

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 17, 2016
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

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

Members Present: Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, and Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr.

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

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Ms. Pellegrini made a motion to add an agenda item "Approval of Minutes", seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Approval of Minutes:

2/18/16 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

2/28/16 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

3/10/16 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from 2/16/16, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the 2/28/16 & the 3/10/16 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Selectman's Update: None

Staffing:

Ms. Pellegrini received a recommendation from Lt. Jose Claudio to proceed with the hiring of retiring Connecticut State Trooper Christopher Snow to fill the position of a full time Police Officer.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to proceed with the hiring of Mr. Christopher Snow to fill the position of full time Town of Somers Police Officer, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Ms. Pellegrini received a request from Michael Marinaccio CFO to approve the job description for a part time Revenue Clerk and to post the position.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the job description and the job posting for a part time Revenue Clerk, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program:

Ms. Pellegrini requested the Selectmen approve Somers' participation in the FY2016 Ellington Regional Small Cities CDBG Application to the CT Department of Housing, authorize the Joint Cooperation Agreement with the Town of Ellington and to authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve Somers' participation in the FY2016 Ellington Regional Small Cities CDBG Application to the CT Department of Housing, approving the Joint Cooperation Agreement with the Town of Ellington (see attached) and authorizing First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the agreement, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Boards and Commissions:

Somersville Mill Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee Charges:

The Board of Selectmen discussed and voted on the new charges for the Somersville Mill Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the following charges for the Somersville Mill Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee:

- 1. Using the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Brownfield Remediation Grant Financial Assistance Proposal Project Description Guidelines, recommend development options for the site prioritizing in order the following considerations: revenue generation, environment impact and community support for each option.*
- 2. Advise the Board of Selectmen on methods of public outreach to promote successful development of the site.*

Seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Authorizations of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$136,904.40, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 5:00pm, 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.

FOR JOINT COMMUNITY APPLICATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT
CONNECTICUT SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

This agreement entered into on the 14th day of March, 2016, by and between the Town of Ellington and the Town of Somers.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Towns of Ellington and Somers have identified a need in the municipalities to provide decent housing and related conditions, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ellington contemplates submitting jointly with the Town of Somers an application for single purpose block grant funds under the Small Cities Program of the Connecticut Department of Housing for the purpose of meeting such needs, and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Ellington and Somers understand that the Town of Ellington will act as the applicant and will have the ultimate responsibility to assume all obligations under terms of the grant including assuring compliance with all applicable laws and program regulations and performance of all work in accordance with the contract.

WHEREAS, it is understood that the Towns of Ellington and Somers and DOH have access to all participants' community development block grant records and authority to monitor all activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant the Towns of Ellington and Somers agree to cooperate in the submission of an application for such block grant funds, and agree to cooperate in implementing the submitted Small Cities Program, as approved by the Department of Housing.

Nothing contained in this agreement shall deprive any municipality of any power or zoning, development control or other lawful authority that it presently possesses.

ADOPTED on this the 14th day of March, 2016.

The above Cooperation Agreement has been authorized by the governing body of the Town of Ellington, Connecticut, on March 14, 2016.

On behalf of the **Town of Ellington**:

Lori L. Spielman, First Selectman

ATTEST: _____
Diane H. McKeegan, Town Clerk

(SEAL)

The above Cooperation Agreement has been authorized by the governing body of the Town of Somers, Connecticut, on March 17, 2016.

On behalf of the **Town of Somers**:

Lisa Pellegrini, First Selectman

ATTEST: _____
Ann Marie Logan, Town Clerk

(SEAL)