

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING  
Thursday, October 29, 2009, 6:00 p.m.  
Selectmen's Conference Room**

- 1 Call to order – First Selectman David Pinney called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- 2 Members present – Kathleen Devlin, David Pinney and Joseph Tolisano. Also present were Marcia Mitchell, Exec. Asst./Ops. Mgr., recording, Fire Chief Ed Pagani and Deputy Fire Chief Gary Schiessl; CFO Greg Simmons joined the meeting for the ambulance discussion.
- 3 Resolution – Intersection Improvements at Ninth District and Sokol Roads and S.R. 190 (Main Street). The Selectmen reviewed a resolution form approved by the DOT to proceed with the intersection improvements at S.R. 190 (Main Street), Sokol Road and Ninth District Road. ***Motion (Ms. Devlin), second (Mr. Tolisano) and unanimously voted to adopt the Resolution entitled “Intersection Improvements at Ninth District and Sokol Roads and S.R. 190 (Main Street)” which is appended to and made part of these minutes.***
- 4 Discussion – need for replacement of Town's older ambulance. Chief Edward Pagani and Deputy Chief Gary Schiessl presented information regarding an opportunity to purchase a “demo” model ambulance at a significant discount (30%-35%) from a brand new model. The town currently operates two ambulances, the newer of which is approximately 5 years old, and the older approximately 10 years old. The plan would be to sell the older ambulance, place the newly-purchased ambulance into service as the primary vehicle, and move the newer unit into backup service. The ambulance program generates significant revenues for the town with annual net income, after transferring \$105,000 to the General Fund, averaging \$25,000. Loss of the back-up ambulance would reduce the revenue stream by approximately 23%. Chief Pagani will work with CFO Greg Simmons to produce a cost benefit analysis for review by the BOS so that the business case for purchase of a “demo” unit ambulance may be referred to the Board of Finance for its review. ***Motion (Ms. Devlin), second (Mr. Tolsano) and unanimous vote to endorse the business case for purchase of a “demo” unit ambulance for referral to the Board of Finance.***
- 5 Proposed acquisition of used screener for Public Works Department – after a brief overview of the need and the opportunity by Mr. Pinney, ***motion (Mr. Tolisano), second (Ms. Devlin), and unanimous vote to approve transfer request of \$18,000 from Road Maintenance to Capital Equipment Purchase and refer to Board of Finance.***
- 6 Proposed projects for energy efficiency and conservation block grant program – Mr. Pinney has identified a block grant program resulting from the ARRA for funding municipal energy efficiency/conservation projects. Somers would be eligible for \$56,000 under this program, and Mr. Pinney's research has identified several potential projects. The project with the highest return for the town would be installation of photovoltaic (PV) cells on the roof of the firehouse and lighting upgrades within the firehouse. The energy generated from the PV array would be used to offset energy expenses at the firehouse; any excess energy generated would be sold back to CL&P. While the expectation is that little if any excess would be generated, the town could avoid annual electrical expenses at the firehouse in the range of \$2,000-\$2,500. ***Motion (Mr. Tolisano), second (Ms. Devlin) and unanimous vote to authorize Mr. Pinney to pursue energy efficiency and conservation block grant funds in***

***the amount of \$56,000 to install photovoltaic (PV) cells and lighting upgrades at the firehouse.***

- 7 Authorization of scheduled payments – ***Motion (Ms. Devlin), second (Mr. Tolisano) and unanimous vote to authorize scheduled payments totaling \$19,821.31.***
- 8 Adjournment – ***Motion (Mr. Tolisano), second (Ms. Devlin) and unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Mitchell  
Exec Asst/Ops Mgr  
Recording Secretary

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