

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 28, 2015
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also in attendance: Michael Marinaccio-CFO, Brian Wissinger-Accountant, Town Engineer Jeff Bord and one resident.

Pledge of Allegiance: All members participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Mrs. Devlin requested to add to the agenda the 2015 Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employee Award and the 2015 Robert B. Percoski Community Service Award selections.

2015 Robert B. Percoski Community Service Award:

Mrs. Devlin recommended Kathleen and Michael Freedman for the Community Service Award for all they do in giving back to the community hosting the Chili Cook-offs.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to award the 2015 Robert B. Percoski Community Service Award to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Freedman, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

2015 Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employee Award:

Ms. Pellegrini recommended that the entire department of Public Works receive the Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employees Award.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to award the Department of Public Works with the 2015 Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employees Award, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Selectmen's Update:

LoCIP Recommendation: Ms. Pellegrini received a list of roads recommended for crumb rubber coverage from Todd Rolland-Director of Public Works. Ms. Pellegrini recommends using existing LoCIP funds for the project and requested CIP approval from the Selectmen. The request will then be sent to the Board of Finance for CIP approval.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the use of existing LoCIP funds to crumb rubber town roads and to send the request on to the Board of Finance for CIP approval, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Somersville Mill Property: Ms. Pellegrini stated she signed the Environmental Services Contract with GEI for Phase I and Phase II Environmental studies at the Somersville Mill property. Testing will begin shortly.

Correspondence: Ms. Pellegrini received a letter from Ann Moses, Chair of Somers Open Space and Trails Committee (OSTC), requesting to hire a Forester. The Board of Selectmen

discussed and reviewed the request and agreed that hiring a forester would be beneficial; however the Town, as per policy, will be the one to hire and sign the contract. The Selectmen asked Ms. Pellegrini to coordinate the OSTC with the Dept. of Public Works/Tree Warden to discuss the process.

Boards & Commissions:

Appointments:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to appoint Mr. David Arnold to the Camp Ayapo Strategic Committee with a term expiring 12/22/16, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Resignations:

Ms. Pellegrini received notification that Mr. Jerome Young resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Jerome Young with regrets and thanks for service, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Mountain Road Update:

Town Engineer Jeff Bord gave an overview of the Mountain Road Project. Project plans were reviewed and meetings with the Engineering consultants were held in May. Plans are being revised now with July being the timeframe for “final” plans and specifications. A Public Hearing will be held sometime in August. Permits will be submitted to Conservation in September with permit approval in October. In November we will advertise Bid for Construction. Construction to begin in April 2016 with completion scheduled for October 2016 (approximately).

Cemetery Grave Digging:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize the Chief Financial Officer, as per Town Policy, to use three quotes to contract for Cemetery Grave Digging, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

2016 Budget:

CFO Michael Marinaccio distributed the letter that the Town will be sending to OPM along with a copy of the Town’s fiscal year 2015-2016 annual operating budget in accordance with Section 7-406b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the letter sent to OPM, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

2015 Budget Closeout:

Brian Wissinger Town Accountant reviewed the 2015 year end Revenues with the Board of Selectmen. CFO Michael Marinaccio reviewed the 2015 year end expenditures with the Board of Selectmen.

Authorization of Scheduled payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$104,954.18, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations: None

Minutes for Approval:

May 15, 2015 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the May 14, 2015 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:21pm , seconded by Mr. Korr. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.