

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 23, 2012
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

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

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini (recording), Selectman Kathy Devlin, CFO Kim Marcotte, Fire Chief Gary Schiessl, Emergency Management Director Dan Thayer, Town Engineer/DPW Director Jeff Bord, Fire Officer Keith Allard, Girl Scouts Emily Teel and Emily Jewell and several interested Somers Residents. Selectman Bud Knorr was not present.

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

Girl Scout Gold Projects:

Girl Scouts Emily Jewell and Emily Teel are working on Girl Scout Gold Projects and presented their project proposals to the Board. Ms. Jewell's project includes replacing the missing and broken veterans' markers at all four cemeteries in Somers. She also plans to complete a map for the Town of all of the veterans' gravesites.

Ms. Teel's project includes replacing the badly worn and stained carpet at the Senior Center with non skid flooring. Examples of flooring were shown to the Selectmen. In addition, she proposes interior painting as well as hosting an "Adopt a Grandparent" event that would include the Seniors and the Girl Scouts.

Ms. Jewell and Ms. Teel submitted proposal letters to the Selectmen and associated staff and commission members and asked for written responses supporting their projects. The support letters would then go to the Girl Scout organization by March 15th for formal project approval. The proposals received much support from the Selectmen, the Human Services Director and the Town Engineer, as well as from the audience.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to support both Girl Scout Projects, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Fire Department Long Range Plan:

Fire Chief Gary Schiessl presented two long range proposals for replacing fire department vehicles. One proposal includes selling 4 vehicles and replacing them with 3 vehicles. The other proposal includes selling 3 vehicles and replacing them with 2 vehicles. Discussion followed. The Selectmen did not decide on an option to forward to the Board of Finance. Instead they wished to think about it and table the decision to a future meeting.

Roads Long Range Plan:

Item tabled to a future meeting as Town Engineer/DPW Director needed to attend the Planning Commission Meeting and was not able to discuss with the Selectmen was not possible.

Budget Review:

Due to time constraints this item was tabled to a future meeting.

Approve budget Schedule:

Due to time constraints this item was tabled to a future meeting.

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Mrs. Devlin wished to share with the audience a conversation she had with State Comptroller Kevin Lembo at the COST Annual Meeting regarding the state requiring state employees to purchase prescriptions through mail order. This greatly hurts small local pharmacies. She stated that he said that there is a possibility the requirements would ease, however it need to go before the legislature. Mrs. Devlin stated that Representative David Kiner in Enfield is actively pursuing this. Other items learned at COST include the desire of the state for all towns to participate 100% in electronic bond transfers and grant funding transfers and the results of the Two Storm Panel calling for the need for a more resilient electrical power system and the desire for a smart grid/micro grid system which identifies critical need areas. Such a micro grid would cost a great deal.

Building Use Fee Schedule:

Due to time constraints this item was tabled to a future meeting.

Job Descriptions:

Due to time constraints this item was tabled to a future meeting.

Boards and Commissions:

A letter was received from Mr. Dan Scully on February 10, 2012 regarding his resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept Mr. Scully resignation with regrets and thanks for service, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to appoint Mr. Lucas Cherry, effective March 2, 2012, to the Zoning Board of Appeals, replacing resigned member Mr. John Torres, with a term expiring 12/22/2015, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. Dean Hills to the Zoning Board of Appeals, replacing resigned member Mr. Dan Scully, with a term expiring 12/22/2012, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. Ronald Collyer to the Advisory Commission to the Elderly, a position previously held by Ms. Karen Norrie, with a term expiring 12/22/2012, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. Tim Kradas to the Civil Preparedness Advisory Council, a position previously held by Mr. Art Hoza, with a term expiring 12/22/2013, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to appoint Ms. Stephanie Gershowitz to the Recreation Commission, replacing resigned member Ms. Lori Carenzo, with a term expiring 12/22/2013, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize the schedule of payments for the sum of \$62,242.01, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Appropriations/Transfers:

Supplemental Appropriations

Department: Fire Department

Vehicle Maintenance	100-2016-020-0433-5-00	\$9,500.00
Personal Protective	100-2016-020-0616-5-01	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
		\$11,500.00

Sale of Town Property 100-0010-007-0844-4-09 \$11,500.00

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the supplemental appropriation, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Due to time constraints this item was tabled to a future meeting.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:30pm, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Pellegrini-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.