

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 11, 2012
4:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order: First Selectmen, Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 4:25pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Budd Knorr. Also in attendance Kim Marcotte, CFO.

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

Selectmen's Update:

LoCIP Grant:

Mrs. Pellegrini received the LoCIP Grant check for \$91,975.00 for Chip Sealing and Catch Basin replacements. The Town should be receiving the \$200,000.00 LoCIP reimbursement check shortly.

129 Springfield Road:

Mrs. Pellegrini explained to the Board of Selectmen that the Judge has not come back with a decision regarding 129 Springfield Road.

Senior Center (Girl Scout Gold Project):

Mrs. Pellegrini was pleased to announce the painting at the Senior Center will begin the week of Christmas break for the Girl Scout Gold Project. The flooring will be installed once the painting is completed; tentatively the flooring will start week of January 7th.

Fire truck Contract:

Mrs. Pellegrini commented that the Town and 4 Guys Fire Trucks are finalizing contract revisions. The Town Attorney has been involved in review of the contract and Mrs. Pellegrini is requesting from the Board of Selectmen authorization to sign the contract once final revisions are completed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini to sign the contract for the purchase of the two fire trucks at a price of \$938,852.00 once the final revisions are complete, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

FEMA:

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen on the FEMA Public Assistance Program. Through this program FEMA is helping to pay 75% of the costs for eligible work for debris removal and emergency work as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Mrs. Pellegrini explained that under the program, the State is the grantee and state agencies are the sub grantees. Applicants are to submit a formal Request for Public Assistance to the State. The deadline for applicants to submit a request for public assistance is December 30th. The Town's application was submitted well in advance on December 6th, 2012. After the request is submitted, FEMA and state program officials will meet with each applicant individually to discuss damage, assess needs and develop a subgrant application. If approved, FEMA grants the money to the state, which then distributes the funds to the applicants as documentation is received.

Somersville Bridge Project:

Mrs. Pellegrini was pleased to announce CRCOG received confirmation from DOT that the Somersville Bridge Project is on the 2012 State TIP list. The Feds have endorsed the project thus it has become official on the regional CRCOG TIP List. Mrs. Pellegrini stated that project is where it needs to be to begin advancing and will regroup after the holidays to start the preliminary design phase.

CRCOG Regional Performance Incentive Program: Sharing Grant Resolution:

Mrs. Pellegrini explained she served on the CRCOG HR Committee and asked the Board if they were interest in participating in the CRCOG Regional Performance Incentive Grant Sharing Program. The Board agreed on Item 2 – Human Resources On-Line clearinghouse and Templates along with Item 3 – Human Resources Town Employee Portal – Regional Development as proposals the Town would be

interested in. Mrs. Pellegrini requested that the Board adopt a resolution to endorse the Regional Performance Incentive Program proposed by CRCOG and give her authorization to sign all associated documents relating to the Sharing Grant.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adopt the Regional Performance Incentive Program Resolution referencing the Human Resources On-line Clearinghouse and Templates and Human Resources Town Employee Portal- Regional Development as proposals to be submitted to the Capitol Region Council of Governments, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize Mrs. Pellegrini to sign all documents related to the above mentioned CRCOG Sharing Grant, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

FFY 2011 State Homeland Security Grant Program: Memorandum of Agreement and Authorizing Resolution

Mrs. Pellegrini requested approval from the Board regarding the FFY 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program Memorandum of Agreement and Authorizing Resolution.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approving the resolution and authorized First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the Agreement and necessary documentation for the FFY 2011 State Homeland Security Grant Program, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Firefighters Grant:

Mrs. Pellegrini is waiting on feedback from Fire Chief Gary Schissel.

Four Town Fair 175 Anniversary:

Mrs. Pellegrini attended a meeting with the Four Town Fair Board members in East Windsor regarding the Fair's 175th Anniversary. The Board members and Town representatives exchanged ideas for the parade and the Fair on how to make the Anniversary a great historical agricultural event. The Selectmen agreed to have Mrs. Pellegrini work with the Historical Society and the Fair Board regarding historical photos for a Somers exhibit. The Selectmen also expressed desire to participate in the parade by walking as a unified Board. Mrs. Pellegrini also mentioned the Fair Board was looking for a donation of \$500 from each of the four Towns.

Comprehensive Energy Strategy – Natural Gas Expansion:

Mrs. Pellegrini is working with the Town of Stafford to see if extending the natural gas line from Enfield through to Stafford is possible. She asked for support of this project from the Board of Selectmen in writing a letter for the Comprehensive Energy Strategy.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion authorizing First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini to write a letter regarding the Town of Somers support for the Comprehensive Energy Strategy Natural Gas Expansion, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Constable Ordinance:

The Board reviewed the Constable Ordinance and agreed to make the necessary changes with regard to qualifications.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to enact the Constable Ordinance and to set a public hearing on 1/10/13, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Bonding Update:

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen on the Bonding process. Moody's assigned the Aa2 rating to Somers, which is the third best rating given by Moody's. Somers is rated as high quality and very low credit risk. In order to improve the credit rating there would need to be a growth in the local tax base and improved socio economic indicators.

Budget:

Kim Marcotte, CFO gave updated budget handouts to the Board for review.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the sum of \$170,492.61, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations

Department: DPW

Transfer To:

<u>Vehicle Fuel</u>	<u>100-3034-040-0626-5-00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
---------------------	-------------------------------	-------------------

Transfer From:

<u>Maint/Operation</u>	<u>100-3034-040-0890-5-00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
		<u>\$2,000.00</u>

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Transfer for the DPW in the amount of \$2,000.00, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Department: Fire Marshall

Transfer To:

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>100-2010-020-0619-5-00</u>	<u>\$ 900.00</u>
------------------	-------------------------------	------------------

Transfer From:

<u>Pagers</u>	<u>100-2010-020-0531-5-00</u>	<u>\$ 700.00</u>
<u>Public Education</u>	<u>100-2010-020-0320-5-00</u>	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
		<u>\$ 900.00</u>

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Transfer for the Fire Marshall in the amount of \$900.00, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Department: Fire Marshall

Supplemental Appropriation

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>100-2010-020-0619-5-00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
------------------	-------------------------------	-------------------

<u>Other Revenue</u>	<u>100-0010-007-0844-4-01</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
----------------------	-------------------------------	-------------------

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$1,500.00, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:35, 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.