

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 5, 2011
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

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 Bud Knorr, CFO Kim Marcotte, Fire Dept. Chief Gary Schiessl and Volunteer Fire Dept. Captain/Safety Officer Rick McDonald.

Correspondence-

A letter dated May 2, 2011 from Ms. Sandra Fales stating her resignation effective May 2, 2011 as the Senior Center Bus Driver was read.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Fales effective May 2, 2011, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Opportunity for Selectmen to Add Agenda Items-

Mrs. Pellegrini wished to add the Fire Training Tower as an agenda item to be discussed before the Selectmen's Update.

Mrs. Devlin wished to add the following items including the Design Review Ordinance, Design Review Board Member Appointment and Senior Center after the Selectmen's Update.

Fire Department Training Tower-

Chief Schiessl and Captain McDonald presented the Selectmen with plans for the construction of a Fire Training Tower to be constructed next to the fire house. The tower would be 40 feet tall and would be paid for by the Volunteer Fire Department. Questions were asked by the Selectmen as to zoning implications and building structure. Town Engineer Jeff Bord was called in to give his opinion. He stated that due to the height of the Tower it would be best to have a structural engineer review the plans, as well as also perform a tipping study.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the Fire Training Tower pending an approved structural review of the tower by a licensed structural engineer, as well as a successful review of the zoning, building and building site issues by the Town Building Official, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Selectmen's Update-

Legion Hall Building-The roof at the Legion Hall Building needs to be replaced as the shingles have separated leaving a 12 foot by 6 inch opening. Roof replacement is scheduled for the week of May 9th.

Somersville STEAP Grant- Grant money for the Somersville Streetscape will be requested to be used for Mill Pond Park improvements as well as landscaping around the Legion Hall Building and cosmetic improvements to the Village Player Building itself.

Solar Grant – A meeting is being scheduled for BOE members to meet with DBS Energy to discuss the any questions regarding the Solar Grant.

Probate Court-

Mrs. Pellegrini stated that she was asked by Enfield to write a letter of support for their Small Cities Grant Application to create a Probate Court at the Hazardville Institute and asked the Selectmen for their opinion on the matter.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to support the existing Probate Court Offices in Enfield and Stafford as per the two year agreement with the Probate Court Administration and, if mandated by the State to merge to one location at the end of the two year period, the location for the new Court should be at the Kibbe-Fuller Building in Somers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Design Review Ordinance-

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adopt the Design Review Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Design Review Board-

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Judith Reeves as a member of the Design Review Board to a term expiring 12/22/2014, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Senior Center-

Mrs. Devlin asked that Human Services Director Jen Charette develop a plan to invite residents from the over 55 developments to come and use the Senior Center.

Local Traffic Authority –

New England Chili Cook Off- The event will take place at Pleasant View Farm on Saturday May 7, 2011. Sgt. Claudio has no concern with the traffic plan.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to grant Local Traffic Authority Approval for the New England Chili Cook Off on May 7, 2011, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Human Resources Consultant-

This item was tabled until the next BOS meeting.

FY 2012 STEAP Grants-

A new round of STEAP grants totaling up to \$500,000 for each Town will be available in Fiscal Year 2012. Deadlines are due by June 23, 2011. Priority will be given to projects that generate economic development, create or retain jobs, improve quality of life for individuals and are able to begin in the near future. The Selectmen discussed a possible sidewalk on Route 83, a playground, a new parking lot for Town Hall and improvements to parking areas throughout Town.

Memorial Day Program-

A Memorial Day will be held at 10am on May 28, 2011 at the Somers High School. The Town Clerk is the Town contact and is working with the school to coordinate the program.

September 11th Memorial Program-

The Selectmen are interested in coordinating a 10th Anniversary September 11th Memorial Program and a field of flags at the fire station to honor the fallen firemen and asked Chief Schiessl for his input on this. Concerns are the number of events already planned for that weekend. The Fire Chief will discuss this with the Volunteer Organization and get back to the Selectmen.

Town Septic Systems- A few weeks ago the Town Hall experienced a septic problem. The problem was caused by power being shut off at the pumps at the Little League Building. The labeling on the electrical panel was corrected and locks were installed to prevent this from happening again. The Town Sanitarian is working on a schedule for the maintenance of all Town property septic systems and is obtaining quotes for the maintenance. These should be in by June 1st.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments-

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize the scheduled payments of \$250,300.04, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

**Appropriations/Transfers-
Appropriations:**

Department: Board of Education

Transfer To:		
Board of Education	100-7023-080-0890-5-00	\$28,862
Transfer From:		
Fund Balance	100-0010-003-0847-4-01	\$28,862

Department: Fire Department

Transfer To:		
Vehicle Repairs-Ambulance	100-4124-020-0433-5-00	\$1,167.33
Transfer From:		
Other Revenue	100-0010-007-0844-4-01	\$1,167.33

Transfers:

Department: Fire Department

Transfer To:		
Vehicle Maintenance	100-4124-020-0433-5-00	\$1,000
Equipment Maintenance	100-2016-020-0432-5-00	\$2,850
Transfer From:		
Ambulance Uniforms	100-4124-020-0650-5-00	\$1,000
Tires and Tubes	100-2016-020-0617-5-01	\$500
Radio and Battery	100-2016-020-0619-5-01	\$500

New Equipment	100-2016-020-0730-5-00	\$500
Equipment Replacement	100-2-16-020-0739-5-00	\$500
Volunteer Stipend	100-4124-020-0161-5-00	\$450
Training	100-4124-020-0322-5-00	\$400

Department: Police

Transfer To:		
Uniform Maintenance	100-2017-020-0650-5-00	\$131.50
Transfer From:		
Vehicle Maintenance	100-2017-020-0433-5-00	\$131.50
Transfer To:		
Training	100-2017-020-0322-5-00	\$117.00
Transfer From:		
Radio Maintenance	100-2017-020-0432-5-00	\$117.00

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Appropriations and Transfers, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Approval of Minutes-

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the following minutes, March 10, 2011 BOS Minutes with the amendment to the approval of the February 24, 2011 BOS Minutes. On the 2/24/11 minutes Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. Jeff Jablonsky to Mr. Kruzel's unfinished term which expires 12/22/12. The motion should be amended to read "Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. Jeff Jablonsky to Mr. Kruzel's term expiring 12/22/12."

March 14, 2011 Special BOS Minutes

March 15, 2011 Special BOS Minutes

March 17, 2011 Special BOS Minutes

March 23, 2011 Special BOS Minutes with the amendment to correct the spelling of Mr. Jim Botellio' last name from "Botilleo" to "Botellio".

March 28, 2011 Special BOS Minutes

seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. Mr. Knorr abstained as he was not a member of the Board of Selectmen at the time of the meetings. The motion passed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the following minutes,

April 1, 2011 10:00am Special BOS Minutes

April 1, 2011 1:00pm Special BOS Minutes

April 7, 2011 BOS Minutes

April 18, 2011 Special BOS Minutes

seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. Mr. Knorr abstained as he was not present at the meetings. The motion passed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the following minutes,

April 26, 2011 Special BOS Minutes with the amendment to change the wording under the Library Expansion Project/Performance Bond from "Mr. Socha did state that there may be

money available from donations as well as from the Library Board” to “Mr. Socha shared his concerns that fundraising toward construction could be used to address the repairs if needed. The CFO explained that in the payment process raised funds are used prior to the use of bond proceeds.”

April 28, 2011 Special BOS Minutes

seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournments-

Mr. Knorr motioned to adjourn the Selectmen Meeting at 8:10pm, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Pellegrini-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.