

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

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

Members Present: Lisa Pellegrini, First Selectman, Selectman Bud Knorr, Kim Marcotte CFO. Selectman Kathy Devlin was unavailable. Also in attendance was David Pinney, Housing Authority Chairman.

Correspondence: None

Selectman's Update:

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectman of the 2 tragic events that occurred in Town this past week. Somers resident, Aidin-Paul Hannan, age 8, of Quality Avenue died after a bicycle accident on Tuesday, October 4th. There will be a memorial service held for Aidin on Friday from 3-7pm at the Leete Stevens Funeral Home in Enfield.

There was a well accident at the property of 215 Hampden Road, Somers. One worker later identified as Vernon resident Martin Petersen of Vernon fell in the well and died. Mrs. Pellegrini was at the scene and reported that the Somers Fire Department and CT State Police, along with Enfield Fire Department were there. Somers DPW were also there with heavy equipment to provide assistance. Officials later determined that the accident occurred 50 feet over the Connecticut line into Hampden, Mass., and the investigation was turned over to Massachusetts authorities.

Mrs. Pellegrini stated she could not be more proud of the Fire Department, the State Police and the DPW for the way they conducted themselves. It is instances like this that demonstrates why proper training and equipment are so vital. The accidents occurred within a few days of each other and several of the individuals reported to both scenes. Mrs. Pellegrini is going to send a letter to the staff thanking them for the outstanding job they did.

Opportunity to add Agenda Items:

Mr. David Pinney of the Housing Authority stated he sent a letter to Commissioner Catherine Smith extending an invitation to visit the Phase II expansion of Woodcrest. He would like to extend the same invitation to the Selectman. Mr. Pinney asked the Board of Selectmen if they had heard any word about the results of the Small Cities Grant. Mrs. Pellegrini stated that she was at a meeting with OPM Secretary Benjamin Barnes and Commission Smith and while there was still no word on the grant disbursements they did state that priority will be placed on projects that are shovel ready and assist with economic development and affordable housing. No money should be expected for planning purposes. In addition there is a possibility that the grants will be released in phases. Mrs. Pellegrini stated that she is doing all she can to move things forward.

She stated that the project cannot be more shovel ready, and all agreed that the grant focuses on much need affordable housing for Seniors.

Mrs. Pellegrini mentioned that the Emergency Plan will be updated and she will be reaching out to the Woodcrest Property Manager as well as Housing Authority Member Mary Lou Hastings to invite them to the next Civil Prep Meeting to discuss ways to improve emergency notification communications with the residents of Woodcrest.

Correction to the Minutes:

Mrs. Pellegrini stated a correction to the Minutes of Thursday, September 22, 2011 were needed.

Remove Incorrect Section:

Boards and Commissions:

Mrs. Pellegrini stated that Ms. Kerry Tuttle was interested in the becoming a member of the Civil Preparedness Advisory Council. Acting Interim Emergency Management Director Dan Thayer has contacted Ms. Tuttle and supports the appointment.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Ms. Kerry Tuttle to the Civil Preparedness Advisory Council to a term expiring 12/22/12013, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed.

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Boards and Commissions: None

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to authorize the amount of \$46,185.33 for Scheduled payments. Seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Appropriations/Transfers: None

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:35pm. Seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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