

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 20, 2014
1:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called meeting to order at 1:00pm

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectman Kathy Devlin and Brian Wissinger-Finance Intern. Selectman Bud Knorr was available by conference call at 3:30pm.

Budget Discussion:

The Budget for the Fire Marshall was presented by Fire Marshall Robert Morpurgo. Fire Marshall Morpurgo left the meeting at 1:45. The Selectmen discussed the budget until 2:45pm

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to add the following items to the agenda; Bonding Discussion, Bird Cannon Resolution Approval, and Finance Department Staffing, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

Bonding:

Interim CFO Mike Marinaccio, School Business Manager Bill Boutwell and Janette Marcoux-, Senior Vice President of First Southwest joined the meeting at 2:30 to discuss questions everyone had with the upcoming bonding process. Various questions were asked about both bonding and BAN's (bonding anticipation notes) to Ms. Marcoux. Ms. Marcoux, Mr. Boutwell and Mr. Marinaccio left the meeting at 3:30pm.

Selectman Bud Knorr joined the meeting via conference call at 3:30pm. The Selectmen updated him regarding the budget process and discussed revenues as well as expenditures.

Finance Department Staffing:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to hire Brian Wissinger as the new Accounting Associate with a hire date effective February 24, 2014 pending background check, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. Mrs. Devlin abstained. The motion passed.

Bird Cannon Resolution:

Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Selectmen the resolution prepared by the Town Attorney regarding the Bird or Noise Cannon Resolution discussed at a previous Board of Selectmen meeting.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Bird Cannon Resolution (see attached as submitted) and to move forward with a Town Meeting to be held on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7:00pm, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Sale of 1980 International Commercial Fire Engine:

Mrs. Pellegrini received an email from Deputy Chief Frank Falcone requesting to sell the 1980 International Commercial Engine for \$8,000.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the sale of the 1980 International Commercial Engine for \$8,000.00, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Authorization of Scheduled Payments in the amount of \$137,411.81, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 5:15pm, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.

Be it known, the Town of Somers (the "Town"), acting through its Legislative Body, adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. 22-26g, the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture (the "Commissioner") has issued or reissued a permit to allow for the use of a noise making device ("the device") to Thomas and Lorrie Lyman, related to agricultural activities at 128 Shaker Road, Lots 1 and 2; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds that there is an undue hardship presented to nearby residents by the use of the device; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner is given the authority to determine that the use of the device creates, or will create, an undue hardship on nearby residents.

NOW THEREFORE, the Town, having made the findings set forth above, hereby requests the Commissioner to deny or cancel the right to use such device.