

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 30, 2006
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Auditorium**

1. Location of Emergency Exits: not necessary, less than 100 in attendance.
2. Call to Order:

-
First Selectman David Pinney called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

3. Members Present:
Selectmen David Pinney, Kathy Devlin, Ernie Allsup
4. Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.
5. Correspondence: This will be covered under New Business.
6. Citizen Comments: There were none.
7. Old Business:

- 7.1 Endorse moving ahead with intersection improvements at Main, Sokol and Ninth District Road

The Capitol Region Council of Government (CRCOG) would like the Town of Somers to make it official that the town is in favor of pressing ahead with the proposed road improvements at the intersection of Route 190, Ninth District Road and Sokol Road. There was interest among the board members to review the final plans for the road improvements at this location before implementation. The town has already had a public information meeting on this road improvement.

Kathy Devlin made a motion to endorse moving ahead with intersection improvements at Main, Sokol and Ninth District Road, to commit to the town funding the design phase of this project as well as ten percent of the right of way phase and finally the selection of a design consultant to be approved by the State DOT. This motion was seconded by Ernie Allsup and unanimously approved.

Kathy Devlin asked if the Board could prioritize the remainder of the proposed changes on the Rte. 190 corridor study. The two areas would be the center of town, at the intersection of Rte 190 and Rte. 83 and in Somersville at the intersection of Rte 190, Maple Street and Shaker Road. After a discussion, it was decided to look into what grants might be available to fund some of the improvements, such as underground wiring at these intersections. David Pinney said that the road improvements in the center of town involves two state roads, which would limit the town's liability for construction cost.

7.2 Other:

Kathy Devlin asked about the round house building at the Transfer Station. She heard it was going to be eliminated. Dave Pinney explained that the building itself has been damaged significantly by water and the roof could collapse with a

BOS Minutes

10/30/06

Page 2

snow load. People like visiting and contributing to the “Blue Light District” and this will not be eliminated. However, the area may need to be relocated to another building.

8. New Business:8.1 Authorize the First Selectman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security in regard to the 2006 Homeland Security grant funding

Ernie Allsup made a motion to authorize the First Selectman, David Pinney, to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security in regard to the 2006 Homeland Security grant funding. This motion was seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved.

8.2 Extend the term for the Library Expansion Study Committee

David Pinney received a letter from Ed Burns, Chairman of the Library Expansion Committee, requesting an extension of their appointment until at least December 31, 2006. After a discussion, Ernie Allsup made a motion to extend the appointment of the members of the Library Expansion Study Committee for twelve months until November 1, 2007 or until completion of their work, whichever comes first.

This motion was seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved.

8.3 Other:

David Pinney presented a memo from Ed Sullivan requesting that all CIP requests be submitted to the Board of Selectmen by November 21, 2006 for review and approval by the Board at their November 27, 2006 meeting.

David Pinney reported that Ken Anderson would like to re-line several culverts in town. These culverts are located on Battle Street and Stafford Road. The walls would be replaced with a smooth plastic lining. Ken feels he has enough money in his budget to do these culverts and still be able to do the other things planned in his budget.

Ernie Allsup questioned the proposed Recreation Commission sports field upgrades and would like to make sure that these changes are necessary. David Pinney said the contract for the field work has come to him for his signature. Kathy Devlin said the Recreation Commission wants to put clay in the infield instead of grass. She is concerned about the cost of maintenance of these fields after the clay is put in place. These questions will be reviewed with the Recreation Commission.

9. Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

After a brief discussion, Kathy Devlin made a motion to authorize scheduled payments in the amount of \$465,174.29 generated on October 24, 25, 26 and 30, 2006. This motion was seconded by Ernie Allsup and unanimously approved.

BOS Minutes

10/30/06

Page 3

10. Appropriations/Transfers:

As a point of information, David Pinney said the Computer Committee has established that "On the Fly Computer Guy" as the on-call emergency computer repair company for the town.

Kathy Devlin made a motion to approve the following transfers; seconded by Ernie Allsup and unanimously approved:

Capital Equipment:

transfer \$3,000 from Acct. #10-621.1 Selectman Computers to Acct. #10-10-532.1 Computer Maintenance.

Fire Department:

transfer \$2,000 from Acct. #20-16-531.5 to Acct. #20-16-580.1

Selectmen:

transfer \$1,500 from Acct. #10-10-600.3 Legal Unions to Acct. #10-10-523.1 Selectman Other

11. Approval of Minutes

11.1. BOS regular meeting of 10/16/06

Ernie Allsup made a motion to approve the BOS minutes of 10/16/06; seconded by Kathy Devlin and unanimously approved.

12. Board of Selectmen Remarks

12.1 Update from First Selectman:

David Pinney reported that repair work has been started on the Somersville dam on Maple Street.

The American flags along Main Street have been removed by Barry Dolby early today, October

30, 2006. Many of them were ripped and torn. From now on, these flags will be put up in time for Memorial Day and removed right after July fourth.

12.2 Other:

Ernie Allsup brought up the fact that there has been a chemical spill in the public schools. The cost of the mercury spill may not be covered by insurance.

The Board will be attending the dinner/ceremony in honor of Jack O'Brien who has been chosen by the Lions Club as Citizen of the Year. The Board will present a certificate of appreciation and designate a book to the Somers Library in his name.

Ernie Allsup reported that he represented the Board of Selectmen in hearing the arguments presented by members of the fourth grade in favor of continuing to have Halloween in the Town of Somers. The fourth grade has an annual writing project where they prepare persuasive arguments in response to a report that the selectmen are

BOS Minutes

10/30/06

Page 4

considering banning Halloween. Ernie Allsup reported that he was indeed convinced by the students to keeping Halloween in Somers.

13. Citizen Comments: There were none.

14. Adjournment:

Kathy Devlin made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ernie Allsup and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Careno, Recording Secretary
TOWN OF SOMERS

MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVAL AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING.

