

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 12, 2017  
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, Library Director Jessica Miller and GEI Consultant Steven Hawkins.

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

**Staffing:**

Library Director Jessica Miller presented the position modification for the part time reference/teen librarian along with the job description and budget impact. Ms. Miller is requesting authorization to post the position; The Library Board approved the position modification at their January meeting.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the position modification for the part time reference/teen librarian and the job description and to also grant authorization to post the position, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

*Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to add the following items to the Agenda:*

- *Contract with Somers Funeral Home regarding unclaimed descendants.*
- *CIP Requests from the Fire Department.*
- *Somers Cemetery Business Plan:*

*Seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Contract with Somers Funeral Home Regarding Unclaimed Descendants:**

Ms. Pellegrini explained that due to State Budget Cuts, Towns in CT are now responsible for unclaimed descendants. The CT State Police are requiring information from the Town on how unclaimed descendants are to be handled. Ms. Pellegrini is requesting authorization to sign an agreement with Leete-Stevens Funeral Home to remove the deceased in the specific cases where there is no known legal next of kin, legal representative, designated person or agent to contact in the event of an untimely death. This agreement does not include the State Correctional Facilities.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the agreement between the Town of Somers and Leete-Stevens Funeral Home with regard to the removal of unclaimed descendants and to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the agreement, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**CIP Requests:**

<b>Capital Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Lucas CPR Chest Compression System</b>	<b>17,500</b>
<b>Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)</b>	<b>48,000</b>
<b>Fire Training Props</b>	<b>18,000</b>
<b>Service 146 ((EMS/Brush response vehicle)</b>	<b>145,000</b>

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above CIP requests for the Fire Department,*

*seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Somers Cemetery Business Plan:**

CFO Michael Marinaccio distributed the Somers Cemetery Business Plan for review; Mr. Marinaccio explained that a sub-committee started working on the plan in early 2016 and he can go into more detail if needed at a future meeting.

**GEI Update:**

Mr. Steven Hawkins presented a project update for the Somersville Mill Demolition.

**Authorization of Scheduled Payments:**

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$102,312.82, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Adjournment:**

*Ms. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed and the meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur -Recording

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