

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2010
SELECTMENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM – 6:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Members present included: Kathleen Devlin, Lisa Pellegrini and Joseph Tolisano. Also present: Fire Chief Ed Pagani, Kim Marcotte, CFO, Steve Jacobs, Town Sanitarian, James Botellio, Chairman, WPCA, and a handful of interested citizens.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Robin Provencher mentioned her dissatisfaction with the Town CFO in her request for information.

Ms. Pellegrini stated that Kim Marcotte, CFO had attempted to contact Ms. Provencher. The First Selectman agreed to follow up with the CFO and see that requested information be forwarded to Ms. Provencher.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR SELECTMEN TO ADD AGENDA ITEMS:

Ms. Devlin suggested that at the next BOS Meeting, the Board ought to review Town Ordinances, such as Fire, Design Review, and Blight.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

7.1 Budget Reduction – Update and Reductions

Kim Marcotte distributed copies of updated Revenues & Expenditures. She pointed out that the Board of Finance had approved a surplus appropriation of \$291,770.00 from Fund Balance. Ms. Marcotte outlined anticipated Expenditures as: contribution to CIP (\$210,504); State Police (\$585,000); June payroll (approx. \$170,000); and pending purchase orders (\$20,000).

Mr. Tolisano moved the discussion to CIP, asking about priorities. Ms. Pellegrini responded that the immediate items are firehoses, ambulance, computer system and a new phone system. Chief Pagani outlined the costs for the hose as \$20,000 over 5 years, and the ambulance as a total of \$189,000 or \$25,000 down and \$35,000 per year for 5 years. Mr. Tolisano questioned whether the Board of Finance would approve recurring costs, and instead recommended Chief Pagani resubmit the both requests to the Board of Finance as outright purchases. He added that he would draft a memo to the BOF requesting this CIP commitment prior to 6/28/10.

Ms. Pellegrini summarized the \$42,000 in cuts to be made to the 2010/2011 Town Budget. They included:

- a. \$15,000 tipping fees
- b. \$12,000 Bonds & Insurance
- c. \$5,000 Civil preparedness
- d. \$3,000 Kibbe Fuller Heat
- e. \$2,000 Mileage (Selectman's Budget)
- f. \$1,000 Temporary Salaries (Selectman's Budget)
- g. \$3,000 Highway Salaries
- h. \$1,000 Publications in Recreation

A copy of the proposed budget was distributed to the Board and discussion followed. Ms. Devlin questioned the Fire Marshall's budget of \$26,000 which was to be temporary and should have returned to the previous year's amount of \$16,125. Chief Pagani addressed the BOS and his concern regarding a cut to public safety.

- *A motion was made by Joseph Tolisano to approve the cuts; seconded by Kathleen Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.*

7.2 Board/Commission Appointments, Reappointments and Vacancies

Ms. Pellegrini recommended appointing Scott Sutter, current Alternate member of the Planning Commission as a regular member. She informed them that Brad Pellissier, Planning Chairman, and Bob Cafarelli are in favor of Mr. Sutter's appointment.

- *A motion was made by Kathleen Devlin to appoint Scott Sutter as a regular member to the Planning Commission; seconded by Lisa Pellegrini. In the vote that followed, Ms. Devlin and Ms., Pellegrini voted in favor, whereas Mr. Tolisano voted against.*

7.3 Health District Discussion

Ms. Pellegrini opened the discussion by mentioning her recent attendance at a Civil Preparedness Advisory meeting in an effort to obtain that committee's comments regarding the North Central Health Districts help in the H1N1 vaccinations. She solicited comments on North Central and Eastern Highlands Health Districts. The consensus was that Eastern Highlands would be a better fit for the Town. At this time, Eastern Highlands is not taking on new members, nor do they expect to for the next 2 years. Ms. Pellegrini told BOS that the Town will be raising Sanitation fees and is considering Johnson Memorial for public health education services.

James Botellio, Chairman, WPCA, specified that by doubling the current fees, he expects \$16,000-18,000 income next year. He will continue his discussions with Johnson Memorial, regarding Health programs and report back to the BOS with program and cost specifics.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 Tennis & Basketball Courts RFP award

Ms. Pellegrini informed members that JSL Asphalt, Inc. was selected as the winner of the bid. The RFP Evaluation Committee reviewed other JSL projects, contacted references and found their bid to be cheaper than 2 other companies. This is to be funded by a \$200,000 STEAP Grant. Ms. Pellegrini said the winning bid for the tennis and basketball courts was \$142,500. The STEAP Grant was for the Tennis and Basketball courts, as well as a skate board park. This RFP did not include the skate board park.

Mr. Tolisano stated that more information and data is necessary before the BOS can determine if the skate park is a viable option.

- *A motion was made by Joseph Tolisano to approve the RFP Committee's recommendation; seconded by Kathleen Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.*

8.2 New STEAP Grants

Ms. Pellegrini stated that new STEAP Grants applications are due by 7/20/2010. She asked for ideas regarding possible projects. Some ideas already communicated to her office include a greater Somers Street Scape, which would include new lighted walkways and green areas. Mr. Tolisano suggested security cameras and stated additional lighting is needed at Field Park Road. Ms. Pellegrini told members to email STEAP Grant ideas to her.

8.3 Town Hall Computers

Ms. Pellegrini stated that the Town has numerous hardware and software problems. Two computers recently had to be replaced, due to failure of hard drive and/or lack of memory. Mr. Tolisano had agreed to develop a plan for a replacement system and will be meeting with a computer vendor next week. He will report his findings to BOS at a later date.

8.4 Fire Marshall

Ms. Pellegrini received a letter from the Town Fire Marshall, recommending Jeremy Simmons be appointed as Fire Inspector.

- *A motion was made by Kathleen Devlin to appoint Jeremy Simmons as Fire Inspector; seconded by Joseph Tolisano. A unanimous vote followed.*

9. AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFERS AND SCHEDULE PAYMENTS:

- *A motion was made by Kathleen Devlin to authorize payment in the amount of \$405,050.50; seconded by Joseph Tolisano. A unanimous vote followed.*

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 6/3/2010:

- *A motion was made by Joseph Tolisano to approve the June 3, 2010 Board of Selectmen meeting Minutes as written; seconded by Lisa Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.*

11. BOARD OF SELECTMAN REMARKS:

None

12. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

None

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- *A motion was made by Joseph Tolisano to move to Executive Session; seconded by Kathleen Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.*

Ms. Pellegrini declared the public portion of the BOS June 17, 2010 meeting to be over at 7:40 pm. The Executive Session concluded at 8:45 pm

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The June 17, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly E. Dombek, Recording Secretary

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