

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 7, 2015
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

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

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini and Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also in attendance were CFO Michael Marinaccio, Senior Accountant Brian Wissinger, Fire Chief John Roache and Town Clerk Ann Marie Logan.

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

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Ms. Pellegrini made a motion to add the following item to the agenda "2016 Fire Act Grant Application", seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

2016 Fire Act Grant Application:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to authorize the First Selectman and Chief John Roache from the Fire Department to apply for the 2016 Fire Act Grant for 2 Lucas Devices (Automatic CPR Devices) one for each ambulance, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Discussion and Action on Lease for Front End Loader and Dump Truck:

Mr. Wissinger explained the lease agreement for the front-end loader and dump truck, along with the cost breakdown. Ms. Logan was present to witness and notarize signatures.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the execution of the lease agreement and to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the lease documents for the Volvo L90H Wheel Loader and the 2016 International 4300 Cab and Chassis with dump body and plow in the amount totaling \$314,922.00, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Ms. Logan left the meeting at this time.

Initiate Action to Repeal the Somers Fire Commission Ordinance:

Ms. Pellegrini requested a motion to set a date for the Public Hearing to initiate the action to repeal the Somers Fire Commission Ordinance.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to set the date of Thursday, January 21, 2016 to hold a Public Hearing so that residents may be heard regarding the repeal of the Somers Fire Commission Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Selectmen's Update:

Ms. Pellegrini invited Fire Chief John Roache to the Selectmen's meeting to give the Selectmen an opportunity to welcome him. Brief discussion followed regarding the Chief's first week on the job.

Ms. Pellegrini shared with the Selectmen the news of the Town of Somers being selected as a finalist to give a presentation to State Officials regarding the Town's Brownfields Remediation Grant application for the remediation of the Somersville Mill site.

Ms. Pellegrini gave an update on the latest mid-year cuts made to the Town in January. The additional mid-year budget cut was in the amount of \$614.00.

CFO Update:

Michael Marinaccio briefed the Board of Selectmen on the following items:

Annual Audit Report: The Audited Annual Financial Reports have been received by the Town and the auditors reported the following:

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) FY 2015:

The CAFR for FY 2015 contained an unmodified “clean” opinion. It is an audit of all the Town’s financial statements for all funds. There was also no material noncompliance with laws, no significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses in internal controls.

Federal & State Single Audit FY 2015:

The FSA focuses on compliance and internal control for state and federal awards. An unmodified “clean” opinion was given on compliance. The SSA focuses on compliance and internal control at the State Financial Assistance Level. An unmodified “clean” opinion was issued on compliance. There were also no significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses in internal controls.

Town Pension Plan:

The Auditors report showed that the Town Pension Plan is funded at 97.3%; The Board of Education Plan is funded at 76.8% and the Volunteer Fire Fighter’s Plan at 110.2%

Tax Sale:

There are 7 properties that are slated to go to a Tax Sale on March 22, 2016 at Town Hall.

Selectmen Bud Knorr left the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:45pm.

2016 STEAP Grant Application:

Ms. Pellegrini requested authorization to apply for 2016 STEAP Grant for the installation of high speed fiber broadband.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to submit a 2016 STEAP Grant Application for the installation of high speed fiber broadband in town, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Boards & Commissions – Resignations and Appointments:**Fire Department Study Ad Hoc Committee:**

Ms. Pellegrini made a motion to officially disband the Fire Department Study Ad Hoc Committee immediately following one last meeting of that committee to approve minutes and to also thank the committee members for their excellent and timely completion of their work, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Resignations:

Ms. Pellegrini received notification from Mr. George Warner regarding his decision to resign from the Pension Committee and his decision to not seek reappointment on the Cemetery Committee.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept Mr. George Warner’s resignation from the Pension Committee and to also accept his decision to not seek reappointment on the Cemetery Committee with regrets and many thanks for years of service, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Appointments:

Ms. Pellegrini recommended Mr. Edward Sawicki to be appointed to the Prison Liaison/Public Safety Committee replacing a position vacancy left open per Committee Member Ray LaFlamme decision to not seek reappointment.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. Edward Sawicki as a member of the Prison Liaison/Public Safety Committee to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Ray LaFlamme, with a term expiration of 12.22.2016, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Reappointments:

Ms. Pellegrini recommended reappointing Mr. Jeff Bord as the Deputy Emergency Management Director and Mr. Joseph Tolisano to Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to reappoint Mr. Jeff Bord as the Deputy Emergency Management Director with a term expiration of 12.22.2017, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to reappoint Mr. Joseph Tolisano as member of the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council with a term expiration of 12.22.2016, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount \$234,248.12, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Transfers/Appropriations: None

Approval of Minutes - 12/17/15 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes:

Amendment to 12/15/15 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the 12/17/15 Board of Selectmen meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to amend the 12/15/15 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes to include the following statement "A unanimous vote followed." after a motion that was made after the Executive Session ended and to accept the minutes once amended, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:05pm, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.