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

Call to Order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Kim Marcotte, CFO. Selectman Bud Knorr was unavailable. Also in attendance were interested citizens David Reed, Richard Cheney and Gary Mazza.

Pledge of Allegiance: All members participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen's Update:

Storm Alfred update:

The Town has received many calls requesting that the brush fee continue to be waived for an additional time period. After consideration it was determined that the fees should be waived until a few weeks after the last street pick up is completed. While this will increase the grinding costs it may lower the amount of debris to be picked up on the right of way as well as enable those residents that missed the pick up to dispose of it properly. The Town is ahead of schedule for debris pick up.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to waive brush fees at the transfer station for Somers residents until 12/31/11, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

A discussion continued regarding debris pickup with Mr. Reed, Mr. Cheney and Mr. Mazza. It was explained that the Board of Selectmen decided to use local contractors for debris removal rather than go with the state contract due to cost and to support local businesses. CL&P is coming to Somers the week of December 12, 2011 to assist the Department of Public Works with the removal of widow makers.

The Board of Selectmen brought a supplemental appropriation for the sum of \$700,000 to the Board of Finance on 11/28/11 to cover costs incurred by Storm Alfred. The transfer will go to a Special Town Meeting on 12/13/11. FEMA will provide 75% reimbursement to the Town for qualified expenses.

General Government Update:

Mrs. Pellegrini announced with regrets the resignation of Jenifer Charette, Director of Human Services effective 12/16/11.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Charette with regrets, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Mrs. Pellegrini was pleased to announce that Todd Rolland has completed the Connecticut Road Scholar Program, the Connecticut Road Master Program and the Connecticut Municipal Legal Traffic Authority Program.

Mrs. Pellegrini was also pleased to announce that Bob Morpurgo and Glen Reynolds have each completed the Arson Investigation Programs.

Opportunity to add agenda items:

Mrs. Pellegrini presented the 2012 Holiday Schedule to be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Mrs. Devlin made a recommendation to approve the 2012 Holiday schedule, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Mrs. Devlin brought to the attention of the Board of Selectmen issues regarding beavers and beaver dams. She believes they are contributing to flooding from the Scantic River in to the areas of Northwest Drive, Mountain Road and King Road. Mrs. Devlin recommends that DEEP be notified of the problem.

Boards and Commissions:

Mrs. Pellegrini announced with regrets the resignation of Marilyn Smith of the Advisory board to the Elderly Commission.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Phyllis Gwilliams to fill a term vacated by Mrs. Arlene Yarnes to the Advisory Board to the Elderly Commission with a term expiring on 12/22/11, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint James Burgess to the Advisory Board to the Elderly Commission to begin on 12/22/11 with a term expiring on 12/22/12, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Local Traffic Authority:

Mrs. Pellegrini presented a recommendation for installation of a three way stop controlled intersection at Wood and Rosehaven Roads from Todd Rolland, Deputy Director of Public Works and supported by Sgt. Jose Claudio, State Police and Jeff Bord, Town Engineer/Director of Public Works.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion for the installation of stops signs at Wood and Rosehaven Roads, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Mrs. Devlin made a recommendation to have Sergeant Claudio, Todd Rolland and Jeff Bord look into the sight line at Georgewood and Hall Hill Road going east to west.

Mrs. Devlin also shared that she had a conversation with one of the residents in the Applewood Drive subdivision. Applewood Drive is not listed as an approved road. Mrs. Pellegrini said they are in the process of trying to get the road approved.

CRCOG service sharing OPM Grant applications:

Mrs. Pellegrini presented a Resolution of Endorsement to the Board of Selectmen for Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) to apply for the following grants: Back office service

sharing study, GIS expansion, IT application sharing and development and regional assessment study.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize Mrs. Pellegrini to sign the CRCOG Service Sharing OPM Grant Application Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Snow Removal Policy:

Mrs. Pellegrini presented the Snow Removal Policy to the Board of Selectmen prepared by Todd Rolland, Deputy Director of Public Works to approve and post.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve and post the Snow Removal Policy prepared by Todd Rolland, Deputy Director of Public Works. Seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Waste Management Contract:

Mrs. Pellegrini announced that there is opportunity for a substantial savings on the bulky waste removal. However she is waiting on more correspondence. Thus, this item will be tabled.

Mrs. Devlin asked Mrs. Pellegrini if it were possible to reduce transfer station hours and incorporate curb side pickup. Mrs. Pellegrini said this is something that is a possibility and should be looked at in the future.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Authorization of Scheduled payments for the sum of \$273,186.66. Seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Transfers/Appropriations: None

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the following minutes:

Regular Board of Selectmen meeting minutes October 20, 2011

Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes October 26, 2011,

Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes November 10, 2011

Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes November 17, 2011

Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes November 21, 2011

Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes November 28, 2011

Seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:08pm.

Seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.