

Town of Somerset
Public Hearing for Discontinuance of Roadway,
2006 Adjourned Board of Review and
June Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 7, 2006

Public Hearing: Chairman Schachtner called the Public Hearing for the Abandonment of a section of Old Scout Camp Road to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Germain, Gunderson, Demulling, Plourde and Schachtner. The Town Board reviewed the petition and legal description as submitted by Mike Rivard. There were no public comments. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to discontinue a section of Old Scout Camp Road as described in the published and submitted petition. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Public Hearing adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

2006 Adjourned Board of Review: Chairman Schachtner called the 2006 Board of Review to order at 7:08 p.m. All present-Plourde, Schachtner, and Koester have completed the Board of Review training and are certified. Due to the assessment roll being incomplete at this time, motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to adjourn the Board of Review until July 25th at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

June Town Board Meeting: Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. All present. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All members voted yes. No public input.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Gunderson to approve the May 3rd and May 22nd meeting minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Gunderson to approve the May Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Building Inspector's Report: Wert noted house permits are down-only two new homes for May. Wert inquired about road setbacks as County has changed all setbacks to 50'. Town has an ordinance requiring 100' from road right-of-way (133' from center of road). Schachtner stated Town can be more restrictive. Schachtner will contact County Zoning about setbacks and classification of roads. Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the May Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried. Germain, Demulling, Plourde, and Schachtner voted yes. Gunderson abstained.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Demulling reported on appointment of Travis Belisle to Fire Chief, Robert Weldon as Captain, Pea Soup Days activities, training, calls and grant status. Gunderson suggested the Fire/Rescue Dept. conduct a tabletop exercise with St. Croix County to help prepare for disasters.

Parks & Rec Committee Report: Gunderson reported on last meeting and survey. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the mailing of the survey to Town residents not to exceed \$1,000.00, with the money coming out of the Park Fund. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Discussion on dump survey. Michael Helgeson will contact surveyors to get more details. Survey bid will need to be approved at next Town/Village joint meeting. Discussion on purchasing mapping from County for use by Parks & Planning.

Appointment of Two Parks & Rec Members: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to appoint Michael Helgeson and Bill Lawson to the Park & Rec Committee for a three-year term. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Somerset Soccer: Kim Dunleap addressed the Board on the popularity and growth of the Somerset Soccer Program. The program is in need of more fields.

Old Business: 85th Street Reconstruction Project-Review Preliminary Plans: Discussion on constructing the road to a 40 mph or 45 mph design standard, navigable water and DNR permits, retaining walls/guardrails, new driveway location for Roger LaMirande, cost and necessity of soil borings, and timeframe for work to be completed. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Gunderson to pursue engineering to a minimum 45 mph speed design standard. Motion carried. All members voted yes. A special meeting with the ACA engineer, Town Board and adjacent landowners is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 8:00 p.m.

New Business: Clarification of Operator's License Fees: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to charge \$15.00 for operator's licenses with an additional \$5.00 if the Town needs to pay for a background check. Motion carried. All members voted.

Approval of 2006/07 Liquor, Operator, Cigarette, Concessions, Tubing & Salvage/Junkyard Licenses: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve the list of 2006/07 licenses as presented, pending receipt of all paperwork and responsible beverage course completion certificates. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Nancy Brown-Request for Special Exception Permit to operate Tree of Peace as an Institutional Use in an Ag./Residential District: Brown addressed the Board requesting to operate a historic, cultural, environmental and educational retreat facility on the 16-acre parcel at the end of 208th Ave. Kevin Hansch stated activities might negatively impact his property due to increased traffic. Hansch concerned with future expansion. Schachtner stated 208th Avenue is not scheduled for reconstruction. After a lengthy review, motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the special exception request to operate Tree of Peace as an institutional use in an ag./residential district with the condition of a 2-year review by the Town of Somerset. Motion carried. Demulling, Plourde, and Schachtner voted yes. Germain and Gunderson abstained.

St. Croix National LP-Amendment to an Existing Special Exception Permit: County previously approved a special exception permit on November 30, 1995. As a result of the new hwy. 35/64 corridor, the main entrance to the golf course is difficult to find. The applicants propose a new 200 square foot sign on their property off of the 32nd Street cul-de-sac road right-of-way. Board consensus was Town should contact state DOT to request a directional sign at the County Road V exit for all the adjacent businesses. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve the special exception permit amendment for St. Croix National LP to install a 200 square foot sign on their property. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Jerry Sandahl-Request for Special Exception and Variance for Filling and Grading w/in 40' of the Slope Preservation Zone in the Lower St. Croix Riverway District: Board reviewed numerous conditions from St. Croix County Board of Adjustments. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to approve the Special Exception and Variance Request for Jerry Sandahl. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement w/County for Purchase of ADA-Compliant Voting System: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Gunderson to approve the intergovernmental cooperative agreement with St. Croix County for the purchase of the ADA-Complaint Voting System. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Consideration of Direct Seller's Permit Ordinance 2006-01: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to postpone the Direct Seller's Permit Ordinance to next meeting. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Requirements for Letter of Credit for Paving & Shouldering: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to increase the Letter of Credit requirement to 120% for paving and shouldering. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Sealcoat Bid from Scott Construction for 165th Avenue: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Gunderson to approve the bid of from Scott Construction for \$13,129.00 for sealcoating 1.245 miles of 165th Ave. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Road Maintenance-205th Avenue (E. of Hwy. 35): Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve saw cutting/sealing of 205th Avenue (E. of Hwy. 35). Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Impact Fees/Engineering Firms to Conduct Needs Assessment Study: Discussion on interviewing engineering firms and obtaining costs for 2007 budget. Next month's agenda.

Website Proposals from WWBMI and Pressenter: Board reviewed proposals and costs from WWBMI and Pressenter. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve the Pressenter Development Agreement of \$1,000, along w/free hosting and no annual license fee. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Planning Commission Report-JEO Surveying/Wayne & Renee Rivard-1 Lot CSM: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the 1 Lot CSM for Wayne & Renee Rivard. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

JEO Surveying/CM & E Business Park Relocation of Driveways for Lots #1 & #2: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve the relocation of driveways for Lots #1 & #2 on the plat of CM & E Business Park. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

S & N Surveying/William Tennis-3 Lot CSM: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the 3 Lot CSM for William Tennis. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Rauch presented a draft Exotic Animal Ordinance for review and possible adoption at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk