

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, October 31, 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: CFO Glen O'Keefe and many Town residents.

**Opportunity to add Agenda items:** None

**Building Policy:** The board of Selectmen invited American Legion Commander David McCaffrey to the meeting to discuss the possibilities of having the American Legion use the Kibbe Fuller Building. The Board had heard that the Legion was still looking for a place to hold meetings and although Mrs. Pellegrini had previously approved waiving the room rental fees with Mr. McCaffrey when the Legion was first formed the Legion was still not utilizing the Kibbe Fuller Building. Mr. McCaffrey stated the cost of insurance to use the building was still an issue. He explained that purchasing insurance was put on the back burner as they currently do not have the funds for it. Most of the dues collected go back to the state and national American Legion. He explained that meetings were held at another venue at a cost of \$50 per meeting.

Mrs. Devlin asked what insurance would cost and Mr. McCaffrey replied that he had two quotes, one was about \$900/year and the other was \$560/year. Mrs. Pellegrini said that she had contacted the state American Legion office to ask if there was a national policy rider available. It was explained that riders were only available for national programs. The state representative had strongly suggested that each individual post purchase their own insurance. The Selectmen believed that insurance was very necessary as the Legion does help with certain social services issues and thus handles very sensitive personal documentation.

Mrs. Pellegrini asked the Board if they were in favor of using a portion of the \$10,000 USA Hauling Community Outreach Grant to purchase the first year of insurance for the Legion. That would hopefully give them a head start and ensure that they have the coverage they need.

**Selectmen's Update:**

**USA Hauling Community Outreach Grant:**

As part of their contract with the Town, USA Hauling provides the Town with \$10,000 in the form of a Community Outreach Grant Program. Mrs. Pellegrini suggested that a portion of grant go toward buying an insurance rider for the first year for the Legion so that they would then be able to use the Kibbe Fuller Building and that the remainder of the money be used for fencing at Field Road Park. A Town Resident spoke up and said that she supported the fencing project.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to allocate \$560 of the USA Hauling Community Outreach Grant to the American Legion for purchase of a one year insurance rider and invited the Legion to use the Kibbe Fuller Building for their meeting, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to allocate \$9,440 of the USA Hauling Community Outreach Grant for fencing for Field Road Park, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

The Selectmen sincerely thanked USA Hauling for the Community Outreach Grant Program.

**CL&P Update:**

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen on her meeting with CL&P and Emergency Management Director Joseph Tolisano. CL&P made some revisions to their Emergency Preparedness & Response Plan and to the critical care customer facility categories. As a result of the changes the Somers Critical Facility List was revised and Town Hall was removed from the list. Mrs. Pellegrini was concerned that Town Hall was taken off the list and did ask CL&P to put it back on the list. This will be reviewed by CL&P officials. Woodcrest Housing facility was also taken off the list as it was not a licensed convalescent home or medical facility/ hospital. Mrs. Devlin would like the Housing Authority to review the change and provide input to the Selectmen as to their concerns of having Woodcrest removed from the list.

**Election Day:** Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board regarding Town Hall Parking Lot plans for Election Day and said that State Trooper(s) will be present on Route 190 to assist with traffic control all day.

**Budget Update:** The Board reviewed and discussed the current budget. Mr. O'Keefe updated the Board of Selectmen on the progress of the Town audit.

**Authorization of Scheduled Payments:**

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$85,872.02, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

**Transfers and Appropriations: None**

**Minutes: October 17, 2013 BOS Regular Meeting Minutes**

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the October 17, 2013 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

**Adjournment:**

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:00pm, 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.*