

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2011
Selectmen's Conference Room
6:00pm**

Call to Order – First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present – First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and CFO Kim Marcotte. Selectman Bud Knorr was not present.

Selectmen's Update-

Mrs. Pellegrini provided the Board with an update on the computer installation.

Mrs. Pellegrini provided the Board with a status update on items to be repaired under the Insurance Claims due to the snow storm damage as well as to the leak in the Land Use Office.

Mrs. Pellegrini stated the new ambulance is scheduled to be delivered next week.

Mrs. Pellegrini also stated Mr. Jim Taylor had resigned as the temporary Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Opportunity for Selectmen to Add Agenda Items-

Mrs. Pellegrini wished to add FEMA Grant Authorization under Item 8.3 under New Business, the Bowers Lacrosse Tournament under Item 6.2 under Local Traffic Authority, Direct Deposit of Paychecks under Item 8.4 New Business and Pension Attorney under 8.5 New Business.

Boards and Commissions

Resignations and Appointments – none

Local Traffic Authority

Charity Ride Approval – CHARLIE's Ride is hosting a charity motorcycle ride on Saturday, August 13, 2011 and they will be traveling through Somers during the ride. Sgt. Claudio has been working with the organizer to review a traffic control plan and does not have any concerns with the proposed route.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve CHARLIE's Ride on August 13, 2011. Mrs. Pellegrini seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed.

Bowers Lacrosse Tournament-Mrs. Pellegrini shared a letter she wrote to Mr. Mark Murdoch regarding the Board of Selectmen's motion to require Local Traffic Authority Approval for the Bower's Lacrosse Tournament. She said she had also discussed it with Mr. Murdoch on the phone as well as discussing it with the Recreation Commission. Mrs. Pellegrini also relayed information regarding a discussion during the last Recreation Commission Meeting concerning the Board's desire to have the Recreation Commission prioritize fields as well as actively work with the sports associations through the Recreation Director. The Recreation Director is to be the major point of contact.

Old Business-

Polling Locations-In an effort to streamline costs only one polling location will be used during the November 2011 elections. This has been discussed with the Registrars and they have stated this is acceptable. This information will need to be advertised to the public. Mrs. Pellegrini and Mrs. Devlin discussed announcing this at the referendum in May, as well as posting it on the website and having it placed on the Town Hall and Senior Center Signs as the elections draw near.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to use the Town Hall as the only voting place for the November 2011 elections. Mrs. Pellegrini seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed.

Open Space and Trails-Planning Chairman Brad Pellissier had sent a draft document for the Open Space and Trails Committee. Mrs. Pellegrini and Mrs. Devlin reviewed the document making a few changes. The document will be forwarded to the Town Attorney and then sent back to the Planning Commission.

New Business-

Elderly Bus Transportation Grant –

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini to negotiate and sign all necessary Agreements/Contracts on behalf of the Town of Somers with the CT Department of Transportation regarding the Elderly Bus Transportation Grant. Mrs. Pellegrini seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed.

Insurance Advisor RFQ-A final decision was made regarding the Town's RFQ for an Independent Insurance Advisor.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to award RMI Associates the contract to be the independent Insurance Advisor for the Town of Somers. Mrs. Pellegrini seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed.

FEMA Grant Authorization –

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini to sign all necessary Agreements/Contract on behalf of the Town of Somers regarding the FEMA Grant. Mrs. Pellegrini seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed.

Direct Deposit of Paychecks-

CFO Kim Marcotte communicated a plan to have all employees except seasonal temporaries use direct deposit for their paychecks beginning July 2011.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to make direct deposit mandatory except for seasonal temporaries beginning July 2011. Mrs. Pellegrini seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed.

Pension Attorney –

Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Board the last meeting of the Pension Committee in which the Pension Consultant introduced Attorney Bruce Barth from Robinson & Cole as the attorney recommended to work with the Town in updating and/or revising the Town Pension Plan.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to hire Mr. Bruce Barth as the Attorney to work on updating and revising the Town's Pension Plan. Mrs. Pellegrini seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed.

2011/2012 Budget-

Discussion centered on the reduction of \$22,000 from the Selectmen’s Budget and \$27,000 from the Transfer Station Budget. Several scenarios were discussed including the moving of funds from the Salary Increase Line to another line item to fund the pension update/revision plan. Discussion will be continued.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments –

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize the scheduled payments of \$232,024.07. Mrs. Pellegrini seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed.

Appropriations and Transfers-

Department: Transfer Station

Transfer To:

Maintenance/Operation MSW	100-3034-040-0890-5-00	\$5,600.00
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Transfer From:

Part Time Transfer	100-3034-404-0120-5-00	\$5,600.00
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Department: Public Works & Transfer Station

Transfer To:

Overtime Salaries	100-3018-303-0140-5-00	\$2,000.00
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Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Transfers. Mrs. Pellegrini seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment-

Mrs. Pellegrini motioned to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 7:45pm, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Pellegrini-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.