

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 18, 2012
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 Bud Knorr. CFO Kim Marcotte was also in attendance.

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

Opportunity to add agenda items: None

Selectmen's Update:

Election Day:

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen regarding plans for coordination of traffic at Town Hall on Election Day. Plans included the use of DPW, CERT Volunteers, State Troopers/Constables and the use of Shuttle Buses. Parking will be available at Town Hall, the Kibbe Fuller Building and the Senior Center.

Animal Control Vehicle:

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from Todd Rolland, Deputy Director of Public Works requesting to purchase a used vehicle to replace the Animal Control vehicle due to safety issues.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the request to purchase a used vehicle to be used by Animal Control, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Pension:

The Board asked for clarification from the CFO regarding when the annual Pension statements are performed and requested if they can be done at the same time each year.

Budget:

Budget Updates were distributed to the Selectmen by the CFO.

FY 2006 STEAP Grant Resolution:

Mrs. Pellegrini distributed a copy of the letter from State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) Secretary Benjamin Barnes stating the request for an extension of the balance of \$404,856.02 from a STEAP grant awarded in fiscal year 2006 for a variety of projects associated with the Maple Street Bridge including engineering and design studies, construction costs and costs associated with sewer replacement, "make safe" demolition, drainage improvements and road construction at the Maple Street Bridge area has been approved and the STEAP award may be used for these purchases. The grant had been forgotten since 2008 and had expired. Mrs. Pellegrini said a new contract is expected and asked the Board for a resolution accepting the Grant extension and authorizing First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini to sign all associated documents as needed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize a resolution accepting the extended grant and also authorized First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini to sign all associated documents for this grant, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Earmark Funding:

Mrs. Pellegrini commented that Somers will most likely lose all the \$1.8 million in Earmark money for the Somersville Bridge unless the Town acts aggressively right now. She proposes to work with the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) in making a strong case to the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) for using \$500,000 of the earmark money for preliminary design and \$2,000,000 of STP-Urban funds for construction of the Maples Street Bridge. Mrs. Pellegrini would like to obtain the Board's authorization to proceed with this strategy with both ConnDOT and CRCOG.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to proceed with this plan and to work with both ConnDOT and CRCOG in retaining \$500,000 of earmark funding for preliminary designs and \$2,000,000 of STP-Urban funds for construction of the Maple Street Bridge and to sign any agreements with both agencies, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

FY 2013 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Grant Resolution:

The Town has received a federally funded grant in the amount of \$41,775.00 for DUI Enforcement. Mrs. Pellegrini requested a Resolution accepting the Grant and authorization to sign all associated documents. The Grant will run from 10/11/12 -9/14/13.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve a resolution accepting the grant and authorized First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign all associated documents for this grant, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Emergency Management Radio Equipment Agreement between the Town of Somers and JMMC:

Mrs. Pellegrini requested authorization to sign the Agreement between the Town of Somers and Johnson Memorial Medical Center (JMMC) regarding internet access and connectivity to ham radio equipment operated by the Town of Somers Emergency Management at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the Agreement between the Town of Somers and JMMC, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Construction Engineering and Inspection Agreement between Town of Somers and Purcell Associates:

Mrs. Pellegrini requested authorization to sign all associated documents.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to authorize First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini to sign the Construction Engineering and Inspection Agreement between the Town of Somers and Purcell Associates, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

CCM Prescription Discount Card Program:

Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Selectmen a prescription discount card program available through the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM). This is a free program that offers discounted saving on the purchase of prescription drugs for Somers residents without health insurance, traditional pharmacy benefit plans or prescriptions not covered by insurance. Mrs. Pellegrini has forwarded the program information to the Town Attorney to review and asked if the Selectmen would want to offer this program to town residents pending a positive review.

Mrs. Devin made a motion to make the CCM Prescription Discount Card Program available to Somers residents pending the Town Attorney's favorable review, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Boards and Commissions:

Mrs. Pellegrini announced that Brad Pellissier is resigning from the Planning Commission effective 10/25/12.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Brad Pellissier from The Planning Commission effective 10/25/12 with much regret and thanks for service, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

DPW Staff replacement:

Mrs. Pellegrini received a request from Jeff Bord, Town Engineer recommending the hiring of Scott Pierce to the DPW Department as a Maintainer.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the recommendation made by Mr. Bord and hire Mr. Scott Pierce as a DPW Maintainer, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the sum of \$167,858.68, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations:**Department: Selectmen**

<u>2006 STEAP construction Maple Street</u>	<u>315-6006-030-0350-5-00</u>	<u>\$ 404,865.02</u>
<u>2006 STEAP construction Maple Street Revenue</u>	<u>315-6006-003-0880-4-00</u>	<u>\$ 404,856.02</u>

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Supplemental Appropriation for \$404,856.02, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Approval of Minutes:

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes 10/4/12

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes 10/11/12

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above mention minutes, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:00pm, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.