Board of Selectmen Meeting. A conversation with the Town Attorney revealed that the ordinance was antiquated and unenforceable and it was recommended that it be repealed. A motion was made at the 12/29/11 Selectmen's meeting to move forward with the Town Attorney's recommendation to repeal the ordinance and bring the matter to a public hearing.

Mrs. Devlin read a letter dated January 25, 2012 from Mr. George Roberts, Autumn Lane in support of the repeal. The following residents stated that they strongly supported the repeal of the Amusement Devices Ordinance; Mr. Steve Schuller- Field Road, Ms. Barbara Capuano-Hall Hill Road and Mr. John Pizzimenti-Rose Haven Road.

There were no comments against the repeal of the ordinance.

**Adjournment:**

**Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:04pm, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

January 25, 2012

Lisa Pellegrini  
First Selectman  
Town of Somers

Subject: Public Hearing for Amusement Devices as relates to Somers Golf Center

Dear Residents,

I am unable to join you tonight due to a prior commitment, so I am writing my opinion by letter.

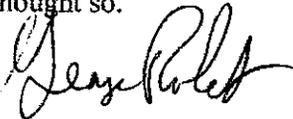
I believe the Amusement Device rule, ordinance, or law which ever category it may fall in needs to be repealed.

The Somers Golf Center is a wonderful addition to the town. I recently had my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party there with 80 guests and it was an unbelievable experience. Our guests raved about the center. Once we had our meal the guests were allowed to use any part of the center they chose to. The average age of the guest were my age 60. This is not only a place that children can enjoy but adults and seniors also. We should not stop the progress of this center as it is good for the town in tax revenue, great summer jobs for the kids, and total entertainment for the family. The cruise night is also a big hit by bringing more out of town people into Somers.

During the power failure the center has generator power and it opened extended hours to help serve the community. My wife for one went everyday and also charged her phone while she was there. The center is not only a great business, but a family run business that cares about people.

Let's remember just a few years ago it was a run down driving range with a pink Volkswagen in front that looked like a pig. Now tell me which would you rather have represent our town.

I thought so.



George Roberts  
8 Autumn Lane  
Somers