

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 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, and Joseph Tolisano. Mr. Tolisano excused himself at approximately 6:30 to participate in interviews of CFO candidates. Also present were Marcia Mitchell (recording), Fire Chief Ed Pagani, and several interested citizens.
- 3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 4 Correspondence – Ms. Pellegrini shared an e-mail she had received from Fire Commission chair Vinnie Navin, endorsing the Fire Department's application for a grant to replace two aging engine/pumpers with a new apparatus. The grant would cover a maximum of \$300,000 of the cost; the town would be expected to match up to 1/3 of the grant funds received. There was brief discussion regarding the equipment to be disposed of (would have to be junked under the terms of the grant) and savings that could be documented by transferring the on-board equipment from the old apparatus to the new unit. The selectmen generally agreed that this would be a good deal in another economic climate; however, given current conditions, agreed they would not recommend this action to the Board of Finance, as they believe that funds will not be available for this type of purchase for quite some time.
- 5 Citizen Comments - none
- 6 Opportunity for Selectmen to add agenda items - none
- 7 Old Business
 - 7.1 Traffic Commission Items
 - 7.1.1 Bobolink Lane – Sgt. Claudio had communicated to Ms. Pellegrini that the monitoring results would be available prior to the next Board of Selectmen's meeting, and he would present them at that time with his recommendations for proceeding.
 - 7.2 2010/2011 Budget – the Selectmen discussed the level funded town budget and wanted to determine if there were any opportunities for savings given the bleak state forecast. They discussed potentially meeting on Tuesday, 3/30, at 7:30 to have further discussion.
 - 7.3 First Selectman update – Ms. Pellegrini noted that the final agreement for the Somersville Streetscape grant had been received, and required completion of an opinion letter by Town Counsel prior to final submission. She will advise the board when completed and submitted. She said that the bids for outsourcing of the fields and parks mowing/trimming will be opened on schedule at 11:00 a.m. on 3/26.
- 8 Authorization of Scheduled Payments – Motion (Ms. Devlin), seconded (Ms. Pellegrini) and unanimously voted to authorize scheduled payments totaling \$105,108.30.
- 9 Appropriations/Transfers - none
- 10 Approval of Minutes

March 11, 2010 regular meeting - deferred to next meeting, as Mr. Tolisano had left, and Ms. Devlin did not attend the March 11 meeting.

- 11 Board of Selectmen Remarks - none
- 12 Citizen Comments – Kim Urbon, 59 Hall Hill Road, asked the selectmen if any staff presence would be maintained at the Field Road park when (and if) the mowing was outsourced. She acknowledged that having staff there was a deterrent to vandalism and foul play, and she generally thought it would be a good idea for the public works staff to maintain a presence there during the summer months. The Selectmen said they would take this information into consideration when determining whether or not they would pursue the outsourcing of the mowing.
- 13 Adjournment – Motion (Ms. Devlin) seconded (Ms. Pellegrini) and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Mitchell
Exec Asst/Ops Mgr

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