

**Special Town Meeting  
Thursday, August 13, 2009  
Somers Town Hall**

First Selectman D. Pinney called the Special Town Meeting of August 13th to order at approximately 6:03 p.m. There were approximately 10 citizens in attendance. D. Pinney read the legal notice which was published June 8, 2009.

**1. Elect a Moderator**

A motion was made by K. Devlin, seconded by J. Tolisano and unanimously voted to nominate D. Pinney as Moderator of the Town Meeting.

**2. Ratify transfers in excess of \$20,000 recommended by the Board of Selectmen and approved by the Board of Finance as follows:**

**an appropriation of \$137,500 from the open space fund for the acquisition of the Trappe Property.**

A motion to ratify the transfer was made by J. Tolisano, and seconded by K. Devlin. There was no discussion raised. The town meeting unanimously voted to ratify the transfer.

**an appropriation of \$255,377 for the design and construction of water main on Sunset Drive, which is 100% reimbursable.**

A motion to ratify the transfer was made by J. Tolisano, and seconded by K. Devlin. On call for discussion by D. Pinney, D. Woronecki, 21 Sunset Drive, asked how likely it would be, given the State of CT's current economic status, that we would be reimbursed by the state? Mr. Pinney said that the likelihood was very high that we would be reimbursed, that the State of CT DEP was requiring this work to be completed, and that they had always, in the past, reimbursed this type of project. Mr. Pinney added that, in this economic environment, the reimbursement may be a little slower. C. Pyne, 46 Sunset Drive, noted that the town sanitarian had reported that there was a high likelihood that the plume would continue to spread. T. Whitford, 95 Skyridge Drive, asked if the Town would have any recourse against the farmer responsible or the Sunset Drive Landowners, if the state did not reimburse the town. Mr. Pinney said no, that there was no clear at fault party for the pollution, and reiterated that the state was requiring this work to be completed. There being no other discussion the Town Meeting unanimously voted to ratify the transfer.

**c. Year-end transfers.**

Mr. Pinney provided details on three transfers: \$35,198 to fund the Salary line for the Director of Human Services, \$15,000 of which was to be transferred from grant funds received, \$11,998 from the Recreation Coordinator salary line and \$7,700 from the Municipal Agent salary line (HS Director replaced both of these positions), and \$500 from the BOS Secretary salary line to complete the transfer; \$42,144 to cover a shortfall in Fire Department operations primarily in the lines of Vehicle Fuel, Vehicle Maintenance, and Heating fuel to be transferred from the Health Insurance line; and \$19,615 from grant funds received for a farmland preservation project being managed by CCM. A motion to consider the three transfers together and to ratify the transfers was made by J. Tolisano, and seconded by K. Walton. There was no discussion raised. The town meeting unanimously voted to ratify the transfers.

A motion was made by K. Devlin, seconded by C. Pyne and unanimously voted to adjourn the Special Town Meeting of August 13<sup>th</sup> at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia L. Mitchell  
Substituting for Ann Marie Logan  
Town Clerk  
Town of Somers