

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 23, 2012
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

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

Members Present: First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr also in attendance was Town Engineer Jeff Bord. CFO Kim Marcotte was in attendance for the later half of the meeting.

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Selectmen's Update:

Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Board a visit she had from Jack Denehy. Jack is an 8 year old boy who is very interested in Town Government and he had asked to spend some time helping out at Town Hall. On August 23, 2012 Mrs. Pellegrini spent an hour with Jack giving an overview of Town Government and Public Works, touring Government offices, discussed the importance of voting and getting involvement in the community and worked on a parking plan exercise for the November Election. In closing Mrs. Pellegrini presented Jack with a Certificate of Appreciation for his help and assistance.

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from Deputy Chief Frank Falcone recommending Bryan Platt be hired as a part-time Firefighter.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to hire Bryan Platt as a part-time firefighter, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Streetscape Grant:

Mrs. Pellegrini requested authorization to sign the application extending closing date for the \$580,000 STEAP grant. The grant was to expire on 6/30/12 but due to the Mill fire Mrs. Pellegrini had requested an extension to 12/31/13.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini to sign the documents necessary to extend the Somersville Streetscape Grant application to extend the deadline to 12/31/13, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Earmark Update:

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectman regarding the \$1.98 million Federally Funded Earmark from Senator Lieberman. Mrs. Pellegrini and Jeff Bord, Town Engineer met with representatives from CT DOT and CRCOG on August 16th to begin the process of using the earmark and it was an extremely positive meeting. Both CT DOT and CRCOG agreed to proceed with the project and a CT DOT project manager was assigned to Somers. Unfortunately on August 17th the Obama Administration released an announcement that states must obligate idle earmark monies by December 31, 2012 or it will be re-distributed. This is a huge blow as the timeline is so short and the process is extremely long and cumbersome. Right now Mrs.

Pellegrini is in contact with Senator Lieberman's office, CT DOT and CRCOG to determine the next steps.

Cleaning Town Buildings:

Mrs. Pellegrini received an email from Jeff Bord, Town Engineer requesting Adams and Adams be hired for the building maintenance/cleaning.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to hire Adams and Adams for the building maintenance/cleaning, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Girl Scout Project:

Mrs. Pellegrini met with Girl Scout Emily Teel regarding her Gold Project of flooring at the Senior Center. Ms. Teel was in the process of obtaining a quote for the flooring. She will update Mrs. Pellegrini in the near future.

Retirement:

Mrs. Pellegrini reminded the Board that the staff will be having a retirement "luncheon" party for Jim Jenkins on 8/31/12 beginning at 12:00 noon and to please stop by and wish him a happy retirement.

Boards and Commissions:

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter of resignation from Mr. Neil Connell from the Cultural Commission to be effective on October 8, 2012.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the Mr. Connell's resignation with regrets, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

CT Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF) Agreement:

Mrs. Pellegrini requested authorization to sign the CEEF Agreement for the Police Station lighting retrofit.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini to sign the CEEF Agreement, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

CIP Forms:

Mrs. Pellegrini presented DPW CIP project forms for the next 5 years for the Board to approve. They included forms for a Loader Backhoe, a front end loader, two pickups and a paver power box replacement.

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

Budget Update:

Kim Marcotte, CFO joined the meeting at this time.

The Board of Selectmen had a lengthy discussion regarding cross training employees.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Proclamation:

Mrs. Pellegrini asked the Board of Selectmen if they would like to issue a proclamation in an effort to increase awareness and recognize September as Leukemia, Lymphoma and Mylemoa Awareness Month.

Mr. Knorr made a motion recommending the Board support the proclamation for Leukemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma Awareness month, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Authorization of Scheduled Payments in the sum of \$108,374.84, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Appropriations/Transfers: None

Approval of Minutes

July 20 Special BOS Minutes

July 26 Regular BOS Minutes

August 3 Special BOS Minutes

August 9 Special BOS Minutes

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

August 16 Special BOS Minutes

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above minutes, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:15pm, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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