

**Town of Somerset  
Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 7, 2009**

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Plourde, Germain, Demulling, Rauch and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Public input-Rita Lawson requested the Town Board make the annual payment of \$250.00 to Robert Kamish for mowing and water usage at the Old Town Hall. Town Board consensus last year was to pay Kamish \$250.00 annually. Lawson suggested Town Board look at improving the public address system and provide an easel for land division maps. Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports:** Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the September Minutes as provided. Motion carried. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Plourde to approve the September Financial Report. Motion carried.

**Animal Control Report:** Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the September Animal Control Report. Motion carried.

**Building Inspector's Report:** Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to approve the September Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried.

**Fire/Rescue Commission Report:** Demulling read a report from Belisle. 20 calls for September; annual total is 273 calls. October is Fire Prevention Month with Open House and activities planned. Update on joint meeting held September 30<sup>th</sup>. 2010 Fire/Rescue budget was approved. Discussion on winter maintenance of dry hydrant at Pine Lake.

**Parks & Rec Committee-Update on Walking Trails at Dumpsite and Name for Park:** Trails mowed, driveway installed with fencing to be put up soon. No decision on the name yet.

**Consideration of Grant Making Policies & Procedures Guidelines & Donation Request Application Form:** Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the Grant Making Policies & Procedures & Donation Request Application Form for Park Fund account with an application deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup> annually. Motion carried.

**Transportation & Facilities Committee Report:** Schachtner reported on October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting- PACER needs to be finished, sewer line to be fixed, 2010 possible road projects reviewed, Pine Lake-DNR Grant money has been received, handicap door opener for Town Hall/Senior Center is being considered, pricing on single axle dump truck and equipment is being obtained, and annual employee performance review was completed.

**Consideration of Pricing & Purchase of Single Axle Dump truck and Equipment:** Discussion on purchase of single axle dump truck and equipment. Special meeting may have to be called as all pricing has not been obtained as of this date.

**Planning Commission Report-Monea Johnson-Special Exception Permit Request to Establish Animal Luv Inn Kennel & Boarding Facility at 1584-32<sup>nd</sup> Street:** Planning Commission has approved this request as this property is zoned commercial. Four-plex would be converted into grooming area, office, employee room and merchandise sales. Shed would house animals for boarding. Driveway is 300' separation between Loch Ness/Patio Lounge and field driveway to shed. Driveway permit will have to be obtained from the Town, but shouldn't be a problem as it meets separation. Question on cell phone tower and shed usage-is the change in use of the shed permissible with cell phone tower on site? Applicant was advised to check with County Zoning. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to recommend to St. Croix County approval for a Special Exception Permit for Monea Johnson to own and operate Animal Luv Inn Kennel & Boarding Facility at 1584-32<sup>nd</sup> Street. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission Vacancy:** Rauch announced the need to advertise for one opening on the Planning Commission. Town will post on internet Website and interested parties contact Larry Rauch by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Codification of Ordinances:** Plourde reported General Code and Municode quotes are being obtained.

**New Business-Repeal Ordinances-Subdivision June 4, 1976, Contiguous Buildable Area 1998-04, Lot Setbacks 2000-01, Road Standards 2000-05, Amendment to Road Standards 2001-02, Adjacent Landowner Notification 2004-03, 1250' Setback from Landfill 2005-01, Asphalt Cul-de-sac Surface Amendment to Road Standards 2005-02, Setback from Road Right of Way 2007-01:** Due to adoption of the new subdivision ordinance on September 2, 2009, the above listed ordinances are no longer needed because they are included in the new subdivision ordinance. Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to repeal the nine ordinances as listed above. Motion carried.

**Approval of Operator's License for Gerald Maypark:** Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve an Operator's License for Gerald Maypark. Motion carried.

**Tax Collection Agreement with St. Croix County for 2009-2010:** Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the Tax Collection Agreement with St. Croix County for 2009-2010. Motion carried.

**Pricing & Consideration of Approval of New Computer Software & Support:** Civic Systems and WorkHorse are being considered. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve purchase of Workhorse software and support with a payment plan to be budgeted over a three year period. Motion carried.

**Announcements:** St. Croix County Board appointed Ryan Sicard to District 30. A budget workday with the auditor will be held October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. Ribbon cutting ceremony for new soccer fields at the High School will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Jeri Koester,  
Clerk