

**TOWN OF SOMERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT STUDY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014
7:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Fire Commission Members David Palmer and Andrew Rockett. Those also in attendance included Town Attorney Carl Landolina, Town Labor Attorney Pat McHale, Fire Chief Gary Schiessl, Deputy Chief Frank Falcone, Deputy Chief Keith Allard and Somers Firefighters Glen Reynolds, Ray Stovall and Bob Wheeler.

Volunteer Fire Department Association/Town of Somers Agreement:

Attorney McHale shared with the group a draft of the VFDA/Town of Somers Agreement. Lengthy discussion followed with revisions to the agreement made. Chief Schiessl will supply additional comments regarding the duties of the Fire Chief in the near future. An updated draft will then be reviewed by the Fire Association Board of Directors in November and be presented to the Fire Association Body in December. It is hoped to have an agreement signed by January 15, 2015.

Fire Ordinance:

Attorney Landolina shared with the group a draft of the Fire Commission Ordinance. Lengthy discussion followed with revisions to the document made. The Fire Commission will review at their next meeting and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for approval. It will then follow the ordinance adoption process.

Staffing Considerations:

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2014 Fire Department Study Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, seconded by Mr. Palmer. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment:

Mr. Palmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm, seconded by Mr. Rockett. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Pellegrini-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.