

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

April 28, 2011

**Town Hall Auditorium
Immediately following the Public Hearing**

Call to Order – First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

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

2011 Small Cities Grant Public Hearing Discussion and Decision –

There were no comments or questions from the public regarding the 2011 Small Cities Grant Application for Phase II of Woodcrest Elderly Housing, however the Selectmen discussed their desire not to grant a tax abatement for Phase II and the importance of not relinquishing PILOT fees for Phase II.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve a FY 2011 Connecticut Small Cities CDBG Program grant application in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 and to authorize and direct First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to execute and file such application and all documents, plans, and certification resolutions related to the grant, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adopt the resolution required by the CT Department of Economic and Community Development relating to the Small Cities Grant Application, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to designate the First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini, as the Environmental Certifying Officer, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adopt a Program Income (Reuse) Plan, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to designate the First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini, as the Fair Housing Officer, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to designate the Building Official, John Collins, as the ADA Coordinator, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to designate the First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini, as the Affirmative Action Compliance Officer, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion not to offer tax abatements nor to relinquish PILOT fees for Woodcrest Phase II Elderly Housing, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

2011 Small Cities Grant Agreement with Somers Housing Authority-

It was discussed at previous Town Meeting that the Housing Authority, rather than the Town, would be paying for the grant application preparation and legal notice fees for the Small Cities Grant Application. An agreement between the Town of Somers and the Somers Housing Authority was prepared by the Town Attorney's Office and was presented to the Board of Selectmen for review.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the agreement on the behalf of the Town of Somers with the Somers Housing Authority, specifying the Small Cities Grant Application and legal notice fees that the Somers Housing Authority will pay for, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

FY 2012 Historic Documents Preservation Program Grant-

The Town would like to apply for a \$3500 FY 2012 Historic Documents Preservation Program Grant.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the grant application and all pertinent documents associated with the grant, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Solar Grant for Elementary School-

Mrs. Pellegrini announced that the Town has received final approvals for two American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grants totaling \$387,200 for Solar Energy Projects. They include \$331,000 for the installation of 2500 solar panels for a 175,000 watts/hr solar power system on the Elementary School Roof and \$56,200 for the installation of approximately 850 solar panels for a 60,000 watts/hr solar power system on the roof of the Department of Public Works Garage. The systems will provide significant savings for the Town including estimated savings of \$195,830 over a 10 year period for the school and over \$85,000 in savings over a 10 year period for the DPW garage. The system lifespan is over 20 years. The Town will pay \$0 to install the solar energy systems. They will also be maintained for 20 years at a cost of \$0 to the Town. DBS Energy will be installing and maintaining the systems. Construction begins this summer and the systems will be operational by September 2011. They will be one of the largest systems installed by a municipality in the State of Connecticut.

2011/2012 Budget-

A recap of the 4/26/11 Public Hearing and 4/26/11 Board of Finance Meeting was discussed. The Board of Finance decided to give back \$75,000 each to the BOS and the BOE, proceed with Town Budget requiring a 1 mil increase and the use of approximately \$247,000 from general fund balance.

2009 and 2010 Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employee Awards-

Public Works Administrative Assistant Paula LaFrance was presented with the 2009 Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employee Award for her exceptional work in creating and organizing the Town Vehicle Maintenance Records System keeping the Town in compliance. Assistant Town Treasurer Lisa Coope was presented with the 2010 Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employee Award for outstanding service in managing Town finances during the time period between fulltime financial officers.

2009 and 2010 Robert B. Percoski Community Service Awards

Barry, Forest and Emerson Dolby were presented with the 2009 Robert B. Percoski Community Service Award for their exceptional service in creating a Main Street American Flag Display every year. David Birkenshaw was presented with the 2010 Robert B. Percoski Community Service Award for outstanding service in assisting with several grant applications, as well as in assisting with the wiring design for new Town Hall Computer Systems.

Adjournments-

Mrs. Pellegrini motioned to adjourn the Special Board of Selectmen Meeting at 7:15pm, 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.