

**TOWN OF SOMERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT STUDY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 4, 2015
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectman Kathy Devlin, and Fire Commission Chairman Keith Burger and by conference call Fire Commission Member David Palmer. Members absent include Fire Commission Member Andrew Rockett. Those also in attendance included Town Attorney Carl Landolina, Somers Volunteer Association Chairman of the Board/EMS Division Chairman Rick McDonald, Fire Chief Gary Schiessl, Deputy Fire Chief Frank Falcone and Firefighters Al Baker, Ray Stovall and Bob Wheeler.

Volunteer Fire Department Association/Town of Somers Agreement:

Ms. Pellegrini distributed copies of the latest Town Attorney revised agreement for discussion. Lengthy discussion followed. Members of the Ad Hoc Committee believed that a shortened global agreement is desirable and sufficient. Members of the Volunteer Association believed that the latest agreement is not specific on various issues with one member voicing concern over the length of time the process is taking. The Volunteer Association will be bringing this version back to membership for feedback.

Fire Chief Job Description:

Ms. Pellegrini distributed copies of an Attorney-reviewed and revised job description. Lengthy discussion followed. It was advised to have the Town Labor Attorney available at a future meeting to answer questions, however the Committee agrees the Agreement is the first priority.

Selection Committee

No action taken. The Ad Hoc Committee is awaiting recommendations from the Association for the Selection Committee.

Process Discussion/Next Meeting Date

It is hoped to have a meeting in one week to iron out the job description and a meeting in two weeks after the Volunteer Association has a chance to meet to discuss the revised agreement. The Committee believes having an agreement remains the first and foremost priority.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Burger made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2015 Fire Department Study Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

Adjournment

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm, seconded by Mr. Burger. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Pellegrini-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.