

TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, December 2, 2010
Selectmen's Conference Room

Meeting Called to Order - at 5:58 PM and adjourned to Town Hall Auditorium where it was reconvened at 6:03 PM

Members Present - First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin, Joe Tolisano, CFO Kim Marcotte, Operations Manager Doug Minich and coach and members of the Class S State Champion Somers High School Boy's Soccer Team and parents.

Pledge of Allegiance - All attendees participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence - Mr. Dave Brown of Connecticut Mechanical Services presented two letters itemizing repairs of the heating systems at Kibbe Fuller and town hall. Both repairs are necessary and will save on the amount of fuel used in each building. The repairs at Kibbe Fuller total \$3754.00 and town hall are \$2559.00. ***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the repairs which was seconded by Mr. Tolisano. The motion was approved unanimously.***

Proclamation - The 2010 Somers High School Boy's Soccer Team was presented a Proclamation celebrating their achievement of winning the Class S State Championship.

Opportunity for Selectmen to Add Items - Mrs. Pellegrini asked that Animal Control Facility consolidation be added as item 10.4. Mrs. Devlin asked that we add all upcoming appointments for the next Selectmen's Meeting. Mrs. Devlin also added Seniors as a discussion topic.

Selectmen's Update - Mrs. Pellegrini announced that the Town of Somers received a matching funds grant from the state DOT for 2011 in the amount of \$20,446 to be used for elderly transportation. The Woodcrest Tax Abatement was discussed and Mrs. Pellegrini confirmed that a letter had been sent to the Woodcrest Elderly Housing Limited Partnership on November 10, 2010 asking for a response within 30 days as to the failure of Woodcrest and Somers Housing Authority to provide financial audits to the Town as per the contract. It was suggested that Attorney Carl Landolina appear at a future Selectman's Meeting to explain options to the Board. The Board will wait for the response from the Housing Authority before making a decision on how to progress. The ownership of the DPW radio frequency was discussed and it appears that the frequency is owned by Marcus Communications, and the one owned by the Town is being used by the Fire Department as a Mutual Aid frequency. Mrs. Pellegrini suggested that a meeting be arranged between Mr. Bruce Marcus of Marcus Communications, the First Selectman, Deputy Chief Falcone and Mr. Dan Thayer to see what solution can be agreed to. Communications from Mr. Thayer suggested that an upgrade must be made within two years due to new federal regulation and we should frame our response around that. Mr. Tolisano asked how much a frequency costs and the process necessary to purchase one. The Stevenson property was discussed and Mrs. Pellegrini said the Planning Commission had approved the use of up to

\$25,000 from the Open Space funds for Northern Connecticut Land Trust to purchase the property. The Town will not be a partner on the contract. A Town Meeting will be scheduled to authorize the funding. A Public Hearing followed by a Town Meeting must be scheduled to pass proposed ordinances. Mrs. Pellegrini suggested the hearing be scheduled for 6:00 PM December 21, 2010 and reported that she will work with Carl Landolina will make preparations for the Public Hearing and the Town Meeting.

Appointments - With the departure of Mr. Bob Cafarelli, a Tree Warden is needed in the town. In Mr. Cafarelli's absence Todd Rolland has been the acting Tree Warden. He has attended classes and is the logical choice to continue as the Somers Tree Warden. ***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. Rolland as Tree warden which was seconded by Mr. Tolisano. The motion was passed unanimously.***

Old Business -

10.1 - Mrs. Pellegrini announced that the town has received a \$5,000 Brownfield grant for Phase I environmental testing on 19 Field Rd. Mr. Jeff Bord, Town Engineer is working on the compliance application.

10.2 - The town has submitted for a Lawnmower Exchange grant which will cover 80% of the cost of a new field groomer. The Town's portion will be \$3,367.00 based on a \$16,839 purchase price. The Board will be advised of progress of the grant.

10.3 - STEAP grant After paying \$160,600 for the tennis court there is a remainder \$39,400 of the grant the Town would like to spend on additional improvements. Mr. Todd Rolland made a proposal for \$33,583.45 for fencing and security cameras to the Board for the best use of the remaining funds. Mr. Tolisano made a suggestion for an additional location for a camera and would like to speak to Mr. Rolland regarding the camera vendor. A stationary child's riding toy which was stolen from Field Road playground. will be replaced as well. Mr. Tolisano noted that the installation of the cameras will require warning signage in order to maintain legality. Mrs. Pellegrini stated that she will just need formal approval from the grant administrator for the funded to be used and will pass on the information to him. ***A Motion to approve the expenditure of funds was made by Mr. Tolisano and seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion was approved unanimously.***

10.4 - Animal Control Facility Consolidation was discussed and Mrs. Pellegrini has arrived at an agreement with East Windsor. An agreement must be enacted which will be scheduled for the December 21, 2010 Public Hearing and if approved will have an effective date for implementation of January 1, 2010. ***A motion to approve the consolidation agreement was made by Mr. Tolisano and seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion was unanimously approved.***

New Business -

11.1 - E-mail server migration is still unresolved. Carl Landolina will send a letter requesting the migration to the new server and if it is still unresolved after receipt of that letter, a face to face meeting will be requested with On The Fly Computer Guy.

11.2 - Planning/Open Space. The Planning Commission had asked Northern Connecticut Land Trust to be an unpaid volunteer consultant regarding open space and trails. The Land Trust is hesitant to be a consultant to the Planning Commission and will most likely decline, citing conflict of interest and possibility of illegality. The Board noted that trail maintenance is needed and suggested that perhaps this can be by groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl

Scouts, etc. A joint meeting of the Selectmen and Planning could be scheduled to discuss open space and trails maintenance and other issues. The Board of Selectmen is interested to know what progress is being made on the Plan of Conservation and Development and if they are on the annual schedule.

11.3 - Seniors - Mrs. Devlin suggested that a joint meeting be set up with the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Commission to the Elderly after January 1st of 2011.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments - *A motion to approve the authorized payments was made by Mrs. Devlin and seconded by Mr. Tolisano. The motion was approved unanimously.*

Appropriations/Transfers

From: Capital Building Management 100-0010-010-0432-5-00 \$4,500.00

To: Kibbe Fuller Maintenance 100-0010-010-0432-5-00 \$4,500.00

A motion to approve the transfer was made by Mrs. Devlin and seconded by Mr. Tolisano. The motion was approved unanimously.

From: Fertilizer 100-3019-070-0619-5-00 \$6,000.00

To: Equipment 100-3019-070-0730-5-00 \$4,000.00

Equipment Repairs 100-3019-070-0439-5-01 \$ 500.00

Supplies 100-3019-070-0612-5-00 \$1,500.00

From: Heating 100-2016-020-0624-5-00 \$ 500.00

To: Food & Related 100-2016-020-0630-5-00 \$ 500.00

A motion to approve the transfers was made by Mr. Tolisano and seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes - The minutes of November 18, 2010 were approved with the following correction; Where the minutes stated that "...the letter was sent to David Pinney, Chairman..." they should read "...Woodcrest Elderly Housing Limited Partnership...". *A motion to approve the minutes with the correction was made by Mr. Tolisano and seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion was approved unanimously.*

Adjournment: *The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM*

Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting