

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 31, 2012
6:00pm
Town Hall Auditorium**

Call to Order First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Members present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectman Kathy Devlin, CFO Kim Marcotte and several Somers Residents. Selectman Knorr was not present.

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

Selectmen's Update:

Merit Increases:

Mrs. Pellegrini recommended to the Board of Selectmen the proposed merit increases for 2011-2012 for non-union town employees be approved.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the proposed merit increases for 2011-2012, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

FY2013 STEAP Grant Application being accepted:

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen on the criteria for the upcoming FY2013 STEAP Grant. Applications are due August 1st and there is an award cap of \$500,000.00. Mrs. Pellegrini and Mrs. Devlin discussed some potential project ideas. Mrs. Pellegrini will be writing the grant.

CIP Form:

Mrs. Pellegrini presented the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) request forms for DPW narrowbanded radios and for Fire Department vehicles to the Selectmen to review and approve. Mrs. Pellegrini commented all CIP forms are to be presented, as directed by the BOF, to the CIP Committee. The next CIP meeting is scheduled for June 7th.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the two above listed CIP projects and to forward them to the CIP Committee, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Opportunity to add Agenda Items:

Mrs. Pellegrini asked to include the minutes of May 22, 2012 Special Board of Selectmen meeting to the Approval of Minutes Section.

Mrs. Pellegrini asked that an Executive Session in regards to the MOU between Town and Land Trust regarding Camp Ayapo be added to the agenda.

Charter Revision:

Tim Potrikus, Chair of the Charter Revision commission recommended to the Board of Selectmen to have the Commission plan for a November 2013 ballot on Charter Revision rather than at the May 2013 referendum ballot due to the low voter turnout demonstrated in May.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the recommendation made by the Charter Revision Commission to include Charter Revision items on the November 2013 municipal election ballot rather than on the May 2013 referendum vote, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to move the Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employee Awards and the Robert B. Percoski Community Service Awards forward in the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini.

Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employee Awards for 2011 & 2012:

The Board of Selectmen presented Deputy Director of Public Works Todd Rolland with the Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employee Award for 2011 for outstanding leadership in DPW as well as outstanding service in managing cleanups associated with the January 2012 Snowstorms, Hurricane Irene and Storm Alfred.

The Board of Selectmen presented Transfer Station employee Vincent Weston with the Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employee Award for 2012 for his outstanding service at the transfer station in his commitment to ensuring high quality and consistent operations as well as excellent customer service.

Robert B. Percoski Community Service Awards for 2011 & 2012:

The Board of Selectmen presented volunteer Emergency Management Director Dan Thayer with the Robert B. Percoski Community Service Award for 2011 for his outstanding management of two major FEMA events which included Hurricane Irene and Storm Alfred as well as for his superb leadership in the Town's emergency preparedness efforts.

The Board of Selectmen recognized Aileen and Roland Henry as the recipients of the Robert B. Percoski Community Service Award for 2012 for their outstanding service, dedication and compassion to the town's elderly residents and for their work with various food pantries and organizations in ensuring the neediest individuals have food available. Aileen and Roland Henry were unable to attend the award ceremony, and will be formally presented with the award at a later date.

STEAP Grant Resolution:

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen on a recently awarded STEAP grant for \$85,000.00 to repave the Town Hall parking lot. Mrs. Pellegrini asked for a resolution requesting authorization to sign all necessary documents associated with this grant.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the resolution to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign all associated necessary documents related to the \$85,000 Town Hall Parking Lot STEAP Grant, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Streetscape DOT Resolution:

Mrs. Pellegrini asked for a resolution requesting authorization to sign an encroachment agreement with the DOT regarding Somersville Streetscape project.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the resolution to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign all associated documents with the Somersville Streetscape DOT encroachment agreement, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Boards and Commissions:

Mrs. Pellegrini stated the Finance Board had approved Mr. Tom Mazzoli to serve as the Finance Board member on the POCD Committee. Mrs. Pellegrini also said the Board of Education had approved Mr. David Palmer to serve as the Board of Education member on the POCD Committee.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to name Mr. Tom Mazzoli as the Board of Finance representative member to the POCD Committee and Mr. David Palmer as the Board of Education representative member to the POCD Committee, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the problem of late and non-existent minutes and a lack of posted agendas from the Recreation Commission. The Selectmen are deeply concerned as this not only raises questions concerning exposure to the Town but also prohibits the effectiveness of the Recreation Board.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to hire a Recording Secretary to attend and transcribe minutes for the Recreation Commission, noting that funding for this would be used from accounts for recreation/parks, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the sum of \$91,301.44, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Transfers/Appropriations: NONE

Approval of Minutes:

BOS Regular meeting minutes May 17, 2012

BOS Special Meeting minutes May 22, 2012

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above mentioned minutes, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Executive Session –MOU Between the Northern CT (NC) Land Trust and Town of Somers Regarding Camp Ayapo:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:10pm, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Those attending the executive session included First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectman Kathy Devlin, CFO Kim Marcotte and Operations Manager Kim LaFleur. Executive Session ended at 7:30pm.

Discussion followed regarding the open space grant requirements including discussion of grant process, requirements, approval letters and time tables.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to revise the Memo of Understanding between the Town and the NC Land Trust regarding Camp Ayapo and to submit the revision to the NC Land Trust for approval, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 8:00pm, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Kim LaFleur- Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.