

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, May 17, 2012  
6:00PM  
Selectmen's Conference Room**

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

**Members present:** First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Budd Knorr, Town Attorney Carl Landolina and CFO Kim Marcotte were present. Also in attendance were Northern CT Land Trust Members Culver Modisette, Jim Gage and Richard Dewey.

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

**Executive Session – Land Acquisition**

*Mr. Knorr made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.* Those attending the Executive session included First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr, Town Attorney Carl Landolina, CFO Kim Marcotte and Northern CT Land Trust Members Culver Modisette-President, Jim Gage-Treasurer and Richard Dewey.

**Executive Session ended at 7:05pm.**

*At this time the members of the Northern Connecticut Land Trust and Town Attorney left the meeting and Fire Chief Gary Schiessl and Deputy Fire Chief Frank Falcone joined the Board of Selectmen meeting.*

**Correspondence:**

**Letter:**

Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Board a letter given to her by resident Mr. Carl J. Keller. He had written a book of poetry called “Widge Over Troubled Waters: The Language of the Widge” and donated the book to the 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York.

**Thank you Letter:**

Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Board a letter Chief Schiessl received from the Town of Brimfield, MA thanking the Somers Fire Department for responding to a call for mutual aid to fight a serious brush fire on April 4, 2012.

**Request Letter:**

Mrs. Pellegrini presented an email from Deputy Chief Frank Falcone requesting to attend the All Hazards Communications Technician Certification course on June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Pellegrini and Chief Schiessl agreed this was beneficial training.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize Deputy Chief Falcone to attend the All Hazards Communications Technician Certification Course on June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**CIP/Fire Equipment:**

Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Board a letter received from the Somers Firefighters Union Local 4284, which was previously emailed to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance for their information. The letter pointed out the concerns with the state of the apparatus fleet and the

numerous malfunctions, breakdowns and repairs exceeding what the dept. budget allowed. The letter also stressed the concerns for safety of the Firefighters and the citizens of Somers. Mrs. Pellegrini also shared her response letter to the Firefighters Union Members.

Mrs. Pellegrini showed the Selectmen a deteriorated elbow from Squad Truck 246. Deputy Chief Falcone explained the elbow is at the base of the water tank and is connected to the tank fill line that is used to refill the apparatus water tank. The elbow had greatly deteriorated from water over time and had a noticeable pin hole. Deputy Chief Falcone also stated that due to design features, if this elbow had failed during use it would have lost all the water in the tank in a rapid fashion leaving interior firefighters without protection of a fire stream. Deputy Chief Falcone commented that the apparatuses they are constructing now, all the plumbing on the pumpers are being made with stainless steel preventing potential catastrophic failure.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the handout from Chief Schiessl of apparatus down time and agreed that they would share the information with the Board of Finance members at the next BOF meeting and stress the need for reliable fire trucks as per Chief Schiessl's previous proposal.

*Chief Schiessl and Deputy Chief Falcone left the meeting at this time.*

#### **Legislative Update:**

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen on the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Meeting she attended on May 9, 2012 recently. Mrs. Pellegrini provided handouts regarding passed legislature and info on mandates for the Board.

*At this time and Ann Marie Logan, Town Clerk joined the meeting*

#### **Correspondence continued:**

**Posting of Minutes and Agendas** – The Board of Selectmen and Ms. Logan discussed who would be responsible for posting minutes and agendas on the website for Boards and Commissions. Mrs. Devlin explained the original intent and importance of a Town Liaison for Boards and Commissions. The Board agreed it would be suitable to have a Town Liaison for each board do the postings. Mrs. Pellegrini was very concerned with compliance and did not wish to put the Town in jeopardy by missing deadlines. Ms. Logan stated that she will still continue to monitor the Boards publishing dates so that all Boards and Commissions are compliant. Ms. Logan will be preparing a Policy about posting agendas and minutes.

#### **Boards and Commissions:**

##### **Appointments:**

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Devine to the Recreation Commission with a term expiring 12/22/2013, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

*Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to appoint the following Board members to the Plan of Conservation & Development Steering Committee;*

##### *From Planning:*

*Brad Pellisier, Cliff Bordeaux, Greg Genlot, Scott Sutter, Bill Salka & Adam VanWingerden.*

##### *From Economic Development:*

*Rich Cheney and David Reed*

##### *From the Board of Selectmen:*

*Kathy Devlin*  
*seconded, by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Local Traffic Authority:**

Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Board of Selectmen the proposed Parking/Traffic plan for the Paul Bowers Memorial Lacrosse Tournament for June 2 & 3, 2012. State Police, DPW, Library, Recreation and Fire find the plan acceptable.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Paul Bowers Memorial Lacrosse Tournament as per the Parking/Traffic plan for June 2 & 3, 2012, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Authorization of Scheduled Payments:**

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments for the sum of \$ 139,968.27, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Appropriations and Transfers:**

**Dept: Finance**

**Transfer To:**

<u>ADS Financial Software</u>	<u>100-0011-010-0334-5-00</u>	<u>\$ 415.00</u>
<u>Supplies</u>	<u>100-0011-010-0612-5-00</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
		\$ 665.00

**Transfer From:**

<u>Technology Services</u>	<u>100-0017-010-0334-05-01</u>	<u>\$ 415.00</u>
<u>Supplies</u>	<u>100-0010-010-0612-05-00</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
		\$ 665.00

**Dept: Recreation**

**Transfer To:**

<u>Small Fry Camp Payroll</u>	<u>100-9098-090-0130-5-02</u>	<u>\$ 8,141.00</u>
<u>Summer Camp Self Support</u>	<u>100-9098-090-0619-5-00</u>	<u>\$ 3,561.00</u>
		\$ 11,702.00

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<u>Summer Camp Payroll</u>	<u>100-0017-010-0334-05-01</u>	<u>\$ 8,141.00</u>
<u>Recreation Self Support</u>	<u>100-9098-090-0890-05-00</u>	<u>\$ 3,561.00</u>
		\$ 11,702.00

**Dept: Finance**

**Transfer To:**

<u>Town Report</u>	<u>100-0034-010-0550-05-01</u>	<u>\$ 957.00</u>
		\$ 957.00

**Transfer From:**

<u>Contingency</u>	<u>100-9099-090-0890-05-03</u>	<u>\$ 957.00</u>
		\$ 957.00

**Dept: Selectmen**

**Transfer To:**

<u>Registrar of Voters Stipend</u>	<u>100-0035-010-0160-05-00</u>	<u>\$ 2,432.00</u>
		\$ 2,432.00

**Transfer From:**

<u>Temp Salaries</u>	<u>100-0010-010-0130-05-00</u>	<u>\$ 2,432.00</u>
		\$ 2,432.00

**Dept: Finance**

**Transfer To:**

<u>Town Hall Int</u>	<u>100-8031-100-0830-05-01</u>	<u>\$ .34</u>
<u>Kibbe Fuller Int</u>	<u>100-8031-100-0830-05-02</u>	<u>\$ .29</u>
<u>Fire Dept Int</u>	<u>100-8031-100-0830-05-04</u>	<u>\$ .11</u>
<u>Infrastructure</u>	<u>100-8031-100-0830-05-05</u>	<u>\$ .25</u>
<u>Public Works Int</u>	<u>100-8031-100-0830-05-06</u>	<u>\$ .39</u>
		\$ 1.38

**Transfer From:**

<u>School Int</u>	<u>100-8031-100-0830-05-07</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>
<u>MBA Roof Int</u>	<u>100-8031-100-0830-05-08</u>	<u>\$ .27</u>
<u>MBA School Int</u>	<u>100-8031-100-0830-05-10</u>	<u>\$ .11</u>
		\$ 1.38

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from May 3, 2012, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Adjournment:**

*Mr. Knorr made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 8:10pm, 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.*

