

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AGENDA – SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, April 16, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Selectmen’s Conference Room**

- 1 Call to order - 6:00 PM
- 2 Members present - K. Devlin, J. Tolisano, D. Pinney
- 3 Old Business
 - 3.1 2010 Operating Budget-legislative progress - The budget as proposed by the Board of Finance was discussed. There was agreement among the selectmen that the proposed 0.2 mil increase was appropriate. The selectmen agreed that presentation of the town portion of the budget at the hearing scheduled for April 27 would consist of a brief overview of the numbers followed by comments about appreciation for employee participation in helping keep costs down in the face of current funding limitations, continuing concerns of future financial constraints, and ongoing examination of ways to contain or reduce the cost of delivering town services.
 - 3.2 Somersville project/funding – update: D. Pinney told the selectmen that Bob Cafarelli was completing a more detailed survey of Main Street in Somersville, the planning committee was finalizing the details of the streetscape improvements that would be planned for that area, and that the town was close to ready to present this to the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development as the project to be funded in part through the two STEAP grants awarded to the town for this work.
 - 3.3 Reappointment – Martha Rainey Rocket as Ethics alternate - Motion by Tolisano, seconded by Devlin and passed unanimously to re-appoint Martha Rainey Rockett to another term as alternate to the Ethics Commission to expire Dec. 22, 2010. Motion by Devlin, seconded by Tolisano and passed unanimously to appoint William Salka as an alternate to the Planning Commission for a term to expire Dec. 22, 2009.
- 4 New Business
 - 4.1 Schedule 2009 Annual Town Meeting – tentative date, 5/11/09: Motion by Devlin, seconded by Tolisano and passed unanimously to call the Annual Town Meeting for May 11, 2009, to be held at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium.
 - 4.2 Identify 2009 Percoski & Anderson Award recipients – Motion by Tolisano, seconded by Devlin and passed unanimously to award the 2008 Robert Percoski Award to the members of the School Building Committee and the 2008 Adolph Anderson Award to Marcia Mitchell.
 - 4.3 U.S. Flags for display on telephone poles – D. Pinney discussed with the selectmen the need to replace and expand the number of flags presentable for display on telephone poles along Main Street or Springfield or South Roads. The selectmen endorsed the idea of promoting the opportunity for individuals or groups to donate the money for a flag and mounting equipment and be recognized for the contribution. The first selectman will get the necessary information together and promote the opportunity.
5. Authorization of Scheduled Payments - Motion by Tolisano, seconded by Devlin and passed unanimously to authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$456,942.94, including seven tax refunds.
6. Appropriations/Transfers – Motion by Devlin, seconded by Tolisano and passed unanimously to approve the transfers and appropriation requests as presented.

7. Approval of Minutes – 3/26/09 – Motion by Devlin, seconded by Pinney and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the board's meeting of March 26, 2009 as presented.
8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pinney
First Selectman

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