

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MIUTES
Thursday, February 22, 2018
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. CFO Michael Marinaccio, Assistant Financial Director Brian Wissinger and Ann Logan Town Clerk.

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

Girl Scout Gold Award Presentation: Hannah Jewel presented her project for the Flag drop boxes and flag burning pit to the Board of Selectmen, Ms. Jewel requested that the burning pit be located at the Fire Department at 451 Main Street in Somers Ct.

The Board of Selectmen commented that they are willing to contribute to the project.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Girl Scout project, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Charter Revision Discussion: Ms. Logan presented the time line of the Charter Revision process. A lengthy discussion followed.

CFO Update :

Michael Marinaccio provided a budget update:

Horse Tax: Mr. Marinaccio provided an update on the horse tax; letters were sent to people who own and/or board horses in Somers, requesting them that to notify the Town Assessor's Office of any horses they own or board. he explained that Connecticut has in place a State Statute that directs municipalities to assess the value of horses "not used directly in farming." This statute is very similar to one that directs municipalities to assess motor vehicles. It is not a decision made at the local level in Somers, or in any other community in the State.

Staffing in Finance: Mr. Marinaccio proposed the Assessor position be full time. He explained that they did attempt to make this position part time, but full time is needed due to the work load and coverage. A discussion followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the recommendation to bring on the Assessor full time, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Intersection at 83 and 190- Revamp of Traffic Lights Discussion:

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the revamping of the traffic lights at intersection 83 and 190, Mr. Knorr explained the resetting of the lights is approved by the state, construction will most likely start in the Spring lasting about 9 months. Mr. Potrikus suggested getting a letter out to Economic Development to inform them how this will affect the local businesses in this area.

Local Traffic Authority- 19th Annual Somers “Great Escape
Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the recommendation by Trooper Michael Hevey for the 19 the Annual Great Escape race, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$235,845.39, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:02pm, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.