

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 1, 2011
6:00PM
Selectmen's Conference Room**

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Call to Order: Mrs. Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: All Members participated in the Pledge of Allegiance

Boards and Commissions:

Resignations:

Mrs. Pellegrini announced that Joseph Tolisano had resigned via phone on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 as the Town's Emergency Management Director. At that time Mrs. Pellegrini made an emergency decision to appoint Deputy Emergency Management Director, Dan Thayer as the acting Emergency Management Director until such time the Board could vote. Later in the day Mr. Tolisano submitted his letter of resignation.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to accept the resignation of Joseph Tolisano, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Appointments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Dan Thayer as the Town's Interim Emergency Management Director until further notice, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from Jenifer Charette on behalf of the Recreation Commission asking the Board of Selectmen to appoint Mrs. Lori Carenzo to fill a vacancy on the Recreation Commission.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mrs. Lori Carenzo as a Member of the Recreation Commission, with a term expiring 12/22/2011, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Local Traffic Authority:

Tour De Habitat Ride Approval:

Mrs. Pellegrini received an email from Sergeant Jose Claudio regarding the Tour de Habitat bicycle race to be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011. Sergeant Claudio reviewed the proposed route and he recommends approving the request. Sergeant Claudio will coordinate with the event organizers to ensure the Town has proper safety measures in place.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the "Tour De Habitat" Bicycle Race on September 24, 2011, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Post Hurricane Update:

Mrs. Pellegrini briefed the Board of Selectmen on the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. The Town still has 5% of the population without power and 5 roads remained closed. The Town has been diligently pressuring CL&P to work on power restoration and blocked roads. Portable water is still available at the Fire Station and will continue to be available until 100% of the Town receives power. Toilets and showers will remain available at the Mabelle Avery Middle School and will continue to be open until

100% of the Town receives power. The Transfer Station will be open through Sunday, September 4th for Somers Residents only. Leaf and brush debris fees will be waived through September 4th for Somers residents only. The Selectmen discussed areas of potential continuous improvement to the emergency management plan and will continue working on this in conjunction with Civil Prep. The Board commended emergency personnel including the fire department, state police and constables, Department of Public Works, Town Personnel, School Officials, Civil Prep and the CERT Team Volunteers as well as other additional Town Residents for all of their efforts and hard work during the Hurricane.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:25 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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