

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 9, 2012  
6:00pm  
Selectmen's Conference Room**

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

**Members Present:** First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr, Kim Marcotte, CFO and Somers Resident Richard Collins.

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

**Opportunity to Add Agenda items:**

**Resolution:**

Mrs. Pellegrini wants to apply for the FFY2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant and requests a resolution and authority to sign all documents associated with the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection FFY 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize Mrs. Pellegrini to sign any and all documents associated with the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection FFY 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous decision followed.*

Mrs. Pellegrini requested to expand on Item No. 11 to include Building Use Policy.

Mrs. Devlin briefly spoke about recommendations for the Robert B. Percoski Community Service Award and the Adolph P. Anderson Employee Award. The Board of Selectmen agreed to discuss it in the future.

**Correspondence:**

Mrs. Pellegrini received an email from Ms. Ann Levesque requesting that the Farmers Market begin earlier than normal, beginning in March or April, pending weather conditions and extending later than normal to mid-October if the weather allows. New hours would be from 10:00am -1:00pm. The Board was ok with the changes; however Ms. Levesque would need to provide a certificate of insurance for the market.

Mrs. Pellegrini received correspondence that Gov. Malloy has proposed increasing Education Cost Sharing funding; The Town of Somers' proposed ECS funding for 2012-2013 is \$56,665.00.

**Selectmen's Update:**

Mrs. Pellegrini announced budget reviews are ongoing. Mrs. Pellegrini commented she is working with the Fire Marshall on his budget and reviewing what Town buildings have for annual costs and alarms.

**Boards and Commissions:**

Mrs. Pellegrini received prior information from the Town Clerk's Office that the BOS appoint the Emergency Management Director for a specified term limit which was voted on during at the 12/15/11 Regular BOS meeting. However, according to CT State Statutes 28- 7 the Emergency Management Director is appointed and does not have term expiration.

*Mr. Knorr made a motion that the term limit as voted on at the 12/15/12 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting for Mr. Dan Thayer, Emergency Management Director be deleted, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous decision followed.*

**Local Traffic Authority:**

Mrs. Pellegrini received an email request from Ms. Raissa Iyvers, Race Director on behalf of the Somers Academy Grammar School requesting approval for the Mill Pond 5K race on May 12, 2012. Sergeant Jose Claudio has no issues or concerns with the race.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Somers Academy Grammar School Mill Pond 5k Road Race, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous decision followed.*

**American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (AARA), Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), DEEP Quickspend Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program (EECP) Award.**

Mrs. Pellegrini announced to the Board of Selectmen that the Town received a \$27,793.49 grant for energy efficient Town Hall lighting retrofits, as well as for an expansion of the Firehouse Solar Photovoltaic System. Mrs. Pellegrini requested permission to sign all associated grant documents.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize Mrs. Pellegrini to sign any and all documents associated with the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (AARA), Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), DEEP Quick spend Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program (EECP), seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous decision followed.*

**Girl Scouts Centennial Proclamation:**

Mrs. Pellegrini requested permission to sign the Girls Scouts Centennial Proclamation. The Proclamation declares 2012 as the Year of the Girl and Celebrating 100 year of Girl Scouting.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize Mrs. Pellegrini to sign the Girl Scouts Centennial Proclamation, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous decision followed.*

**Building Use and Recreation Field Use Fees:**

Amy Saada joined the Board of Selectmen meeting via- telephone; a lengthy discussion followed regarding fees, however the Board agreed that the field usage fees should go to the Recreation Commission for review and recommendation.

*Selectmen Bud Knorr left t the meeting (7:00pm).*

The Selectmen continued their conversation regarding fees for buildings, at this time Amy Saada left the teleconference. A notification will have to go out to all Civic groups that Certificate of Insurance will be needed, adding the Town of Somers and the BOE as additional insured. Mrs. Pellegrini will work on an addendum attachment to the Building Use Policy regarding fees for room uses.

**Authorization of Scheduled Payments:**

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize the schedule of payments for the sum of \$382,808.13, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous decision followed.*

**Appropriations/Transfers: None****Approval of Minutes:**

January 26, 2012 Regular BOS Meeting  
January 26, 2012 Special BOS Meeting  
February 7, 2012 Special BOS Meeting  
February 8, 2012 Special BOS Meeting

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the following Board of Selectmen Minutes:*

*January 26, 2012 Regular BOS Meeting  
February 7, 2012 Special BOS Meeting  
February 8, 2012 Special BOS Meeting  
seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.*

The minutes for January 26, 2012 Special BOS Meeting were tabled for another date as Mrs. Pellegrini was not at that meeting and there was no quorum to approve the minutes.

**Adjournment:**

*Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:10, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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