

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 25, 2013
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, Selectman Kathy Devlin and CFO Glen O'Keefe. Selectman Bud Knorr was not available.

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

Correspondence:

Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Board a proposal from The Pace Group to install an EV Charging Station at the Kibbe Fuller building parking lot. The Pace Group installs charging stations for electric cars. According to the proposal the charging station, all installation, maintenance and the cost of electricity will be 100% funded by PACE. The Selectmen discussed the merits of this and will discuss the details of this with the Town Engineer, DPW, Human Services and the Emergency Management Director.

Local Traffic Authority: Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from the Four Town Fair requesting local traffic authority approval for the Four Town Fair Annual Parade on Saturday, September 14, 2013.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to grant Local Traffic Authority Approval for the Four Town Fair Parade on Saturday, September 14th, 2013, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Selectmen's Update:

Mrs. Pellegrini provided an update regarding revisions to the Volunteer Fire Fighter Pension Plan. The Pension Attorney has completed the revisions to the plan and the plan is now being reviewed by the Town Pension Committee and the Volunteer Fire Department Pension Representative. The Policy will ultimately come to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Opportunity to add agenda items: None

Staff Retirements:

Mrs. Pellegrini received notification from CFO Glen O'Keefe that Donna Doyker, Town Tax Collector will be retiring on October 1, 2013. The Board discussed the job description and salary range for this position as well as a plan for training the new tax collector. The job will be posted as soon as possible.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the retirement of Tax Collector Donna Doyker effective October 1, 2013, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

New Hires/Staffing:

Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Board a recommendation from Todd Rolland, Deputy Director of Public Works to hire Todd Tisdale as a Seasonal DPW Maintainer in the Highway and Parks Department.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Todd Tisdale as a Seasonal Laborer in the Highway and Parks Department, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Mrs. Pellegrini received a recommendation from Todd Rolland, Deputy Director of Public Works to promote Ken Grout to Crew Leader with an hourly rate of \$21.50 an hour.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the recommendation to promote Ken Grout to a Crew Leader and increase his hourly rate to \$21.50 an hour, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from Amy Saada, Director of Human Services and Recreation, recommending the hiring of Florence Hurley as the part time Assistant Program Coordinator for the senior center at a rate of \$11.50 per hour, with a start date of September 1, 2013.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Florence Hurley as the part time Assistant Program Coordinator for the senior center effective September 1, 2013 at a rate of \$11.50 per hour, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Budget Update: FY 2013/14 Budgets handouts were given to the Selectmen. The Board and CFO Glen O'Keefe reviewed the close out of the previous year and discussed the current year's budget.

Minutes for Approval

- June 20 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting
- June 24 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting
- June 27 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting
- July 8 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting
- July 17 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting
- July 18 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to approve the above mentioned minutes with one amendment to the June 27 regular meeting minutes in which the date of the Austin Harlow Road Race should be listed as August 18th not August 8, 2013, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$1,372.06, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$74,721.14, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Transfers/Appropriations: None

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:55pm, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.