

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 17, 2013
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

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

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

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also in attendance were CFO Glen O'Keefe, Town Assessor Pat Juda and Town Attorney, Carl Landolina.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mrs. Devlin to go into Executive Session at 6:00pm, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The unanimous vote followed.

Those in attendance included First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr, CFO Glen O'Keefe, Town Assessor Pat Juda and Town Attorney Carl Landolina.

Executive Session ended at 6:20pm.

Mr. Knorr made a motion authorizing Town Attorney Carl Landolina to settle the K Brothers tax appeal for property located at 625 Main Street at a Fair Market Value of \$487,500.00, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Eagle Scout Project:

At this time interested residents joined the meeting. The Board of Selectmen welcomed Boy Scout Shawn Burgmyer as he presented his Eagle Scout Project Proposal of a walking path at Camp Aya-Po.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the proposed Eagle Scout Project at Camp Aya-Po for the 600ft trail that will run parallel to Camp Road, contingent on the Town of Somers owning the property, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Road Acceptance: Summer Shade Subdivision Section II/Isabella Drive:

Jeff Bord, Town Engineer joined the meeting at this time. Mr. Bord stated that at the 9/26/13 Planning Commission Meeting the Planning Commission approved the acceptance of Summershade Section II Isabella Drive. The matter is now forwarded to the Board of Selectmen to approve the road.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept Summershade Section II Isabella Drive as an approved town road, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous decision followed.

2013 STEAP Grant: Mr. Bord presented the Board of Selectmen with the Scope of Services and Fee Proposal from Alfred Benesch & Company for the design plans, permitting and bidding assistance and construction administration for six culverts along Gillettes Brook. The cost is \$212,000. The Town received a \$500,000 2013 STEAP Grant for the work. Mr. Bord requested authorization from the Board of Selectmen so that Alfred Benesch & Company can begin the work.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize Town Engineer Jeff Bord to sign the above mentioned agreement with Alfred Benesch & Company so that they can begin the work, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous decision followed.

Opportunity to add Agenda items:

Internships: Mrs. Devlin requested authorization to bring in Bay Path College student Brian Wissinger for an unpaid internship at Town Hall from November 2013 through March 2014. Mrs. Devlin commented his area of interest is Finance and stated that he could assist with asset management or other work.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the request to bring in Bay Path College student Brian Wissinger as an unpaid intern, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous decision followed.

Selectmen's Update:

750 Hall Hill Road:

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board regarding 750 Hall Hill Road and stated that specific approval was needed before she could sign the sales contract. Mr. Bord stated that at the 9/26/13 Planning meeting the 8/24 referral for the sale of 750 Hall Hill Road was discussed and a motion was made and approved to send this issue back to the Board of Selectmen with a favorable recommendation with the condition that the property be combined into a single lot with 740 Hall Hill road and the lot line reconfiguration plan be submitted to the Planning Commission for approval. The Town Attorney has prepared a sales contract for 750 Hall Hill Road. Once signed the matter will need to go before a Public Hearing and Town Meeting to approve the sale.

Mrs. Devlin Made a motion to authorize First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini to enter into a sales contract with Mr. Peter Wakelin to sell the property know as 750 Hall Hill Road for the amount of \$2,500.00 which is the assessed value, and once a signed copy is received to forward the matter to a future Public Hearing and Town Meeting, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed.

Tax Collector Attorney Engagement Agreement:

Mrs. Pellegrini requested authorization to sign an engagement agreement with Attorney Adam Cohen from Pullman & Comley in connection with revenue collections for the Town of Somers.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the renewal engagement agreement with Attorney Adam Cohen from Pullman & Comley regarding revenue collections for the Town of Somers, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

Library Trustee Recognition: Mrs. Pellegrini was pleased to announce that Library Board Chairman Shirley E. Warner is the recipient of the Trustee of the Year recognition which is awarded by the Association of Connecticut Library Boards. The Board congratulated Ms. Warner.

Solar Panels: Mrs. Pellegrini was pleased to announce that 45 solar panels are being installed at the Police Station through a grant program. The installation should be operational within the next month and a half.

Economic and Community Development: Mrs. Pellegrini was copied on a letter from the Department of Economic and Community Development informing the owner of Fuller/Bordeaux Farmstead at 159 South Road in Somers, CT that the property was listed on the State Register of Historic Places by the Connecticut Historic Preservation Council on September 4, 2013.

IT Assistance for the Registrar of Voters: Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Board the fact that the Town has arranged for the IT consultant to work with the Registrar's Office to ensure all IT necessary required computer equipment is in working order for the November 5th elections.

Community Outreach Program: Mrs. Pellegrini asked the Board to consider projects for the \$10,000 Community Outreach Program by USA Hauling.

Budget Update: The Board discussed and reviewed the current budget and discussed the audit schedule.

Staffing: Mrs. Pellegrini received a request from Deputy Chief Frank Falcone requesting to hire Mr. Jason Carlton as a part time firefighter/EMT.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the hiring of Jason Carlton as a part time firefighter/EMT, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous decision followed.

Boards and Commissions: Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from Ms. Jacqueline Haas resigning from the Cultural Commission.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation with much regret and thanks for service, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous decision followed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$612,211.18, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous decision followed.

Transfers and Appropriations: None

Minutes from September 19, 2013 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above mentioned minutes, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous decision followed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:04, 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.

