

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 14, 2013
4:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order: First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini called meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini and Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also present at the meeting: Todd Rolland-Deputy Director of Public Works and Amy Saada-Human Services Director.

Recreation Programs/Summer Camp:

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board on concerns over Little League field usage permits.

The 2013 Spring/Summer Recreation Program was presented by the Human Services Director. The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the Summer Camp program and Mrs. Pellegrini relayed information she had gathered from sitting on the CIRMA Claims Advisory Committee and the CIRMA Operations & Underwriting Committee as well as from her participation as a member of the CIRMA Board of Directors. Mrs. Pellegrini also shared with the group advice from the Town's Risk Manager based on the concerns she had after reviewing the adequacy of facilities, program structure, staff training and first aid incidents. The group talked about ways to reduce the risk and liability associated with the Summer Camps and realized that the effort to address the liability issues would take much time and it was doubtful this could be accomplished in time for summer. The Board agreed that the main focus should be the health and safety of the residents. As sufficient alternate camps in the area were available the Board decided to eliminate the Small Fry Camp and the Summer Day Camp programs from the 2013 Spring/Summer Recreation Program.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the Town of Somers Recreation Spring/Summer Programs for 2013, with noteworthy changes to the lineup including the addition of new Skyhawk's Summer Camps, UK Soccer Clinics and Camps and Children's Music Programs and the deletion of the Small Fry Camp and All day Summer Camp Programs, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Board risk and liability concerns regarding the donated exercise equipment at Kibbe Fuller. Such concerns regard the lack of maintenance to the equipment and the possible injury it would cause.

Based on the risk and liability concerns Mrs. Devlin made a motion to remove the exercise equipment located at Kibbe Fuller effective 4/1/2013, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Budget Discussion:

Handouts of the Budget Summary were given to the Board of Selectman as well as various mil rate scenarios that will be given to the Board of Finance at their next meeting.

Mrs. Pellegrini reached out to several Towns and asked how they were preparing for the possible exemption of motor vehicle taxes. All Towns were presenting their budgets using the proposed Governor's Budget. If the exemption happens then all agreed that property taxes would greatly increase. However, all were taking a wait and see approach.

E-Waste Recycling Vendor:

Bids were discussed regarding E-Waste Recycling vendors.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve COVANTA as the Town's E-Waste Recycling vendor, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

FEMA:

Mrs. Pellegrini was pleased to announce that the Town received notification that it was approved to receive FEMA reimbursement for Storm Sandy in the amount of \$20,695.31. This represents 75% of the costs associated with Storm Sandy and is a full reimbursement as per the FEMA program.

Staff Retirements/Resignations:

Mrs. Pellegrini read a letter from DPW Maintainer Philip Eastwood notifying the Board that he will be retiring as of March 31, 2013 after 25 years of service. The Board appreciated the positive comments from Mr. Eastwood and spoke of his exemplary service to the Town.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to regretfully accept the resignation with much thanks and appreciation of 25 years of exemplary service and to submit the resignation letter as part of the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from Todd Rolland recommending promoting Bill Haiko from Maintainer to Highway Foreman effective date March 17, 2013.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the promotion, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from Karen Perna, Administrative Clerk from the Assessor's office resigning effective 3/21/13. Mrs. Pellegrini commented that Ms. Perna had found full time employment at Rockville Public Library. The Selectmen congratulated Ms. Perna and wish her all the best in her new position.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation of Karen Perna with regrets and thanks and appreciation for service, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Boards and Commissions:

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from Dee Moak resigning from the Cultural Commission.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion with regrets and thanks for the many years of service, accepting the resignation from Dee Moak, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed.

Transfers/Appropriations:**Transfer****Dept: Finance**

To: Audit	100-0034-010-0331-5-00	\$2,453.00
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From: Contingency	100-9099-090-0890-5-03	\$2,453.00
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Transfer:**Dept: DPW**

To: Equipment Maint	100-3010-010-0432-5-00	\$10,000.00
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From: Heat- Kibbe Fuller	100-3010-010-0624-5-01	\$10,000.00
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Transfer**Dept: DPW**

To: Maint/Operation	100-3034-040-0890-5-00	\$6,000.00
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From: Vehicle Fuel	100-3034-040-0626-5-00	\$6,000.00
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Dept: DPW

To: Overtime Salaries	100-3018-030-0140-5-00	\$5,000.00
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From: Highway Salaries	100-30108-030-011-5-00	\$5,000.00
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Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above transfers, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$162,329.96, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment:

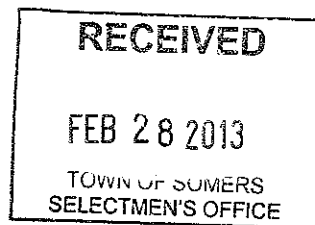
Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:35pm, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.

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Philip M. Eastwood
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Town of Somers Board of Selectmen

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February 28, 2013

To the Board of Selectmen:

I write this letter to announce my formal retirement as of March 31, 2013, as a full-time Maintainer from the Town of Somers, CT, Public Works Dept.

I have worked for the Town of Somers for almost 25 years and I have especially enjoyed my last 4 years of work under the direction of Todd Rolland and with the current Board of Selectman. It has been much less stressful to come to work and do the job to the best of my ability when I know that my work is appreciated.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance during this transition. You may reach me at 860-944-3099.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip M Eastwood". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Philip M. Eastwood