

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, August 26, 2010  
Town Hall**

Call to Order – 6:03 by First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini

Members in attendance – First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Joe Tolisano, Kathy Devlin, also in attendance were CFO Kim Marcotte, Assessor Pat Juda and Operations Manager Doug Minich – recording.

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence – Resignation letter of Town Engineer Bob Cafarelli was read and accepted with much thanks for an exceptional job and with much regret. The Board of Selectmen wishes Bob well in his move to Cape Cod, MA.

Selectmen added items to the agenda – Mrs. Pellegrini added Animal Control Facility consolidation under Old Business, Right of Way for Streetscape and Resolution for Homeland Security Grant under New Business.

Selectmen's update: Mrs. Pellegrini reports that the Somersville Streetscape has been approved by CT DOT and CT DECD and will go out to bid October 15, 2010 with a completion date of June 1, 2011. Plans are in the Selectman's Office. Mrs. Pellegrini reports Income from the gravel pit operation is \$94,747.60 She also reported that Lisa Lockyer has been transferred from Land Use to Somers Resident Troopers office. Mrs. Lockyer will serve as administrative assistant at the Resident State Troopers office until further notice.

Old Business:

The Animal Control Facility consolidation was discussed. An opportunity to combine the Town of Somers animal control operation with the Town of Stafford was proposed. Mrs. Marcotte reports that the Somers facility shows a current loss of \$7,591, not including salary cost. Somers will close the animal control facility, winterize it and use it for storage and dispose of the Somers animal control van. Any animals at the Somers facility will be moved to the Stafford facility and a serviceable van from Stafford will be housed in Somers. Expenses will be shared equally by Somers and Stafford and any income received from sales of animals will be apportioned between the towns according to residency. The consolidation will allow for 24/7 coverage while greatly reducing expenses associated with this service. The Somers animal control officer in Somers will be informed of any changes in operation. Further service sharing agreements with Stafford and other towns will be explored. *Motion by Mr. Tolisano to consolidate the animal*

***control facility and services, second by Mrs. Pellegrini. Approval was unanimous.***

New Business:

No passing on Main Street (Rte 190) between the intersections of Rte 83 and Turnpike Rd. A letter from Mr. Scott Sutter was read expressing his concerns about dangerous passing, as well as speed of vehicles on Main Street and a desire to eliminate the passing zone between the intersections of Rtes 190 and 83 and Rte 190 and Turnpike Rd. Mrs. Devlin agreed that this is a dangerous situation, and Main Street resident and Town Clerk, Ann Marie Logan confirmed. Sgt. Jose Claudio CSP supports this change and a letter asking for the change will need to be sent to CT DOT. ***Motion by Mrs. Devlin to have First Selectman Pellegrini write a letter to CT DOT, second by Mr. Tolisano. Unanimous vote to approve.*** Mrs. Devlin suggested the Town secure a copy of the Motor Vehicle Traffic Control Devices manual. Doug Minich will follow up on this.

Memorandum of Understanding with North Central District Health Department. Establishes back up health coverage should an emergency arise that the Town of Somers would need assistance to handle. This was previously a verbal agreement. The Town Health Director and the Town Sanitarian are in favor of the MOU. ***Motion by Mrs. Devlin, second by Mr. Tolisano to sign the MOU Planning and Implementation of Emergency Mass Dispensing Plans with the North Central Health District. Unanimous vote to approve.***

Proposed Resolution of the Town Council and Boards of Selectmen for the Towns of Enfield, Somers, Stafford and Union merger of the Probate Courts. This proposal allows two satellite courts in Enfield and Stafford for a two year period while court consolidation is accomplished to one location. ***Motion by Mrs. Devlin, second by Mr. Tolisano to approve the Probate Court Merger Resolution. Unanimous vote to approve.***

Tax Exemption Ordinance

The Northern Connecticut Land Trust has received a property tax bill for the recently acquired Trappe property and has asked the Board of Selectmen to agree to waive the October 1' 2009 tax bill. To do so would require an ordinance as per state statute. Mr. Tolisano objected to any retroactive granting of any tax exemption for property on Town tax rolls. Mrs. Devlin objected as well. Ordinance fails for lack of support.

FFY 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program Region 3 Memo of Agreement & Resolution

***Motion by Mrs. Devlin, second by Mr. Tolisano authorizing Lisa Pellegrini to sign any and all documents necessary for completion of the grant. Unanimous vote to approve.***

FFY 2011 Emergency Management Program Grant Resolution – ***Motion by Mrs. Devlin, second by Mr. Tolisano to authorize Lisa Pellegrini to sign any and all documents necessary for completion of the grant. Unanimous vote to approve.***

Right of Way form between CT DOT and the Town of Somers for Somersville Streetscape signed by Mrs. Pellegrini

#### Authorization of Payments

Mr. Tolisano asked what the payment to the Bank of Montana was for. Mrs. Marcotte reported it was a scheduled lease payment for a mini pumper for the Somers Fire Department. ***Motion by Mr. Tolisano, second by Mrs. Devlin to approve the authorization of payments in the amount \$153,545.74. Unanimous vote to approve all payments.***

#### Appropriations/Transfers

Somersville Streetscape Improvement

\$580,000 from STEAP grant 315-6002-030-0880-4-01 to:

\$4,000 Architecture/Engineering 315-6002-030-0335-5-00

\$3,500 Administration 315-6002-030-5-00

\$517,500 Construction 315 6002-030-5-00

\$55,000 Contingency 315-6002-030-0840-5-00

***Motion by Mrs. Devlin, second by Mr. Tolisano to approve the above transfer.. Unanimous approval.***

#### Approval of Minutes

Minutes of 08/12/2010 ***Motion by Mrs. Pellegrini, second by Mr. Tolisano to accept the 8/12/2010 minutes. Unanimous approval***

Minutes of 08/24/2010 ***Motion by Mrs. Pellegrini, second by Mrs. Devlin to accept the 8/24/2010 minutes.***

***Mr. Tolisano abstained as he was not at the 8/24/201 meeting.***

#### Board of Selectmen Remarks

At a previous Board of Selectmen's meeting a citizen had requested a three way stop sign at Sunshine and Billings Rd. Stop sign on Billings Road. Sgt. Jose Claudio CSP disapproves of the stop sign on Billings Road. No action will be added.

#### Executive Session

Board entered Executive Session at 6:44 PM

Board of Selectmen, CFO Kim Marcotte, Operations Manager Doug Minich, Karl Walton present.

Board exited Executive Session at 7:29 PM

Karl Walton to continue action on Town property.

Adjournment – ***Motion to adjourn by Mr. Tolisano, second by Mrs. Devlin. Unanimous approval.***

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas H. Minich  
Recording Secretary

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