

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 4, 2012
10:00am
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Members present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Budd Knorr. Also in attendance Kim Marcotte, CFO and Karl Walton, Somers Resident.

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

Selectman's Update:

Solar Panels:

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EEECGB) Audit Meeting that was held on Tuesday April 3, 2012 with the Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection and DBS Energy. The solar panel installation project at the firehouse was the topic of the audit. Mrs. Pellegrini was pleased to announce that the audit went well and a final report will be issued sometime in the future. During the audit Mrs. Pellegrini was able to ask about the recently received Quickspend Grant. Only 14 of 41 applications were chosen to receive the Quickspend grant funding and Somers is receiving funding for two energy projects. It seems that the impact of energy savings and the track record for Somers are excellent and this history, as well as the type of projects that Somers recently chose for the Quickspend Grant application, were deciding factors in receiving the grant.

Mrs. Pellegrini was also pleased to announce that the Solar Panels at the Elementary School received the final interconnection approval and are now officially up and running at the School. The solar panel installation at the Department of Public Works building will begin mid April.

Equity Distribution:

CIRMA has notified Mrs. Pellegrini of the Equity Distribution for the Town and the BOE is \$13,504.

Charter Revision:

The Board of Selectmen continued discussing the need for the formation of a Charter Revision Commission. Mrs. Pellegrini stated that the last Charter Revision was in 2006 as mentioned in a memo from Ann Logan in 2010. The Board discussed who should be appointed and how many members should serve on the Charter Revision Commission.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion that the Board of Selectmen agreed to have a Charter Revision Commission in 2012 and have the commission consist of 5 members to include (conditional on their acceptance to serve) Linda Roberts, Tim Potrickus, Erik Ness, Bill McGuirk, and Ralph Williams seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Assessor's Clerk Position:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the hiring of Karen Perna for the open position of Assessor's Clerk in the Assessor's office, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfer Station Fees:

Mrs. Pellegrini distributed handouts of the research that was performed on the surrounding towns and their Transfer Station fee rates. The Board of Selectmen had a lengthy discussion on expenses associated with the Transfer Station and what fees should be applied.

Mr. Knorr made a motion beginning July 1, 2012 to increase the bulky waste fees from \$85.00 per ton to \$140.00 per ton after extensive research and review of the surrounding town rates, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

CIP:

The Board of Selectmen and Kim Marcotte, CFO reviewed the old CIP form and all agreed that it is not user friendly and will need revising. Lisa Pellegrini, Bill Boutwell and Kim Marcotte will work together to come up with a more user friendly CIP form and propose it to the Board of Finance. Mrs. Pellegrini confirmed that new DPW radios may be covered by LoCIP Funds.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Authorization of Scheduled payments for the sum of \$125,228.41, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Appropriations/Transfers:

NONE

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 11:10am, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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