

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016
Immediately Following the 6:00pm Public Hearing
Town Hall Auditorium**

Call to Order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:25pm.

Members Present: Members present included First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini and Selectman Kathy Devlin. Also present were Fire Chief John Roache, Attorney Carl Landolina and a few interested residents. Selectman Budd Knorr was not present.

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

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items: None

Discuss and Act on the Repeal of the Fire Commission Ordinance:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to repeal the Somers Fire Commission Ordinance with an effective date 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication, at which time the Fire Commission will be officially disbanded, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Selectmen's Update:

Brownfield Grant Presentation: Ms. Pellegrini stated she and the Town Engineer, Town Sanitarian, CFO and Operations Manager, along with the Town Environmental Consultant presented the \$1.8 million Somersville Mill Brownfield Remediation Project to various state officials from such departments as DEEP, DECD and OPM on January 19th. The Town's application was one of eight finalists for Brownfield Remediation Grant funding. Ms. Pellegrini said the presentation went very well and announcements should be forthcoming shortly.

Senior Center Ad Hoc Committee: Mrs. Devlin stated she attended the Senior Center Coffee Talk and heard various comments from the well attended event. One topic included the desire to expand or build a new Senior Center. Mrs. Devlin discussed that there is a process that must be followed to ensure that required data be gathered, reviewed and compiled into a plan that is supported by the community. She discussed the possibility of creating an Ad Hoc Committee to address this. Ms. Pellegrini stated that such committees are extremely helpful as advisories and are successful when specific charges are assigned to a uniquely experienced and strategic minded group of individuals. She mentioned the Somersville Mill Ad Hoc Committee as a successful example. Future state aid was discussed and both agreed more discussion will follow.

Fire Chief Update:

Fire Chief Roache provided the selectmen with an operational update.

Budget Referendum Dates:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the 2016/2017 proposed Schedule for Referendum as listed below:

Public Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Annual Town Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Referendum Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2016

And to also forward the dates to the Board of Finance, 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 of \$33,601.20, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Transfers/Appropriations: None

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.