

**Town of Somers Special Town Meeting
July 18, 2013
Town Hall Auditorium**

Legal Notice is hereby given that the board of Selectmen will hold a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 6:40 pm at the Town hall, 600 Main Street, Somers, CFT so that electors of the Town and other persons eligible to vote may vote on the following items:

1. To elect a moderator
2. To approve the contract for the purchase of Camp Ayapo (24/25 Camp Road) by the Town of Somers from the YWCA
3. To approve a transfer of expenditures of funds in the amount of \$825,000 for the purchase of Camp Ayapo (24/25 Camp Road)
4. Confirmation of Appointments: George Robert-BOAA – Term Expires 12.22.2015
5. WPCA Transfer of \$20,398.00 to Maple Ridge Assessment STIF from Somers Village Assessment STIF
6. Resolution (a) to appropriate \$1,045,000 for the cost of purchasing two (2) fire trucks; (b) to authorize the Town to issue and sell its notes and bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,045,000; and (c) to authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate.

Full documentation and full text of the applicable authorizing resolution are on file and open to inspection at the Town Clerk's office of the Somers Town Hall.

Dated at Somers, Connecticut, this 2nd day of July, 2013.

Board of Selectmen
Lisa Pellegrini, First Selectman
Kathleen A. Devlin, Selectman
Clyde G. Knorr, Selectman

I, Ann Marie Logan, Town Clerk of the Town of Somers, certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the notice that was duly posted and advertised.

Attest: Ann Marie Logan

**Special Town Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2013**

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:34 pm. First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini requested that the Legal Notice for the Special Town Meeting be read by Town Clerk, Ann Marie Logan. There were approximately 30 individuals in attendance.

1. Moderator

- a. A motion was made by K.Devlin, seconded by B.Knorr to nominate L.Pellegrini. No other nominations received. Motion to move the nomination of L.Pellegrini – unanimous vote for L.Pellegrini.

2. Approve contract for the purchase of Camp Ayapo

L.Pellegrini stated that the town would be utilizing the Town's Open Space Fund (approximately \$422,000) and by the selling off of lots abutting the Camp property. The sale monies will be placed back into the Open Space Fund for future acquisitions. The Town received confirmation of acceptance of an Open Space Grant from the State which would reimburse the Town for 50% of the purchase price. The sale/transfer will be subject to additional stipulations by the State

Question: Will town maintain the property

L.Pellegrini: Town has budgeted additional monies for: directional signage, mowing, removal of buildings in disrepair, trash, parking lot maintenance and monies will be available from both the Recreation Budget and Public Works.

Question: What liability is the town assuming

L.Pellegrini: The question has been posed to insurance carrier (CIRMA) that states it falls within the Town's coverage of Parks and Recreation. Signage will be placed in strategic locations regarding swimming at own risk, and lifeguards not on premises. Lighting in the parking lot will be enhanced for safety.

Question: Will limitation be placed on the homes proposed to be built on the lots sold.

L.Pellegrini: The Town of Somers Zoning and Subdivision regulations address the size and height of homes that may be built and all plans would be reviewed by staff for compliance

- a. Motion was made by K.Walton, seconded by B.Devlin – and unanimously voted to approve.

3. **Approve transfer of expenditure funds in amount of \$825,000 for the purchase of Camp Ayapo**
 - a. Motion made by G.Genlot, seconded by K.Devlin – no discussion. Unanimous vote for approval of \$825,000 expenditure
4. **Confirmation of Appointment – George Roberts-Board of Assessment Appeals**
 - a. Motion made by B.Devlin, seconded by G.Schiessl and unanimously voted to confirm appointment
5. **WPCA Transfer of \$20,398 to Maple Ridge Assessment from Somers Village Assessment**
 - a. S.Jacobs, Town of Somers Sanitarian clarified that the monies were not being obtained from the Somers Village Assessment account but from the Somersville Assessment account. These were monies borrowed from the Maple Ridge Assessment account for the upgrade of the Somersville Plant. Somersville monies are not reimbursing the Maple Ridge account. Motion made by G.Schiessl, seconded by B.Devlin and unanimously voted to approve transfer of monies.
6. **Resolution (a) appropriate \$1,045,000 for the purchase of two fire trucks; (b) authorize Town to issue and sell its notes and bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,045,000; (c) authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate**
 - a. Motion made by B.Devlin, seconded by G.Schiessl, no discussion. Unanimous vote for approval.

Motion made by K.Walton, seconded by G.Schiessl and unanimous vote to adjourn the Special Town Meeting of July 18, 2013 at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ann Marie Logan
Town Clerk – Somers