

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AMENDED AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 25, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Selectmen's Conference Room**

- 1 Call to order – First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- 2 Members present – Kathleen Devlin, Lisa Pellegrini, Joseph Tolisano. Also present were Bill Boutwell, Director of Business Services for Somers BOE; Steve Jacobs, Town Sanitarian; Marcia Mitchell (recording); Greg Simmons, CFO; and Linda Savitsky, interim CFO consultant; citizens Michael Redmond and Bruce Urbon.
- 3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 4 Correspondence – E-mail from Michael Redmond. After a short discussion regarding the payment plan established – ***motion (Mr. Tolisano), seconded (Ms. Devlin) and unanimously voted to approve the payment plan established and to release any currently held permits for Mr. Redmond's property.***
- 5 Citizen Comments - None
- 6 Opportunity for Selectmen to add agenda items - None
- 7 Old Business
 - 7.1 Search committee for CFO opening. Ms. Pellegrini said that the Town Charter required that the search committee be comprised of two members of the Board of Finance, one member of the Board of Selectmen, and at least one other non-elected individual, with appropriate financial experience. Ms. Pellegrini said that the Board of Finance had, at its last meeting, designated members Michael Parker and James Persano as its representatives on the search committee. Mr. Tolisano agreed to serve on behalf of the BOS, and Mr. Boutwell and Mr. Simmons have agreed to serve as outside members with appropriate financial experience. Ms. Mitchell reported that 25 applicants have expressed interest to date, and provided a listing of those applicants ranked by number of years of government accounting experience. Mr. Tolisano requested that the applicants' information be provided to him electronically for distribution to the other members of the search committee.
 - 7.2 Interim CFO Consultant – Ms. Pellegrini introduced Linda Savitsky as the interim CFO consultant, who will be working a day to a day-and-a-half per week until the CFO is replaced.
 - 7.3 First Selectman update – Ms Pellegrini provided the following information to the BOS:
 - She has received information that the state's budget deficit will reach and exceed \$3 billion by fiscal 2012, and is expected to remain in a serious deficit position through 2014.
 - She has confirmed that Rep. Penny Bacchiocchi and Sen. John Kissell will both attend the next regular BOS meeting scheduled for 3/11/10 to discuss the state's budget situation and answer any questions raised by the BOS or citizens in attendance.
 - She noted for the BOS that the following requests were made at the prior week's CIP meeting:
 - Telephone System - \$45,000
 - Computer funding - \$10,000/yr through FY 15
 - Replacement servers - \$8,000 in FY 2012 & 2014
 - Sidewalk repair funding - \$25,000/yr through FY 15
 - GIS Database - \$15,000/yr for two years

Of these requests, she feels confident that the computer funding and one replacement server are the most likely to be funded.

 - For FY 2011, the Town side budget submitted was flat and the BOE side (a level service budget) shows a 3% (about \$568,000) increase. On the revenue side, there is a \$330,000 deficit due to reduction in revenues despite 7% grand list growth.

Ms. Devlin requested a detailed breakdown for the replacement ambulance purchase be provided to the BOS, and recommended that the town reach out to Senator Kissell for assistance in funding the ambulance. The selectmen further discussed CIP funding and

the potential for a tax increase, and would recommend to the Board of Finance that CIP funding be restored to \$510,000. The selectmen also discussed various tax increase scenarios.

8 New Business

8.1 Adopt resolution authorizing First Selectman to sign documents related to EECBG Grant. Ms. Pellegrini explained that the grant was due to be approved; however, the original paperwork was submitted by former First Selectman David Pinney, and that the BOS needed to adopt a new resolution authorizing her, as the First Selectman, to execute any documents related to this grant. ***Motion (Ms. Devlin), seconded (Mr. Tolisano) and unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution:***

That Lisa Pellegrini, the First Selectman be and is herewith authorized to execute the necessary contract(s) on behalf of the Town of Somers with the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management, Policy Development and Planning Division, Energy Management Unit for a grant award in accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, Public Law 111-5 and Connecticut's approved ARRA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) application award, Number DE-EE000915.

9 Authorization of Scheduled Payments – ***motion (Ms. Devlin), seconded (Mr. Tolisano) and unanimously voted to authorize scheduled payments totaling \$239,785.92.***

10 Appropriations/Transfers - None

11 Approval of Minutes

February 11, 2010 – ***Motion (Mr. Tolisano), seconded (Ms. Devlin) and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2010 meeting as written.***

12 Board of Selectmen Remarks – Mr. Tolisano asked for an update as to the progress being made in documenting the service records at the DPW. Ms. Pellegrini said she expected the work to be completed within a week, and would confirm with the other selectmen when complete. Ms. Devlin and Mr. Tolisano asked that they be copied in on communications with the recently established efficiencies committee.

13 Citizen Comments – Ms. Savitsky wanted to let the BOS know that she is a member of the Board of Directors of CRRA, and has a conflict with advising Somers in that regard.

14 Adjournment – Motion (Mr. Tolisano), seconded (Ms. Devlin) and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Mitchell
Exec Asst/Ops Mgr
Recording Secretary

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