

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 12, 2015
5:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting order at 5pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini and Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also in attendance were CFO Michael Marinaccio and Accountant Brian Wissinger.

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

Boards and Commissions/Appointment and Resignations:

Ms. Pellegrini received a resignation letter from Ms. Jan Collins of the Open Space and Trails Committee.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept Ms. Jan Collin's resignation from the Open Space and Trails Committee with much regret and many thanks for service, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Fire Chief Interview Committee Appointments:

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the recommendations made by the Fire Department Study Ad Hoc Committee and finalized the Fire Chief Selection Committee appointments.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint the following individuals to participate in an Initial Selection committee to review the resumes/applications submitted for the Fire Chief position:

Keith Burger, from Fire Commission to serve as Chairman of the Selection Committee

Rick McDonald, from Volunteer Association

Robert Wheeler, from Career Staff

Charles Flynn, Fire Chief from Suffield

Bruce Dixon, Fire Chief from Bolton

Jack Flanagan, Fire Chief from Hazardville

Ed Sawicki, Consultant to represent the Town in a Human Resource capacity

Seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to appoint the following individuals to participate in the Second Selection Committee to interview candidates for the Fire Chief interviews:

Keith Burger, from Fire Commission to serve as Chairman of the Selection Committee

Gina VanWingerden, from Volunteer Association

Ray Stovall, from Career Staff

Dr. Maynard Suffredini, representing the Schools

CFO Michael Marinaccio, representing the Finance Department

Ed Sawicki, Consultant to represent the Town in a Human Resource capacity

Seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to work with the Town Consultant and the Selection Committee Chairman to appoint another chief due to schedule unavailability or to adjust interview schedules and panel makeup as recommended by

the Fire Chiefs or as deemed necessary by the Town Consultant to ensure a fair, confidential and quality hiring process, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Staffing:

DPW

Ms. Pellegrini received a recommendation from Todd Rolland-Director of Public Works to hire William Shapiro and William Johnson in the position of on-call seasonal snow fighter.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to hire William Shapiro and William Johnson as on-call seasonal snow fighters, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Finance Department

Ms. Pellegrini received a request from CFO Michael Marinaccio to allow Ms. Sara Baruffaldi to also work part time the Tax Collectors office during tax collection season with additional hours as warranted.

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

Senior Center

Ms. Pellegrini stated the Town received word from Easter Seals that there is no longer an Easter Seals employee at the Senior Center. It is not known yet if Easter Seals will fund the position in the future.

Brownfield Grant Application:

Ms. Pellegrini requested authorization to sign and submit the Brownfield Grant Application.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign and submit the Brownfield Grant Application for remediation of the Somersville Mill Site, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

2015 Homeland Security Grant Program Memorandum of Agreement and Authorizing Resolution:

Ms. Pellegrini requested the Selectman approve of the authorization to sign the 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program Memorandum of Agreement and Authorize the Resolution.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the resolution to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program Memorandum of Agreement, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$540,419.69, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

East River Energy Agreement:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorized First Selectmen Lisa Pellegrini to sign the Revised Agreement with East River Energy to lock in heating oil and Diesel fuel prices, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations: None

Approval Minutes:

October 15, 2015 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the October 15, 2015 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 5:56pm, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.