

**Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 1, 2006**

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Gunderson, Plourde, Demulling, Schachtner, Michael Brose and Mark Gherity (attorneys). Absent: Neumann. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the January 4th Minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve the January Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Building Inspector's Report: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the January Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Roy read a summary status report from Bruno Reed.

Appointment of Two Town Board Members to Fire/Rescue Contract Committee: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to appoint two Town Board representatives in May (after the Spring election) to work with the Village Finance Committee on the Fire/Rescue Contract. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Specification Sheet for Phase I & II-Fire/Rescue Dept. Office and Clerk's Office: Fire/Rescue Department is working on a spec sheet for Phase I. Schachtner, Demulling and Koester will work on a specification sheet for Phase II. Both projects will be advertised for sealed bids.

Parks & Rec Committee: Gunderson reported next meeting February 6th.

Constable Report-Temporary Assistant: Breure was not present but submitted a written report. Breure stated full-time employment will limit his availability. Discussion on how to handle animal calls. Plourde volunteered to take animal calls during the evenings/weekends; Demulling volunteered to take animal calls during the day/weekends on a temporary basis. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Schachtner to allow Plourde and Demulling to assist with animal calls when Constable is unavailable, on a trial basis. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Old Business: Somerset Legacy Alliance/Old Town Hall Project: Rita Lawson gave a brief report including information on interior work of hall and history talks at library.

New Business: Nan Pederson-Request for Guardrail at 192nd Ave. and 45th St. Intersection: Pederson submitted a request for a guardrail at this "T" intersection as she was concerned about safety. Schachtner will contact St. Croix County Highway Department to find out if there are guidelines for guardrails and "T" intersections.

Sephonia Cowans-Lawsuit/Defamation of Character: Cowans was not present.

Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to WSS 19.82 (1) (g): Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to convene into closed session pursuant to WSS 19.82 (1)(g) conferring with legal counsel on LaVenture litigation and inviting Brose, Gherity, Wert and Koester into the closed session. Motion carried. All members voted yes. (7:40 p.m.)

Reconvene into Open Session Pursuant to WSS 19.82 (2) Continuation of Board Meeting

Business: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to reconvene into open session pursuant to WSS 19.82 (2) for the continuation of the Town Board meeting business. Motion carried. All members voted yes. (8:00 p.m.) Brose and Gherity left.

Carlos Rodriguez-Request for Extension on Removal of Mobile Home at 823-160th Avenue, New

Richmond: Carlos Rodriguez, representing Emilio Rodriguez, requested an extension on the 60-day time frame (February 14) to remove the mobile home. Rodriguez stated his brother owns land elsewhere, but they need to clear the land and put in an access in order to get the mobile home into the property. Discussion on ordinance penalties and road restrictions. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde requiring Emilio Rodriguez remove the mobile home at 823-160th Avenue, New Richmond by June 1, 2006-and no occupancy or business may be conducted in the mobile home between now and when it is removed. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Sign Ordinance 2006-01: No action taken. March 1st agenda item.

Discussion on Possible Future Location for Town Hall: Much discussion on a possible future location, maybe a County Road. Securing land may be a good idea.

Insurance Payment/Consideration of Replacement of Garage Door for Shop: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Gunderson to approve the total estimate of \$7,890.00 including door replacement, \$250.00 deductible, \$1,175.00 deduction for 50% of the cost of the door (door can be repaired) with a total insurance payment of \$6,465.00. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

2004 Audit Report: Board will review in more detail. March 1st agenda item.

Planning Commission Report: S & N Surveying/Jim Russell & Tina Dale/Mark Doyle-1 Lot

CSM: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the 1 lot CSM (4.31 acres/Lot 7) for Russell/Dale/Doyle. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

JEO Surveying/Rick Plourde-1 Lot CSM: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Gunderson to approve the 1 lot CSM for Plourde (5.95 acres) as presented. Motion carried. Demulling, Gunderson, Schachtner voted yes. Plourde abstained.

JEO Surveying/Jerry Smith-12 Lot Concept Map (Dennis Neumann Property): Much discussion about wetland delineation, permanent cul-de-sac placement or elimination and lining up roadway into adjacent, undeveloped property. Plourde stated Town would prefer cul-de-sac be removed. 67' radius on permanent cul-de-sacs. Demulling suggested eliminating outlot and creating a joint driveway. No action taken.

JEO Surveying/Tom Belisle – 4 Lot Preliminary Plat (Commercial): Much discussion about cul-de-sac, setback changed to 100' in notes on plat, type "C" intersection and water drainage. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the 4 lot preliminary plat of C, M & E Business Park for Tom Belisle as presented. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Northland Surveying/Blair Dollery – 2 Lot CSM: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve the 2 lot CSM for Dollery contingent upon the payment of \$500.00 in park fees. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Northland Surveying/Copar Development – 23 Lot Preliminary Plat-Hillside Estates: Ed Flanum addressed the Board concerning the measures being taken with notes being placed on lots 11-18 to

submit a stormwater and erosion control plan prior to receiving a building permit, stating this preliminary plat meets all Town requirements. Chris Meader, adjacent landowner, questioned why road couldn't access at 160th Avenue and strongly stated his concern for increased traffic by his residence. Surveyor explained road placement accesses seven potential future lots. Ruth Steiner was concerned about wetlands, slope and CBA on Lot 12, which is .9 (Town requires .5). Tom Hanson, developer, was present to address these concerns. Hanson stated DNR will require a Chapter 30 permit, including public hearings. DNR report is required before final plat approval. Rauch stated this plat passed the Planning Commission on a 3:2 vote; it meets all Town ordinance requirements. Pete Kling, St. Croix County Land Specialist, submitted written comments regarding the plat, sediment and erosion control plans, stormwater management plans and road plans. After considerable review and discussion, motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve the 23 lot preliminary plat of Hillside Estates with the requirement that a note be placed on the plat that requires future owners of lots 11-18 to submit a stormwater and erosion control plan prior to receiving a building permit. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk