

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

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Neumann, Gunderson, Plourde, Schachtner and Michael Brose (attorney). Absent: Demulling. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports:** Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Schachtner to approve the February 1<sup>st</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Neumann, seconded by Plourde to approve the February Financial Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

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

**Public Input:** Kimberly Schaffel, candidate for Planning Commission, stated she supports any decision the Board makes in appointing a citizen member to the Planning Commission.

**Fire/Rescue Commission Report-Specification Sheet/Advertise for Bids on Phase I & II of Office Additions:** Specification sheet was reviewed. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Neumann to publish the advertisement for sealed bid on Phase I & II office additions to be bid separately, with bids due by the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Parks & Rec Committee Report:** Gunderson reported on a possible survey of residents, either by mail or by phone. Discussion on purchase of GIS database from County.

**Constable Report:** No written report submitted.

**Old Business: Somerset Legacy Alliance Update:** Rita Lawson and Sherrill Schottler reported work on old Town Hall is progressing nicely, with no outstanding bills. All labor has been donated. Meeting will be held March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the Town Hall to discuss 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration events.

**Nan Peterson-Request for Guardrail at 192<sup>nd</sup> & 45<sup>th</sup> St. Intersection:** Schachtner contacted Jim Harer, County Highway Department. He advised additional signage be placed at intersection. An easement could be granted from property owners to allow for fill to be hauled in on bank.

**Sign Ordinance 2006-01:** Rauch reported State Statute requires Zoning to regulate signage. County Zoning ordinance needs revision. Town has sent letters to Zoning requesting the County address updating their sign ordinance. No action taken.

**2004 Audit:** Board reviewed and had no questions or concerns.

**New Business: Notice of Disallowance of Claims of Darcy Jerome against Town of Somerset:** Motion by Neumann, seconded by Plourde to disallow the claims of Darcy Jerome against the Town of Somerset. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Notice will be sent certified mail.

**Margaret Cook-Presentation of New Deed for Easement off of 55<sup>th</sup> Street/Relocation of Easement:** Discussion on 100' setback from easement and how to enforce. Board advised Cook to be aware the 100' setback must be adhered to for any future structures. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve replacing the new easement for the old easement previously deeded to the Town on January 11, 1991. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Approval of Operator's Licenses for Steven Fall, Lisa Wiederin and Theresa Harasyn:** Motion by Schachtner, seconded by Plourde to approve Operator's Licenses for Fall, Wiederin and Harasyn provided Harasyn complete the Responsible Beverage Server's Course. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Discussion and Costs of Sandblasting and Painting Town Truck:** Motion by Plourde, seconded by Gunderson to approve \$2,400-\$2,900 to sandblast and paint the old, orange town truck. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**2006 Road Projects:** Road crew presented maps of existing gravel roads, proposed roads for crack filling and overlaying. Discussion on blacktopping section of Marine Road and 85<sup>th</sup> Street engineering/project. April agenda item-set a date for a special meeting to inspect roads for improvements. No action taken.

**Discussion on Equipment Needs:** Discussion on equipment and replacement schedule. Board advised Wally Neumann to look into the cost of a used loader. April agenda item. No action taken.

**Safety Supervisor Requirements:** Wally Neumann addressed the Board concerning requirements the State has regarding a Safety Supervisor. Much discussion on who is qualified to fill this position. Schachtner will contact County Highway Department for direction. April agenda item. No action taken.

**Appoint Alternate Members to Board of Review:** Motion by Schachtner, seconded by Plourde to appoint Jerry Neumann and Jeri Koester as alternate members of the Board of Review. Motion carried. Schachtner, Plourde and Gunderson voted yes. Neumann abstained.

**Planning Commission Report: S & N Surveying/Mike Germain-29 Lot Preliminary Plat of Majestic Meadows:** Motion by Plourde, seconded by Gunderson to approve the 29 lot preliminary plat of Majestic Meadows (without island at entrance). Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Humphrey Engineering/Dayspring Development-11 Lot Final Plat of Dayspring Vistas:** Much discussion on width of joint driveway for lots 3 & 4. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Neumann to approve the 11 lot final plat of Dayspring Vistas with the notation that the shared driveway for lots 3 & 4 stay with the current width standard of 22' surface/26' right-of-way. A variance request would have to be presented to the Town Board, at a later date, for consideration of a less than standard width on the joint driveway. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Somerset Legacy Alliance-Request to Designate a 2 +/- Mile Section of 230<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Marine Road as a Rustic Road:** Ruth Steiner presented a video of the road. Rustic Road designation does not change how road is used or restrict maintenance, preserves historic and natural features, requires no financial obligation and road still qualifies for road aid. Designation can be revoked. Speed limit of 45 mph (or lower) is required. Neighboring residents were notified and no one came forth with any objections. Motion by Neumann, seconded by Gunderson to designate the 2 +/- mile section of roadway from 40<sup>th</sup> St. to 280<sup>th</sup> including Polk-St. Croix Road, Marine Road and 230<sup>th</sup> Avenue as a Rustic Road. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Stevens Engineering/Mike Rivard-Rivard Stone Rezoning and Special Requests:**

1. Parcel add on and rezoning of 3 acres from ag./residential to commercial: Three acres is being added on to an existing commercial lot. Motion by Schachtner, seconded by Gunderson to be in favor of the parcel add on and rezonement request of 3 +/- acres from ag./residential to commercial with the requirement that the driveway easement be attached to Prosper Rivard's deed and recorded. Motion carried. All members voted yes.
2. Special Exception request for parcel add on for use of stone sales/building addition: Motion by Neumann, seconded by Plourde to make a recommendation that the parcel add on be used for stone sales with a building addition. Motion carried. All members voted yes.
3. 10' variance from 133' setback for building location: Applicant requesting a 10' variance from cul-de-sac on Old Scout Camp Road for building location with setback being 123' instead of 133'. Motion by Neumann, seconded by Plourde to approve the 10' variance from 133' setback request from Old Scout Camp Road for building. Motion carried. All members voted yes.
4. Town abandonment of right-of-way to old section of Old Scout Camp Road: Schachtner advised a public hearing is required. Town will look into legalities of abandoning roadway. Postponed.
5. Classification of town roads regarding weight limits-starting at Hwy. 35/64, Andersen Scout Camp Road west to 30<sup>th</sup> Street to Old Scout Camp Road and east to and including cul-de-sac: Motion by Schachtner, seconded by Neumann to designate the above section of road as a 4-season road, unposted for weight restrictions, with the reason being the road was built to 4-season standards. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Appointment of Citizen Member to Planning Commission to Replace Bill Hunt:** Rauch stated Kimberly Schaffel and Craig Letourneau were interviewed. Planning Commission recommended Letourneau. Motion by Schachtner, seconded by Neumann to appoint Craig Letourneau to Planning Commission to fill Bill Hunt's vacancy until May 2006. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Jeri Koester,  
Clerk