

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 12, 2018
Immediately following Special Town Meeting
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, Tim Potrikus, CFO Michael Marinaccio, DPW Director Todd Rolland, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, Recreation Director Chris Boucher, Fire Chief John Roache and Town Clerk Annmarie Logan.

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

The First Selectmen welcomed everyone and announced that the Town is now live Streaming Board of Selectmen meetings.

Fire Chief John Roache

Approval for Initiating Union Contract Negotiations – The Chief requested authorization to start non-binding discussions with the fire union regarding proposed changes to their next contract. The Chief explained that he obtained permission from the President of the IAFF

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to approve the request to start non-binding discussions with the Fire Union IAFF Local 4284 for purposes of discussion, Mrs. Devlin 2nd. The motion unanimously passed.

MOU Between the Town of Somers and Johnson Memorial ER – The Chief explained that there are 3 Individuals getting their paramedic license they would like to enter into an MOU with Johnson Memorial ER. This will allow them to assist in the ER with patient care and keep up with their skill set. Chief Roache with approval will draft the MOU and present to the BOS at a later time.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve Chief Roache to draft a MOU between the Town of Somers and Johnson Memorial ER, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion unanimously passed.

Recreation Director, Chris Boucher

Recreation Splash Pad Discussion – Mr. Boucher explained that a family in Town came to him about a year ago and wanted to sponsor the construction of a splash pad in the memory of a child that was lost. Mr. Boucher presented the BOS with a proposal for an architecture firm called TLBR to come in who specialize in Splash pads. This Firm will give them the entire scope design, construction etc. The construction would be at Field Road Park adjacent to Connors Place, it does not require town supervision and was vetted through CIRMA. Operating Costs of the Splash pad is water costs only, Mr. Boucher explained a that they would use a fresh water resource. All of the construction costs would be covered by the donation. A lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to approve the Architecture Design phase in the amount of \$19,500. that will be funded through Recreation self-support, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion unanimously passed.

Finance:

Bonding Initiative Discussion: CFO Michael Marinaccio presented a Draft resolution for the Board of Selectmen to consider with regard to bonding to address critical capital improvement needs which include Road Maintenance and School Improvements. A lengthy discussion followed.

Lease Agreement for Mower, Trailer and Dump Truck: Brian Wissinger presented the Lease documents to the Board of Selectmen for approval and signature.

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to authorize First Selectmen Knorr to sign the lease documents

Boards and Commissions- Appointments and Resignations

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Carol Sarrantonio to the Advisory Committee for Seniors, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion unanimously passed.

Charter Revision BOS Public Hearing Date:

Mr. Potrikus Made a motion to have the BOS Public Hearing on 7/26/18, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

MOU for the SRO: Ms. Littig submitted the Draft MOU to the BOS for discussion and comments. Mr. Knorr will send the MOU to the Town Attorney. The Board discussed that the SRO's fall under the State Trooper Contract and report to the Town of Somers.

Replacement for the Public Health Director: Mr. Knorr explained that Dr. Segool is resigning from his position so the BOS will be reaching out to local MD's.

Communications Coordinator: Mr. Knorr met with the Recreation Director and asked him to draft a job Description and present that to the BOS for discussion. This position will be self-funded through the recreation Dept.

Staffing DPW:

DPW Director Todd Rolland requests to fill the open scale-house operator part time position at the Recycling Center with Mr. Richard Carlson he has experience operating computer POS systems and dealing with the public. We believe he will be a good fit for this position.

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Richard Carlson as the part time Scale-house operator, Mr. Devlin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Devlin asked how much money did we cut from the Transfer Station: Mr. Rolland explained we cut the part time line item within the DPW budget and in doing so it reduced the overtime hours, because when they didn't have coverage they would have to use a full time person, and you need 2 people at all times at the Transfer Station. A lengthy discussion followed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$637,058.51, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm seconded by Mrs. Delvin. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.