

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 28, 2011
Selectmen's Conference Room
10:00am**

Call to Order – First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Members Present – First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectman Kathy Devlin and CFO Kim Marcotte. Selectman Joe Tolisano was absent.

**Boards and Commissions-
Appointments and Resignations-**

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to reappoint Jill Conklin to the Zoning Commission to a term expiring on 12/22/2014, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. Motion passed with two votes.

On 12/21/2010 Mr. Karl Walton was reappointed to the Conservation Commission for a term expiring 12/22/2015. This term was for a full member, when in fact Mr. Walton was reappointed as an Alternate Member of the Conservation Commission. On March 17, 2011 Mr. Walton was appointed as the Zoning Commission Representative to the Conservation Commission thus moving him from an alternate member to a full membership on the Conservation Commission. *Mrs. Devlin made a motion to correct the 12/21/2010 Board of Selectmen Minutes to state Mr. Karl Walton was reappointed as an Alternate Member of the Conservation Commission with a term expiring 12/21/201, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. Motion passed with two votes.*

2011/2012 Budget:

A letter was read from Vinny Navin, Chairman of the Fire Commission urging the BOS to reconsider cutting \$2500 from the Fire Marshal's budget for fire inspections. Mrs. Devlin stated that the hours of the Fire Marshal were increased a few years ago to sufficiently cover the Town needs as well as to keep in compliance with regard to fire inspections. The Board believes the current level of staffing is adequate and a letter will be written to the Fire Commission and the Fire Marshal to ensure fire inspections are conducted as required.

The 2011/2012 budget was reviewed and the possibility of budget cuts were discussed as a result of the Board of Finance comments at their March 21, 2011 meeting. It was discussed that any cuts to the current proposed budget will result in a decrease of services to the residents. It is also the BOS's belief that fund balance should be maintained at the current level and that CIP funding should be increased. The CFO stated that the auditors prefer to see reserve that will address 3 months of operating expenses. We currently have 2 months in reserve. Reserves will be slow to grow in the current economy.

The BOS believes that CIP is at a critical point and that in years past we have been asked to turn back money to the general fund while our infrastructure (buildings and roads) continues to age.

It is in great need of repair and the needs cannot continue to be ignored. The final CIP list was reviewed and will be presented to the BOF at the March 28, 2011 meeting.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:05pm, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed with two votes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Pellegrini-Recording

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