

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 12, 2013
6:00pm
Town Hall Auditorium**

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

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

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also in attendance were Mike Marinaccio-Interim CFO, Town Attorney Carl Landolina and several interested Town residents.

CVS Discussion: Mrs. Pellegrini acknowledged that there have been many rumors regarding CVS coming to Town and was now in a position to share with the Selectmen some factual information. She stated that Land Use Officials were recently approached by CVS representatives for a pre-application conference regarding a potential CVS at the corner of Routes 190 and 83. As of today there has been no application filed. Mrs. Pellegrini asked Attorney Landolina to the meeting because he was present at the pre-application conference and wanted him to be available to the Selectmen to share information and to answer any questions the Board had regarding process or procedure.

Attorney Landolina explained he and several Land Use Officials attended a pre-application meeting with CVS representatives. The plans they presented will need a number of variances which if filed in an application will need approvals by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Public Hearings are required part of the process. The Board discussed concerns that they had regarding the intersection as well as bringing up questions regarding the need for reviewing the zoning regulations. Questions were also brought up regarding Village Districts and Historical Districts. The Board Attorney Landolina explained that the area is neither a Village District nor Historical District, although several years ago a Village District was proposed but was overwhelmingly voted down. The Board again focused on concerns about traffic and the intersection and the frustration that they have with not having the intersection score high enough for the DOT to begin improvements. Attorney Landolina recommended having a traffic study done so that there is advice now and in the future for information to bring to the State for improvements.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to authorize Mrs. Pellegrini to investigate and get quotes for a traffic study for Rt 190 and 83 pending CVS application and variance approval, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

The Board of Selectmen opened the discussion to the residents attending the meeting.

Correspondence:

Mrs. Pellegrini received an email from Ken Coelho regarding Camp Ay-Po and questions as to the purchase of the property. Mrs. Pellegrini explained that there were various Board and Commission Meetings held, as well as a Public Hearing and a Town Meeting regarding the property and that the Town ultimately voted to purchase the property with the revenue from the sale of the lots going back into the open space fund.

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Mrs. Pellegrini wished to add the sale of the 1989 Maxim Pumper for \$15,000.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to accept the offer in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the Maxim Pumper, seconded by Mrs. Devlin seconded. A unanimous vote followed.

Selectmen’s update:

Strom Alfred: Mrs. Pellegrini was pleased to announce that the Town will be receiving \$137,849.69 from the Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief funds as a reimbursement to municipalities for their eligible costs incurred as a result of Storm Alfred. Mrs. Pellegrini explained that in addition to Governor Dannel Malloy signing an Emergency Declaration in response to Storm Alfred, President Barack Obama signed an Emergency Declaration for the State of Connecticut on October 31, 2011 and ordered Federal Aid supplement local aid, making the funding available. The responsible party for distribution of the reimbursement is the Department of Transportation.

Re-Appointment: Mrs. Pellegrini was pleased to share with the Board her reappointment as a member of the Capital Region Council of Governments Executive Committee. This ensures Somers is well represented in the regional COG’s.

POCD Update: Mrs. Devlin updated the Board on the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The Committee decided to reduce the number of members due to attendance issues. The Committee would like to begin work on Chapter 4 and would like the Board of Selectmen’s approval to proceed.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the POCD Committee to begin work on reviewing Chapter 4-Economic Development, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

School Roof Project Designation:

Mrs. Pellegrini stated that at the last Board of Finance meeting they discussed the School Roof Replacement as part of the bonding initiative. Mrs. Pellegrini asked for a motion as to who will be responsible for that project.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint the Board of Education to oversee the School Roof Replacement Project, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Boards and Commissions:

Resignations:

Mrs. Pellegrini announced Ms. Janice Steinmetz resignation from the Cultural Commission dated December 6, 2013.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets and thanks for service, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Re-Appointments:

Board/Comm	Term Exp	Member	
Adv Comm to Elderly		Amy Saada-Dir-Chrm	
	12.22.2014	Ailene I. Henry	
	12.22.2014	Dorothy Bynack	
	12.22.2014	Eileen T. Fedorowich	
	12.22.2014	Elaine L. Bemont	
	12.22.2014	Patricia M. Bachetti-Sr	
	12.22.2014	Phyllis Gwilliam	
	12.22.2014	Ronald Collyer	
	Assessment Appls	12.22.2016	Donald W. Gaskell

Conservation Comm Alt	12.22.2016	Francis W. Devlin Jr
Design Review Brd	12.22.2014	Lise Wood
Emerg Preparedness Adv Council	12/22/2016	Kenneth John Albert
	12/22/2016	Neil G. Connell
		Gary Schiessl-Fire Chief
		Sgt Jose Claudio-Trooper
		Todd Rolland-Highways
		Maynard Suffredini-Schools
		Charles Daniel Thayer Jr
Housing Authority	12.22.2015	Joseph R. Tolisano
	12.22.2015	Karen J. Hocking
	12.22.2015	Peter DeBrino
	12.22.2015	Timothy Kradas
	12/22/2017	MaryLou Hasting
	Prison Liaison/Public Safety	12.22.2014
12.22.2014		Edward Barton Lynch
12.22.2014		Gail Hoff
12.22.2014		Jerome A. Young
12.22.2014		Marie T. Leonard
12.22.2014		Raymond J. LaFlamme
12.22.2014		Robert L. Minch
12.22.2014		Robert L. Pease
12.22.2014		Thomas Clark
WPCA	12.22.2016	Mark V. Marschall
	12/22/2013	Douglas C. Stebbins
Zoning Commission	12/22/2017	Daniel A. Fraro

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above listed Boards and Commission reappointments, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

New Appointments

Board/Comm	Term Exp	Member
Cultural Commission	12.22.14	Joan Batchelor
Economic Development Commission	12.22.16	Bob Schmidt
Recreation Committee	12.22.15	Edward Barton Lynch

Mr. Knorr made a motion to appoint the above members to the associated Boards/Commissions/Committees, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Camp Ayapo Ad Hoc Committee Appointments:

The Board of Selectmen wishes to form a six month Ad Hoc Committee made up of the following members. The Committee's charge will be to provide recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding a plan of strategic goals and objectives for the recreational use of Camp Ayapo. The 6 month appointment will begin in January and commence June 30, 2014.
Camp Ayapo Ad Hoc Committee

06.30.2014	Steve Squillace
06.30.2014	Lucas Cherry
06.30.2014	Ed Giza
06.30.2014	Barbara Capuano
06.30.2014	Ken Coelho
06.30.2014	Brad Pellessier
06.30.2014	Patrice Carson
06.30.2014	Walter Mieliwocki
06.30.2014	Dominic Wilson

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the appointment of the above individuals to the Camp Ayapo Ad Hoc Committee, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Staffing:

Mrs. Pellegrini received an email from Todd Rolland, Deputy Director of Public Works requesting to hire Scott Kloter for the position of on call part time Seasonal Plow Operator.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to hire Scott Kloter for the position of on call part time Seasonal Plow Operator, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made motion to approve the Authorization of Scheduled Payments in the amount of \$277,990.30, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

**Transfers/Appropriations:
Supplemental appropriation**

<u>Training</u>	<u>100-2016-020-0322-5-00</u>	<u>\$1,000.30</u>
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Transfer

Transfer To:

<u>Training</u>	<u>100-2016-020-0332-5-00</u>	<u>\$1,000.30</u>
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Transfer From:

<u>Other Revenue</u>	<u>100-0010-007-0844-4-01</u>	<u>\$1,000.30</u>
		\$1,000.30

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Supplemental appropriation and Transfer for the Fire Department, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Minutes – 12/2/13 Special BOS Minutes.

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

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:32pm, seconded by Mr. Knorr the motion passed and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.