

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 10, 2013  
6:00pm  
Town Hall Auditorium**

**Call to Order:** First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

**Members Present:** First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Budd Knorr.

**Decision of Ordinance pertaining to the Appointment of Constables:**

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adopt the "Ordinance Pertaining to the Appointment of Constables", seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Selectmen's Update:**

**Resignation:** Mrs. Pellegrini announced that Kim Doherty-Marcotte resigned as of 1/9/13. Christine Hutton is able to act as the Interim CFO through February. Mrs. Pellegrini asked the Board to review the revised CFO Job description and approve for job posting; the Board had only one minor revision to be made.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to hire Ms. Christine Hutton as Interim CFO until a full time replacement is found, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.*

*Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the revised CFO Job description, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Public Health Improvement Planning Coalition Advisory Council:** Mrs. Pellegrini was pleased to announce that she was recently invited by Public Health Commissioner Jewel Mullen to be part of a 20 member Connecticut State Health Plan Advisory Council to chart the course of public health in the State through 2020 and beyond. Funded by the Prevention and Public Health Fund of the Affordable Care Act, the Council will identify and advise on priorities, policies, activities and interventions that help create and sustain healthy conditions for communities in CT.

**LOCIP:** Mrs. Pellegrini requested Approval from the Board of Selectmen to submit the application for the road resurfacing LoCIP project.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectmen, Lisa Pellegrini to sign and submit the LoCIP application for the road resurfacing project, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Village Players Sign:** Mrs. Pellegrini received an email from Shirley Warner requesting permission for a sign in front of 55 School Street, Village Players House; the sign would be 4x4 plywood painted white and 15 ft. from the road. Mrs. Pellegrini and the Board agreed that a smaller sign would look best and they would like to see the sign on the building just about the door.

**2013 STEAP Award Acceptance:** Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from the State announcing a grant award to Somers for \$500,000 in STEAP funds for the replacement of 6 undersized culverts on Mountain Road, Root Road and Battle Street. Mrs. Pellegrini requested approval from the Board to accept the grant and authorization to sign the contract once it is received, as well as any associated documents needed for the grant.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the 2013 STEAP Grant Award and to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the contract and all associated grant documents, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Ninth District/Main Street Road Construction:** The Ninth District Road/Main Street Construction will begin this spring and is scheduled to take 2 years. The improvements include: Widening the roads, pulling the intersections back, adding turning lanes on Mains Street, Ninth District and Sokol Roads, replacing

the existing Gulf Stream culverts (under Ninth District Rd) with box culverts, replacing the sidewalk from vision Blvd to Main St, new pavement and installing new lights and signs. The gravel parking lot at the firehouse fields will be used as a staging area and will be closed for parking for the next two years. Firehouse fields will be open during the season but parking will be limited to the cell tower access road behind the firehouse.

During construction travel will be severely impacted with lane closures and detours. Ninth District Road is scheduled to be closed this summer from Vision Blvd to Main St. for the installation of the box culverts at Gulf Stream. All traffic to Schools and Library will have to come from Billing Road. It is strongly recommended associations wishing to use Town Facilities with high traffic impacts, seek alternative venues and all group using the Schools, Library or fields plan accordingly.

**Building Official Coverage:** Mrs. Pellegrini announced that John Collins, Town Building Official will be on medical leave starting 1/24/13. Alvin Hill will be the Towns Temporary Building Official with an hourly rate of \$35.

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Alvin Hill as the Temporary Building Official, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

**Approval of Minutes:**

November 15, 2012 Regular BOS Minutes

November 15, 2012 Special BOS minutes

November 29, 2012 Special BOS minutes

December 11, 2012 Special BOS minutes

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

**Boards and Commissions: None**

**Transfers/Appropriations: None**

**Authorization of Scheduled Payments:**

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$88,414.24, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

**Executive Session – US Postal Service vs. Town of Somers – pending claims and litigation:**

***Mr. Knorr made a motion to go into executive session at 6:25, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.***

Individuals present in the Executive session included First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr, Pat Juda- Town Assessor, Carl Landolina- Town Attorney and Kim LaFleur- Operations Manager. Executive Session ended at 6:53pm.

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to settle the claim between 26 Battle Street, United Post Office Investments Inc. vs. Town of Somers - Docket # HHB-CV-12-6017436 to fair market value of \$525,000.00, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

**Adjournment:**

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:55pm, 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.*