

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 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, CFO Kim Marcotte and Town Attorney Carl Landolina. Mr. Knorr was absent.

Executive Session: Discuss pending claims and litigation re: Lipton/Gingras vs. Town of Somers-

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:05pm. Mrs. Devlin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Individuals present in Executive Session included First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Town Attorney Carl Landolina. Executive Session ended at 6:30pm.

Library Performance Bond-

Mrs. Pellegrini asked for an update regarding the Library Performance Bond. Attorney Landolina confirmed that the bonding company has been put on notice. He is in the process of scheduling a meeting with the bonding company, the contractor and the Town for the beginning of May. Mrs. Pellegrini stated that the contractor did not address several issues, including those with regard to the heating system. She referenced bills she recently received from the Library that were supposed to be paid for by the contractor but were never paid. Some go back to 2010 and are now in collections. The Library has asked if construction funds can be used to pay the bills. Attorney Landolina and CFO Marcotte stated that they should not be paid from construction funds. They should be paid from the Library operating budget. Attorney Landolina stated that they should be included in the bond meeting, at which he will request that they be paid from the performance bond.

Small Cities Grant RFQ Award-

There was only one bidder for the Small Cities Grant RFQ for grant preparation for Woodcrest Phase II and that was Community Opportunities Group, Inc.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to award the Small Cities Grant preparation contract to Community Opportunities Group, Inc. with the stipulation that all fees, including legal notice fees, associated with the Small Cities Grant application are to be paid by the Housing Authority and not the Town, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Boards and Commissions-

Resignations:

A letter was received by Recreation Chairman Jeff Jablonski stating that Troy Lamontagne was no longer a resident of Somers and was voted off the Recreation Commission as per Commission guidelines.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to not reappoint Troy Lamontagne as a Recreation Commission Member, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Appointments:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to appoint Mark Marschall as a full member to the WPCA to a 3 year term expiring on 12/22/2013, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

A decision to appoint the Town's CT Central Region Tourism Board Representative was tabled until a future meeting.

Pension Attorney-

Mrs. Pellegrini provided an update regarding the Pension Update/Revision process stating the Pension Attorney has completed a summary of the plan and has stated the documents are consistent. More information will be forthcoming at the next Pension Meeting.

2009 and 2010 Robert B. Percoski Community Service Award-

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to award the 2009 Robert B. Percoski Community Service Award to Barry Dolby, Mountain Tree and to award the 2010 Robert B. Percoski Community Service Award to David Birkenshaw, Birkenshaw Electric, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

2009 and 2010 Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employee Award-

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to award the 2009 Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employee Award to Paula LaFrance, DPW Secretary and to award the 2010 Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employee Award to Lisa Coope, Assistant Treasurer, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

2011/2012 Budget-

The \$30,000 in Library Budget reductions was received from the Library Director and they include reductions the Library Board have made to the following:

- \$700 from DVD's
- \$800 additional from Books
- \$3024 from Building Maintenance
- \$5200 from Electricity*
- \$5000 from Heat*
- \$15,276 from Salaries*

*These decreases would necessitate closing at 2:00pm two days during the week throughout the year.

The Selectmen discussed options regarding the transfer station and have decided to wait until the budget passes before implementing either option. It was agreed that the fire department budget should not be reduced by \$2000.

Changes to the budget which include \$75,000 in reductions as requested by the Board of Finance include the following:

