

SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 – REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Somers held on Thursday evening September 11, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers, New York.

ROLL CALL:

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

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 Clinchy, the meeting was adjourned to an executive session with regard to personnel and contracts at 6:30 PM to return that evening.

7:10 PM – meeting reconvened

Councilman Garrity and Councilman Faulkner were present at 7:10 PM.

The Supervisor said that it was in order for the Board to open a public hearing with regard to a proposed Local Law to amend the Town of Somers 1994 Comprehensive Master Plan and a proposed Local Law to amend Chapter 170-13 Multifamily Residence MFR District.

7:10 PM – hearing open
8:40 PM – meeting reconvened

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Tom Smith, Carpenter Place, asked about the water that was on the bike path behind the Shopping Center. He asked if that water had been tested and stated that it was brown in color, murky and it smelled. The Supervisor said that it could be a stagnant pond and he would asked someone to look into it. Mr. Smith asked when the utility poles were going to be addressed on Route 139 on the Angle Fly property.

Thereupon motion of Supervisor Morrissey, seconded Councilman Garrity public comment session was declared closed.

Monthly reports

The Town Clerk presented monthly reports from the Town Clerk, Building Inspector, Director of Finance, Parks and Recreation, Tax Receiver, Planning and Engineering, Zoning, Plumbing and Bureau of Fire Prevention.

Somers Crossing

The Supervisor said that the next item on the agenda was with regard to Somers Crossing. He said that he did review the numerous Consultant reports and each one of them did point out incomplete sections. He continued that they were going to ask the developer to address the incompleteness. The Supervisor suggested that the Board extend the period of the determination for completeness of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to November 17, 2014. He said that this would allow time for the Developer to react to the Consultants and if the Town Board had any other comments of the DEIS they could make them during that time period.

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Thereupon motion of Supervisor Morrissey, seconded by Councilman Faulkner, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby do the following for Somers Crossing.

- a. Acknowledge receipt of comments from Consultants regarding the DEIS completion with regard to Accepted Scope of February 20, 2014.
- b. Accept Town Board comments regarding the DEIS completeness.
- c. Take Town Board vote regarding completeness of DEIS with regard to the accepted scope. (Vote was not taken due to incompleteness.)
- d. Extend the period for determination of completeness of DEIS to November 17, 2014 such that there is a period of at least several weeks for review by consultants and Town after submission of the revised document.

PERSONNEL:

Current Vacancies:

- Somers Energy Environmental Committee
- Substance Abuse Council (2 – unexpired 3 year terms to December 31, 2016)
- Affordable Housing Board (1 – unexpired 2 year term ending July 11, 2015)
- Affordable Housing Board (4 – 2 year terms ending July 11, 2015)
- Assessment Board of Review (1 – unexpired 5 year term ending September 30, 2015)
- Zoning Board of Appeals (1 – unexpired 5 year term ending December 31, 2016)

Upcoming Vacancies:

The next item was the consensus agenda.

Thereupon motion of Supervisor Morrissey, seconded by Councilman Ciriaco, it was unanimously,

Public hearing
for Article II
Senior Citizens
Tax Exemption

- 1. RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the scheduling of a Local Law for Article II Senior Citizens Tax Exemption Section 154-7 Qualifications for Exemption A (2) for October 9, 2014.

Appoint W.
Harden to
ZBA

- 2a. RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint William Harden to the Somers Zoning Board of Appeals to replace the unexpired term of Clifford Wohlberg to a term ending December 31, 2016.

Appoint D.
Bleasdale to
SEEC

- 2b. RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Donald F. Bleasdale to the Somers Energy Environment Committee to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Return
Erosion
Control Bond

- 3. RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the return of the Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control Permit to Michael Kaplowitz in the amount of \$200.00 for Tax Map # 27.19-1-3 per memo dated August 22, 2014 from Stephen Woelfle, Principal Engineering Technician.

The Supervisor said that Saturday was the Somers Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Somers Day. He said that it was being held in the Somers Town Shopping Center and it was a good opportunity for the new residents to see what was available in Town.

The Supervisor said that the Somers Lions Club was reaching out to the community for their Fall Festival. He said that volunteers were needed for the Trail of Terror, which was

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a huge success last year. He said that the festival was going to be held on October 17th, 18th and 19th at Reis Park.

Councilman Clinchy said that it was September 11th and it was a great Patriotic Day. He said that also September 17th was Constitution Day and he will be giving out pocket Constitutions. He said that if anyone would like one they could contact him.

Councilman Faulkner said that he wanted to recognize the friends, families and victims of 9/11, this was the 13th Anniversary and his thoughts and prayers were with all of them.

Claims for the payment of all Town Bills in the amount of \$303,850.60 were presented and allowed for payment as shown on the Abstract of Audited Claims on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Thereupon motion of Supervisor Morrissey, seconded by Councilman Faulkner the meeting was adjourned to an executive session at 8:50 PM with regard to personnel and contracts not to return that evening.

Town Clerk