

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2011
Selectmen's Conference Room
9:00am**

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Call to Order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectman Kathy Devlin and Budd Knorr.

Cox communication: Mrs. Pellegrini presented each contract proposed by Cox Communication to the Board of Selectmen; Mrs. Pellegrini recommended the 5year contract due to future cost savings. Mr. Wheeler of US Communications telephoned requested an affidavit authorizing US Communications to do an assessment of the Town phone lines and make the determination for the number of phone lines and convey to Cox Communication. The Board of Selectmen discussed they would require Tristan Simonds services for installation of the VPN's to tie in the phone system and complete the computer upgrades.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the five year contract with Cox Communications. Seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to have Tristan Simonds complete the computer upgrades and install the vpn's for the phone system. Seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the affidavit authorizing US Communications to do an assessment of the Town phone lines and make the determination for the number of phone lines and coordinate with Cox Communication. Seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed

Emergency Plan Review: Mrs. Pellegrini announced that they would use the post Event analysis as a basis for the emergency plan update and send out to Dan Thayer.

Battle Street Sidewalk Bid: Mrs. Pellegrini announced that Hinckley Construction was the low bidder for the Battle Street Sidewalk Bid at \$114,221.75.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept Hinckley Construction as the lowest bidder for the Battle Street Sidewalk project. Seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Local Traffic Authority: Mrs. Devlin suggested having a crosswalk put in at Battle Street and Main Street to make the center of Town more walk able for residents. Mrs. Pellegrini recommended Jeff Bord, the Town Engineer review the proposal and work with the Department of Transportation.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to go forward and have the crosswalk reviewed. Seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed.

Employee Handbook: Mrs. Devlin informed the Board of Selectmen on the updates that are being made to the Employee Handbook.

Approval of Minutes:

Special BOS Meeting Minutes August 5, 2011:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Special BOS Meeting Minutes from August 5, 2011. Seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Special BOS Meeting Minutes August 12, 2011:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Special BOS Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2011. Seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Special BOS Meeting Minutes August 18, 2011:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Special BOS Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2011. Seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Regular BOS Meeting Minutes August 25, 2011:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Regular BOS Meeting Minutes from August 25, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed.

Special BOS Meeting Minutes September 1, 2011:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Special BOS Meeting Minutes from September 1, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed.

Boards and Commissions: Mrs. Pellegrini announced that Christine B. Anthony of the cultural commission tendered her resignation on September 9, 2011.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets. Seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments for the amount \$239,625.47. Seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed.

Appropriations/Transfers: None

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectman meeting at 10:35am. Seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim LaFleur-Recording

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