

TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Thursday January 13, 2011
Selectmen's Conference Room

Call to Order - First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

Members Present – First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectman Kathy Devlin – by phone, CFO Kim Marcotte, Operations Manager Doug Minich – recording, Somers High School students, Sgt Jose Claudio CSP, Jim Botellio WPCA Chairman. Mr. Tolisano was absent due to a family matter.

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

Correspondence – There was no correspondence.

Opportunity for Selectmen to add items – Neither Selectman added any items.

Selectmen's Update – Mrs. Pellegrini congratulated everyone involved in the storm cleanup and how well they performed, especially the Town of Somers DPW. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Boards and Commissions – The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Tim Caravella as an alternate on the Planning Commission. ***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Caravella which was seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The vote to approve was two votes in favor.***

Donald W. Gaskell was reappointed as a member of the Board of Assessment Appeals to a term expiring 12/22/2013.

Richard Cheney was reappointed as member of the Economic Development Commission 12/22/2015.

John Kenneth Albert was appointed as alternate to the Planning Commission to a term expiring 12/22/2011.

A motion to approve the reappointments and appointment was made by Mrs. Devlin and seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The vote to approve was two in favor.

Old Business:

Discontinuance Right of Way – At the Town Meeting on December 21, 2010 the Board of Selectmen voting to approve the discontinuance of this right of way, the signing of this document formalizes that process. The document was signed by Mrs. Pellegrini at the meeting,

Mrs. Devlin signed on January 18, 2011 and Mr. Tolisano is expected to sign on January 19, 2011.

New Business:

VNA Support - The Visiting Nurses Association requested \$500.00 from the Town to help support the work they do and Mrs. Devlin suggested that it be included that amount in the 2011-2012 budget. ***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to include the amount of \$500.00 for the VNA in the 2011-2012 budget which was seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The vote to approve was two votes in favor.***

WPCA Generator -The WPCA needs to replace their emergency generator due to equipment failure, three bids were gathered and the WPCA chose the middle bid as best fitting their needs. Mrs. Pellegrini will sign the Purchase Order authorizing the purchase using WPCA funds.

Part Time Constable - Trooper First Class R. Rothlein will be retiring from the Connecticut State Police in June of 2011 and Sgt Jose Claudio suggests that the Town hire TFC Rothlein as a constable upon his retirement. This hiring is expected to save the Town \$15 – 20,000 per year, provide more coverage for the Town and generate \$15,000 in additional revenue. The hiring of a constable instead of an additional Resident Trooper will give the Town more flexibility in hiring. A new police vehicle will eventually need to be purchased and Sgt Claudio will assemble information for CIP and present to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. ***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the hiring of a part time constable for the 2011-2012 budget which was seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The vote to approve the hiring was two votes in favor.***

Donations – This item was tabled in order to gather more information.

Department of Corrections Inmate Work Release contract – A new contract was received from the Department of Corrections and stated the Town would be charged for the costs associated with the program. After clarification from Senator Kissel's office and the DOC Commissioner's Office that the program would not impose any additional costs on the Town of Somers at this time, it was decided that the Town should sign the contract. The Selectman's Office will monitor the contract for any changes that would increase costs. ***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve Mrs. Pellegrini to sign the contract and was seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The vote to approve signing of the contract as two votes in favor.***

Printer/Copier proposal – After review and modification, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the lease of new shared copiers which will save the Town money and reduce the amount of printers in use in Town Hall. ***A motion to approve the amended proposal was made by Mrs. Devlin and seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The vote to approve the motion was two votes in favor.***

Web Hosting Vision Assessor Database – Discussion regarding this contract centered on being mindful of future price increases and consideration of web access versus handling phone calls

and personal information requests. ***A motion to approve Mrs. Pellegrini to sign the contract was made by Mrs. Devlin and seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The vote to approve the motion was two votes in favor.***

Use of Town Hall Buildings Policy – There was discussion regarding private persons use of Town hall facilities and Town athletic fields and the imposition of a cleanup/maintenance fee. Enforcement of existing fees and policies will be enacted henceforth.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments – ***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize the scheduled payments of \$154,122.63 which was seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The vote to approve was two votes in favor.***

Appropriations/Transfers –
Department Public Works

Transfer to:

Account Name	Account Number	Amount
Technology-Software	100-0010-010-0334-5-02	\$6,142.00

Transfer From:

WPCA Water Recoup	100-0010-010-0890-5-02	\$5,000.00
Memorial Day Expenses	100-0010-010-0590-5-03	800.00
Other	100-0010-010-0890-5-01	342.00

Supplemental Appropriation

Fire Department

New Equipment	100-2016-020-0730-5-00	\$6,000.00
Other	100-0010-007-0844-4-01	\$6,000.00

A motion to approve the Appropriations and Transfers was made by Mrs. Devlin and seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The vote to approve the motion was two votes in favor.

Minutes – The minutes from the following meetings were accepted;

December 9, 2010
December 21, 2010
January 5, 2011

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the minutes for the above named meetings and it was seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The vote to approve was two votes in favor.

Citizen Comments – None

Adjournment – ***Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The vote to adjourn was two votes in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.***

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas H. Minich – Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting