

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 10, 2017
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order: First Selectman Bud Knorr called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Bud Knorr, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Tim Potrikus, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, Fire Chief John Roache and many interested residents.

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

Eagle Scout Project Presentation: Wyatt Aether presented his Eagle Scout Project to the Board of Selectmen. The Open Space Committee suggested constructing a kiosk for a centralized map and for notices. The Kiosk would be weather proof with plexy glass. Wyatt Aether commented that Rotary donated \$250 to the project, however the project will come to \$500. Mrs. Devlin suggested that the Town contribute \$250 from the USA Hauling Community Fund to the project.

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to approve the donation to the Eagle Scout project for the kiosk at Camp Ayapo in the amount of \$250, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

Discussion and Review of FD ALS Proposal:

Chief Roach reviewed in detail his proposal for the Fire Department ALS program and a lengthy discussion followed. There was Selectmen vote only discussion.

Appointment of CFO Review Panel:

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to appoint James Persano, Tim Geib, John Mailhot and Kathy Devlin to the CFO Review Panel, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed.

LTA Approval:

- a. Four Town Fair Parade Road Closures on September 16, 2017.
- b. Hartford County 4-H Fair Road Race on August 20, 2017.

Mr. Potrikus made a motion for purpose of discussion to approve the request for signatures for the Road Closures on September, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to approve the recommendations for the Four Town Fair Parade Road Closures on September 16 2017 with the stipulation that there be more barriers and they are put in place earlier in the day for safety reasons, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

Action item: Ms. LaFleur Operations Director will follow up with Lt. Claudio and DPW to ensure this item are addressed.

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to approve the recommendations for the Hartford County 4-H Fair Road Race on August 20, 2017, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

Bright Idea Grant:

Mr. Knorr was pleased to announce the Town of Somers earned a \$5,000 Bright Idea grant. The Town earned the grant through the Clean Energy Communities program through residents, businesses, and municipal buildings taking advantage of Energize Ct programs.

Action item: Ms. LaFleur Operations Director will pass the information on to Jeff Bord Town Engineer and Todd Rolland Director of DPW for input.

Staffing: Library- Part time Teen Reference/Librarian:

The Board of Selectmen received a letter from Jessica Miller Library Director recommending, along with the support of the Somers Library Board, to hire Ms. Lori Dethloff for the available part time Teen/Reference Librarian position.

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the current budget situation and the need for this position at the Library.

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire M. Lori Dethloff for the part time Teen/Reference Librarian position, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

Selectman's Update:

Mr. Knorr was pleased to announce that the Town of Somers received a member's equity distribution check in the amount of \$19,932. from CIRMA.

Discussion of continuing the Strategic Bonding Committee:

Mrs. Devlin Recommended not to rush into bonding but to gather more information from the architects. The Board will continue to meet and discuss once these numbers are available.

Transfers/Appropriations:

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to approve the end of year transfers for fiscal year 2017 and to be forwarded to the BOF for approval, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of Scheduled payments in the amount of \$1,111,026.33, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Minutes:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the following Board of Selectmen meeting minutes:

Regular May 30, 2017 6pm BOS Minutes

Regular June 1, 2017 6pm BOS minutes

Regular June 29, 2017 6pm BOS minutes

Seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.