**TOWN OF SOMERS**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, August 11, 2016**

**5:00pm**

**Selectmen’s Conference Room**

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

**Members Present:** First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini and Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also in attendance were Fire Chief John Roache and Lt. Jose Claudio.

**Local Traffic Authority Approval – The Austin Harlow/Hartford County 4-H Fair 5K Road Race on August 21, 2016 from 9-10am:**

Lt. Claudio gave his approval of the Austin Harlow/Hartford County 4-H Fair 5K Road Race on August 21, 2016 from 9-10am and recommends the LTA approve the race.

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to grant Local Traffic Authority Approval for the Austin Harlow/Hartford County 4-H Fair 5K Road Race on August 21, 2016, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

**Fire Department:**

**Part Time Fire Fighters Pay Scale:**

Chief John Roache is recommending the hourly pay rate for part time firefighters increase from $15 to $16 an hour effective September 18, 2016 in an effort to assist with recruitment and retention.

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the recommendation and increase the hourly rate for part time firefighters from $15 to $16 an hour effective September 18, 2016, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

**Part Time Fire Fighters Job Description and Application Process:**

Chief Roache is recommending the Board of Selectmen approve the updated Job Description and Application Process for part time firefighters.

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the recommendation and approve the updated Job Description and Application Process for part time firefighters, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

**Fire Chief Job Description Amendment:**

Ms. Pellegrini recommends amending the Fire Chief Job Description, modifying the residence requirements from 15 mile radius to 20 mile radius to the firehouse or 25 road miles to the firehouse.

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve amending the job description for the Fire Chief to increase the residency requirements from 15 mile radius to 20 mile radius to the firehouse or 25 road miles to the firehouse, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

Chief Roache left the meeting at this time.

**SRO Update:**

Lt. Claudio provided an update on the School Resource Officer (SRO) position along with its accomplishments over the past year.

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to move continue providing the SRO position for the upcoming school year using a Resident State Trooper, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

**Anticipated Executive Session to Discuss Police Staffing:**

***A motion was made by Mrs. Devlin to go into Executive Session at 6:03pm, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

Those in attendance included First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr, Lt. Jose Claudio and Operations Manager Kim LaFleur; Ms. LaFleur left the meeting at 7:00pm.

***Executive Session ended at 7:05pm.***

Ms. Pellegrini begins to take minutes due to the absence of Ms. LaFleur.

Board discusses the SRO update and recent national police news headlines.

**Adjournment:**

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:20pm, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Lisa Pellegrini-Recording

*Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.*