

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 21, 2013  
6:00pm  
Selectmen's Conference Room**

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

**Members Present:** First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr and Interim CFO Chris Hutton. Also in attendance were Carole Pyne -President of the Somers Historical Society, Inc. and Paul Martinello, a town resident and member of the Somers Historical Society.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

All members participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Selectmen's Update:**

*Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to add approval of minutes to the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.*

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the following minutes, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini, the motion passed.*

*1/24/13 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes*

*1/24/13 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes*

*1/29/13 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes*

*2/4/13 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes*

*2/6/13 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes*

*2/7/13 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes*

**GIS Recommendation:**

Mrs. Pellegrini received correspondence from Jeff Bord, Town Engineer recommending that New England GeoSystems, LLC be awarded the GIS contract.

*Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the recommendation to award the GIS contract to New England Geo Systems, LLC, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.*

**CIP Request:**

Mrs. Pellegrini received a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) request from Jeff Bord, Town Engineer for the Senior Center Roof Replacement. Hazardville Roofing Co., Inc. came in as a low bidder for a winter scheduled replacement at \$18,900.00 and for a spring scheduled replacement at \$20,900.00.

*Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the Senior Center Roof Replacement CIP request and to forward the request on to the CIP Committee/Board of Finance for final approval, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Budget Discussion:** Mrs. Pellegrini anticipated a long budget discussion and requested to move the topic to the end of the meeting to ensure all other agenda items were addressed in the meeting.

**Correspondence:**

**Local Traffic Authority:**

Mrs. Pellegrini received an email from Sergeant Jose Claudio recommending Local Traffic Authority approve for the Somers Academy 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mill Pond 5K Race on May 11, 2013. *Mrs. Devlin made a motion to grant Local Traffic Authority approval for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mill Pond 5K Race on May 11, 2013, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

#### **Historical Society:**

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from Carole Pyne, President of the Somers Historical Society informing the Board of Selectmen of a Civil War History Day event that will be held on May 11, 2013 from 10:00am to approximately 3:00pm the location will be at the Somers Historical Museum and Somers Common (11 Battle Street). Ms. Pyne commented she is working with the local State Police and Fire Marshall for any permits she may need. Ms. Pyne wanted to make see if there were any concerns the Board had with the Civil War History Day. The Board agreed that they do not have any issues with the Event and fully support the Civil War History Event and the Historical Society.

#### **Library:**

Mrs. Pellegrini read a letter the Selectmen were copied on from Library Board Chairman Shirley Warner addressed to the Somers Lacrosse Association regarding the Bowers Tournament. In the letter Ms. Warner commented that the Library Board of Trustees will be meeting and discussing the impact of the tournament on the library and will keep them informed of any decisions or plans they might implement.

#### **Storm Charlotte Review:**

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen on Storm Charlotte and complimented DPW, State Police, Fire and Emergency Management Personnel for exceptional work during this historic snow storm. DPW plowed for 40 continuous hours and also plowed state roads to ensure emergency access after the State DOT stopped early Saturday morning. All roads were open with two lanes by 7:30pm on Saturday evening. Town Buildings were inspected for damage and for unsafe snow accumulations on roofs. Mrs. Pellegrini participated in all of the State Wide conference calls and on one call did publically thank DEMHS Region 3, CL&P and the State Police for their exceptional communications before, during and after the storm.

The Town has experienced several large scale emergency situations during the last two years and the Board, as is the Board of Finance, concerned by the increasing amount of time and responsibility resting on volunteers and discussed alternatives that may ease the burden while still complying with state mandates. Further discussion will be needed between the Town Emergency Management Director and the Selectmen.

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

Mrs. Devlin commented that Rob Martin would like to be an alternate on the Zoning Commission.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Robert Martin as an alternate member of the Zoning Commission with a term expiring on 12/22/16, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

#### **Transfers and Appropriations: N/A**

#### **Authorization of Scheduled Payments:**

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$36,446.77, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

#### **Budget Discussion and Approval:**

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the proposed FY 13/14 Town Side budget as presented at \$6,742,645, a 0% increase from last year, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Adjournment:**

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm, 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.*