

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 20, 2011
12:30pm
Lower Level Conference Room**

Call to Order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectman Kathy Devlin and Budd Knorr. Also in attendance were Kimberly Marcotte, CFO, Pat Juda, Assessor and Housing Authority Chairman David Pinney. Human Services Director Jen Charette and several interested Seniors arrived after 1:15pm.

Woodcrest Phase II-

A memo dated July 13, 2011 from Assessor Pat Juda was read by Mrs. Pellegrini regarding the following projections for tax and PILOT payments for Phase I and Phase II of Woodcrest. Discussion followed regarding the tax exemptions for Woodcrest, tax payments and PILOT payments. There was a consensus that the tax burden needs to be very clear for Phase II. Also in consensus is the intent of the development to supply affordable housing for the elderly. The CFO asked if housing priority was given to Somers residents, Mr. Pinney replied that the answer was no due to the receipt of Federal funding. Mrs. Devlin asked if qualification rules are different on Phase II, and explained that a resident had applied for Phase I but was not successful in obtaining a unit. Mr. Pinney told Mrs. Devlin that the person should be encouraged to apply again for Phase II housing.

Mr. Knorr made a motion not to abate taxes or establish PILOT payments for Woodcrest Phase II, but to regard Woodcrest Phase II as a taxable property as recommended by the Town Assessors analysis, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous decision followed.

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to take the agenda items out of order, skipping over item 4. Senior Center Building Use until all interested residents finished arriving, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous decision followed.

Bus Barn Demolition-

Three quotes were received to demolish the Bus Barn. The lowest quote received was from Associated Building Wreckers, Inc. for \$22,070.00. The amount included the demolition of the building, as well as the demolition asbestos survey. Mrs. Pellegrini told the Board that the Town Engineer and the Deputy Director of Public Works had recommended that the Town proceed with the lowest quote contractor.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to have First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini contract Associated Building Wreckers, Inc. to perform the demolition asbestos survey and to demolish the Bus Barn, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Local Traffic Authority-

Four Town Fair Parade Letter of Approval:

Mrs. Pellegrini stated that a request had been made by Ms. Claire E. Rich, Parade Chairman for the Four Town Fair for an approval letter to be sent by the Town to the State of CT approving the road closures on Routes 190 and 83 for the Four Town Fair Parade on Saturday, September 17, 2011.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the road closures for the Four Town Fair Parade and authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to send an approval letter to the State of Connecticut, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous decision followed.

United Way Proclamation-

Mrs. Pellegrini asked the Selectmen for authorization to sign a Proclamation for the Town of Somers designating September 7, 2011 as the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut 20th Annual United Way Day of Caring.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize Mrs. Pellegrini to sign the above Proclamation, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments-

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize the scheduled payments of \$109,400.14, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Appropriations/Transfers-**Supplemental Appropriation:****Department: Selectmen**

Bus Barn	315-3010-030-0350-5-00	\$22,020.00
LOCIP	315-0010-003-0861-4-01	\$22,070.00

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to approve the above listed supplemental appropriation, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Senior Center Building Use-

The Selectmen met with several seniors regarding the use of the Senior Center Building. Some members of the Senior Club had requested that the Town provide an office for the Senior Club at the Senior Center. Much discussion followed which included the use of the Town's Building Policy, the history of the Senior Center and the Senior Club, security of information and use and maintenance of the building. It was agreed by the Selectmen that the Town will adhere to the current Town Building Policy and not provide the Club with an office. It was agreed that storage will be available to the Senior Club if needed at the Kibbe Fuller Building. The Board of Selectmen explained that the Senior Center is a Town Building and stressed that the Senior Center is available and open to all Somers Seniors. The current practice of scheduling events with the Human Services Director will continue.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30pm, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Pellegrini-Recording

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