

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, October 12, 2011  
9:30AM  
Selectmen's Conference Room**

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

**Members Present:** Lisa Pellegrini, First Selectman, Selectman Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr.

**DPW Staffing:**

The Skills testing for the final DPW candidates has been completed. Todd Rolland, Deputy Director of Public Works and Jeff Bord, Town Engineer/Director of Public Works interviewed the ten most qualified candidates on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. From those interviews they narrowed it down to the four finalists. On Wednesday, October 5, Mr. Rolland conducted a skills test which involved backhoe operation and truck driving. Mr. Bord and Mr. Rolland recommend hiring the two top scoring finalists, Francis Bugden and Louis Cicarelli.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the recommendation made by Mr. Bord and Mr. Rolland to hire Francis Bugden and Louis Cicarelli as maintainers in the Department of Public Works, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Auction Results:**

Mrs. Pellegrini announced the auction results which took place at Sales Auction Company, Inc. in Windsor Locks, CT on October 1, 2011. The total income received from auctioning old DPW equipment was \$24,749.00.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion bring to the Board of Finance the results from the auction with the recommendation for disbursement to general funds and to purchase new equipment, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Town Construction Projects Update:**

Mrs. Pellegrini provided the Selectmen with an update on the following construction projects.

**Battle Street Sidewalk project:**

The Battle Street sidewalk project is moving forward nicely and should be finished in the next few weeks.

**Solar Panels:**

Most of the solar panels on the school are installed. The next step will be the wiring. Mrs. Pellegrini is working with DBS Energy on determining the next phase of solar panel projects. Funding for future projects is available. Mrs. Pellegrini announced she would like to invite DEEP Commissioner Esty to a tour on the solar panel projects.

**STEAP Grants:** Mrs. Pellegrini stated that she was at a meeting with OPM Secretary Benjamin Barnes and Commission Smith and while the State Bond Commission did release the \$20,000,000 for the STEAP Projects there was still no word on how the disbursements are to be made. They did state that priority will be placed on projects that are shovel ready and assist with economic development and affordable housing.

**Adjournment:**

*Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 10:15am, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

*Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.*