

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 22, 2012
6:00PM
Town Hall Auditorium**

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

Members present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectman Kathy Devlin and Budd Knorr. Kim Marcotte, CFO. Also in attendance were Somers residents.

Opportunity to add agenda items:

Charter Revision:

Mrs. Devlin asked that the Charter revision committee selection be discussed.

Selectmen's update:

Solar Panels:

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen on the Solar Panels at the School. A small adjustment is needed before CL&P will approve the system. The vendor will be completing this the first week in April. Solar panels for the Town Garage will begin the 1st week in April.

Recycling at the Schools: Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen on her meeting with School management and USA Hauling regarding efforts to increase recycling at the school. This was done in an attempt to lower tipping fees paid for by the Town.

Regional Emergency Management Seminar:

Mrs. Pellegrini announced she attended the Regional Emergency Management Seminar hosted by Northeast Utilities on March 15, 2012 with Dan Thayer, Emergency Management Director and George Collins, Deputy Emergency Management Director. Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Board what was covered at the seminar. Items include importance of preplanning, how to prepare and personnel safety plans. A new website was also unveiled and Mrs. Pellegrini recommends this link be placed on the Town Website.

Charter Revision:

The Board of Selectmen discussed selecting members to serve on the Charter Revision Committee and felt that a smaller rather than a larger member group would be more effective. The Board also discussed scheduling a special meeting in the near future to select the members.

Local Traffic Authority

Chili Festival:

Mrs. Pellegrini announced that the Chili festival will be April 28th and 29th 2012. Mrs. Pellegrini commented that Sergeant Claudio had no issues with the event; therefore Mrs. Pellegrini requested LTA approval for the festival. The Selectmen asked if staff had been contacted by the Lacrosse Association for their annual tournament and Mrs. Pellegrini stated that this was discussed at the last staff meeting and no one had heard anything yet.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Chili Festival for April 28th and 29th 2012, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Employee & Community Awards:

Employee Awards:

Mrs. Pellegrini recommended Todd Rolland, Deputy Director of Public Works and Vincent Weston who works at the Transfer Station to receive the 2011 and 2012 Adolph P. Anderson Employee Award, respectively.

Community Service Award:

Mrs. Pellegrini recommended Dan Thayer and Roland and Aileen Henry to receive the 2011 and 2012 Robert B. Percoski Community Service Award, respectively.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept and approve the Employee and Community Service Award recommendations made by Mrs. Pellegrini, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Budget:

Mrs. Pellegrini announced that the Board of Finance is going forward with a proposed budget of \$29,241,201 and there will be a flyer going out to all residents to attend the following:

- April 23, 2012 Public Hearing at Somers Elementary School Auditorium 7:00pm to discuss the 2012-13 annual budget and receive comments.
- May 8, 2012, Annual Town Meeting, Somers Town Hall Auditorium at 7:00pm to adopt the annual Budget and set a referendum date.
- May 22, 2012 Referendum, Somers Town Hall Auditorium to vote on the annual budget

The flyer is now one page. Additional information is available on www.somersct.gov and www.somers.k12.ct.us.

Library Letter:

Mrs. Pellegrini presented the Library Board's letter dated March 16, 2012 to the Board of Selectmen; Mrs. Pellegrini will respond to the Library Board of Trustees regarding the budget cuts FY12-13.

Request to sell a DPW truck:

Mrs. Pellegrini received a request from Todd Rolland, Deputy Director of Public Works requesting to sell plow truck #18 at an auction on May 5, 2012, as they are expecting to take delivery of the new plow truck at the end of April.

Mr. Knorr Made a motion to approve the sale of Plow truck # 18 at the auction on May 5, 2012, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Recreation Discussion:

Mrs. Pellegrini received an email from Amy Saada; Director of Social Services regarding online registration for all the recreation programs. The Selectmen liked the idea of online registration.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the online registration for the recreation programs, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

POCD Questionnaire

Mrs. Pellegrini shared the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) questionnaire with the Board of Selectmen that will be going out to all Somers residents week of April 2, 2012.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Authorization of Scheduled Payments for the sum of \$158,191.37, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Appropriations/Transfers:

Department: Fire Department

Transfer To:

<u>Equipment Maintenance</u>	<u>100-2016-020-0432-5-00</u>	<u>\$3,200.00</u>
<u>Vehicle Maintenance</u>	<u>100-2016-020-0433-5-00</u>	<u>\$4,300.00</u>
		\$7,500.00

Transfer From:

<u>New Equipment</u>	<u>100-2016-020-0730-5-00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<u>Tires Tubes</u>	<u>100-2016-020-0617-5-01</u>	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
<u>New Equipment</u>	<u>100-4124-020-0730-5-00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<u>Contingency</u>	<u>100-0900-090-0890-5-03</u>	<u>\$4,300.00</u>
		\$7,500.00

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above transfer, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Approval of Minutes:

1/26/12 Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the 1/26/12 Special board of Selectmen meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

2/9/12 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting minutes

2/10/12 Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes

2/13/12 Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes

2/13/12 Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes

2/14/12 Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes

2/14/12 Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes

2/15/12 Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes

2/27/12 Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above mentioned Board of Selectmen meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

2/16/12 Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes

2/23/12 Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above mentioned Board of Selectmen meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

3/8/12 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting minutes

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the 3/8 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting minutes with the following change “in the heading the word “Agenda” should be changed to “Minutes”, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:08pm, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.