

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 18, 2013
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order: First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini called meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen, Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr, also present was Glen O'Keefe, CFO.

Opportunity to add agenda items: N/A

Selectmen's Update:

The Board discussed and shared their concerns regarding the Board of Finances decision on April 15th to remove of \$702,260 from the Town Government Budget to a capital line item. There is much confusion as to what exactly is the Town Budget amount. Responses from the Board of Finance are unclear at this time. The Board of Selectmen spoke at length regarding what such a substantial cut would mean to Town Services. Mrs. Pellegrini met with the Department Heads earlier in the morning to notify them of what had happened.

Road Acceptance:

Mrs. Pellegrini received a memo from Jeff Bord, Town Engineer recommending that the Board of Selectmen accept Brookford Drive of the Whispering Woods Estates Phase III subdivision as a Town Road. On March 14, 2013 the Planning Commission approved the acceptance of Brookford Drive which was extended in 2003 as part of the Whispering Wood Estates Phase III subdivision. All of the subdivision improvements were completed in 2004 and the Town has been maintaining the road since 2003. The Town has the as-built plan and deed for the right of way transfer, currently being reviewed by the Town Attorney.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept Brookford Drive as a Town Road, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Emergency Management – Shelter Rules:

Mrs. Pellegrini commented that the Civil Prep Committee will make their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Emergency Management Shelter Annex and then the Board will vote on them.

Proposed 2013/2014 Budget:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a recommendation to the Board to remain with Anthem for Medical Insurance and change from Guardian to CIGNA for Dental Insurance for 2013/2014. The medical insurance includes an overall increase of 9.38%. The change in dental insurance allows for the same coverage at a 12% savings. Mrs. Pellegrini also recommends renewing with Anthem for Life Insurance, AD&D and Short Term and Long Term Disability beginning July 1, 2013.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to change the dental insurance carrier from Guardian to CIGNA and to remain with Anthem for medical insurance, life insurance, AD&D insurance and Short Term and Long Term Disability Insurance beginning July 1, 2013 for the 2013/2014 year, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

2012/2013 Current Budget:

Current Budget handouts were given to the Board of Selectmen.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$167,099.12, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations:**Department: Fire Department****Transfer To:**

FD vehicle Maintenance	100-2016-020-0433-5-00	\$4,500.00
Cell Tower	100-2016-020-0531-5-00	\$ 900.00
Building Maintenance	100-2016-020-0614-5-00	\$2,000.00
Radios \$ Batteries	100-2016-020-0619-5-01	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
		\$10,400.00

Transfer From:

Fire Dept AD&D	100-2016-020-0214-5-00	\$1,000.00
Fd Volunteer	100-2016-020-0160-5-01	\$5,000.00
Gas Allowance	100-2016-020-0617-5-00	\$2,500.00
Ambulance Vol Stipend	100-4124-020-0161-5-00	<u>\$1,900.00</u>
		\$10,400.00

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

Approval of Minutes:

April 4, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from April 4, 2013, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen's meeting at 7:20pm, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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