

SEPTEMBER 4, 2014 – WORK SESSION

Minutes of a work session of the Town Board of the Town of Somers held on Thursday evening September 4, 2014 at 6:45 PM at the Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers, New York.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Rick Morrissey
	Councilman	Richard G. Clinchy
	Councilman	Thomas A. Garrity, Jr.
	Councilman	Anthony J. Ciriaco
	Councilman	William G. Faulkner

ABSENT:

Also present were Kathleen R. Pacella, Town Clerk, Patricia Kalba, Deputy Town Clerk and Roland A. Baroni, Jr., Town Attorney.

The Supervisor said that it was in order for the Board to enter into an executive session with regard to personnel and contracts.

Thereupon motion of Supervisor Morrissey, seconded by Councilman Faulkner, the meeting was adjourned to an executive session with regard to personnel and contracts at 6:45 PM to return that evening.

7:00 PM – meeting reconvened

This being a work session the follow action was taken:

The Supervisor said that he had invited the representatives of Devereux back to repeat their presentation of the proposed Group Home. He explained that they were noticed in late July about their wanting to come into Somers. He said that at the August 21st meeting there was no representation from the community where the home was being proposed. The Supervisor said in fairness to the community he sent letters to the residents in the Summit Circle area and the surrounding roads. He said that he was glad to see that they were present. Mr. O’Keefe gave a summary of the presentation from August 21st, explained what was available in the packets that they had handed out and showed a video with regard to the foundation. Discussion ensued with the representatives of Devereux, residents of Summit Circle, Families of the individuals that were going to be living in the home and the Town Board with regard to their safety concerns and their Lake Association. The Board asked Mr. O’Keefe if he was willing to grant them an extension of the 40 day notice. Mr. O’Keefe stated that he was not and explained that he had put a lot of time into finding this property. He said that the Board was unable to use over saturation as a reason for denial.

The Board discussed their options, they agreed that over saturation was not an option, therefore they could look for another location or do nothing by Monday, September 8, 2014 at midnight. The Town Attorney explained that if they did in deed find another house that fit the qualifications the Devereux had 15 days to act on that and there would be no notification to the neighbors. The Supervisor said that he would like the Devereux Group to meeting with the Summit Lake Home Owners Association although he did not know if there would be time for that. Councilman Faulkner suggested that the Board have a special meeting on Monday, September 8th and take some time to look into their options. The Board discussed possible locations to have a special meeting on Monday evening and they agreed upon Van Tassell on Route 139 at 7:00 PM.

Thereupon motion of Councilman Faulkner, seconded by Councilman Clinchy, it was unanimously,

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby schedule a special meeting to continue the discussion with regard to the Devereux Group Home on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Van Tassell Park, 100 Route 139, Somers.

This being a work session no further actions were taken.

Thereupon motion of Councilman Faulkner, seconded by Councilman Garrity, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Town Clerk