

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 26, 2011
12:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order – First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

Members Present – First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr, and CFO Kim Marcotte.

Library Expansion Project/Performance Bond –

Mr. Bob Socha from the Library Building Committee met with the Board to express his opinions as to the heat loss in the Library. Mr. Socha believes there are problems with insulation in the old building; however there was no contract with the contractor to address this issue during the Library Expansion. Mrs. Pellegrini stated that the Town Engineer did inspect the insulation in both the old building and the new building during the winter and no obvious problems were observed. Mr. Socha asked if construction money could be used to address the insulation in the old building by hiring a consultant to perform an infrared inspection. Those funds are not available as the expansion is complete and has been for over a year. Mr. Socha did state that there may be money available from donations as well as from the Library Board. The Town Attorney is working on the open issues with regard to the performance bond.

Computer/Phone System Update-

Mrs. Pellegrini provided the Board with an update for finishing the computer transfer, completing some rewiring for the copy machines and a VPN system connection from all Town Buildings to Town Hall.

Building Update-

The roof at the Village Players Building has a large leak and needs a new roof. The Town Engineer has examined the roof and is awaiting information from a roofing contractor.

The building behind the state police station needs repairs to its roof. The Town Engineer will be looking at that building to determine what other items need to be addressed.

First Student was informed that the Town would not be leasing the Bus Barn after the lease expires this summer. They have since still installed a trailer on the property and the Town Attorney is working on a new lease agreement. The Bus Barn will need to be demolished as will the storage shed next to the Bus Barn. Mrs. Pellegrini stated that the Building Official John Collins will be asked to provide the Selectmen with options for the removal of the Bus Barn and the storage shed. Mrs. Devlin added that a letter should be sent to Building Official John Collins outlining his responsibilities as the Zoning Enforcement Officer until a replacement is found.

New Ambulance Update-

The new ambulance was put into service last week. On Friday, the ambulance was involved in a minor accident. The damage is cosmetic and is covered by insurance.

2011/2012 Contract Renewals-

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to terminate the contract with Ahrens, Fuller, St. John & Vincent Insurance (AFS&V) for all services in connection with the July 1, 2011 renewal of our property/casualty insurance program, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to not renew the contract with Beebe Landscaping for mowing and trimming the parks and recreational fields, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations-

Appropriations-

Department: Selectmen

Transfer To:

Town Hall Maintenance	100-0010-010-0614-5-00	\$13,000
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Transfer From:

Revenue – Other	100-0010-007-0844-4-01	\$13,000
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Transfer To:

Capital Building Maintenance	100-0010-010-0432-5-00	\$8,389
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Town Hall Maintenance	100-0010-010-0614-5-00	\$1,410
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Transfer From:

Revenue-Other	100-001-0007-0844-4-01	\$9,799
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Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above listed appropriations, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Executive Session-Executive Assistant/Office Manager Interviews-

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to go into Executive Session at 1:20pm, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Individuals present in Executive Session included First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr and interview candidates. Executive session ended at 5:05pm.

Adjournments-

Mrs. Pellegrini motioned to adjourn the Special Board of Selectmen Meeting at 5:05pm, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Pellegrini-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.