

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 14, 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. Four Town residents including Sarah Moynihan Bollinger, Liz Devine and Linda Louise LaCasse arrived at 6:18pm.

Correspondence:

Contact Information:

A resident requested contact information for the Board of Selectmen and all Board and Commission members be placed on the website. There is one town email for the selectmen on the website. The selectmen can also receive mail at Town Hall. Boards and Commissions members may be contacted through their staff liaisons and messages may be left for them at Town Hall.

Letter from Deputy Commissioner William P. Shea:

Mrs. Pellegrini received notification from the Deputy Commissioner William P. Shea of the Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection that the Town of Somers Local Emergency Operations Plan has been reviewed by the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) and found to be in compliance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and National Incident Management System guidelines (NIMS).

Opportunity to add Agenda items:

Mrs. Devlin added CCM (Connecticut Conference of Municipalities) to the agenda. The Board briefly discussed CCM Legislative Programs and Priorities.

Selectmen's Update:

Resident Trooper Fringe Benefit Increase:

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen on the Resident Trooper Fringe Benefits for FY2014; Mrs. Pellegrini stated that she and another First Selectman and Town Manager met with CT State Deputy Comptroller Martha Carlson regarding the recent increases to the Resident State Troop Fringe Benefits costs. They were told the increases were being charged to Towns to address millions of dollars in unfunded pensions. They were also told to anticipate another increase next year of up to 92% to continue to address the state's unfunded pension liabilities. Mrs. Pellegrini stated that she will be working with CCM to address this issue in the next legislative session.

CL&P/CT Clean Energy Benchmarking Project:

Mrs. Pellegrini was pleased to announce that the Town of Somers has been selected by CT Clean Energy as one of 10 Towns to work with a consultant on a benchmarking project. The main focus of this project is energy efficiency. Mrs. Pellegrini stated CL&P will be hosting the workshops and just this week Mrs. Pellegrini attended the first workshop along with Tim Kradas, Glen O'Keefe, Todd Rolland, Jeff Bord and Brian Wissinger – it will be a 6 month project and

the benchmarking project will concentrate on the electricity and oil consumption in Town Hall. The goal is to reduce energy consumption by 20% by 2018.

CRCOG Regional Performance Incentive Program and the Nutmeg Network Update:

Mrs. Pellegrini requested approval for the Resolution which endorses the Regional Performance Incentive Program for the following projects: The Regional Nutmeg Network Connections, the Regional Data/Disaster Recovery Center and the Human Resources On-Line Clearinghouse Templates that will be submitted by the Capitol Region Council of Governments. Mrs. Pellegrini also requested authorization to sign and submit the Grant Application for the Nutmeg Network. Representatives from Digital Back office will be assisting the Town with the project.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Resolution of Endorsement (attached) and authorized First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to apply for and sign all documents necessary for the Nutmeg Network Grant Application, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule:

The Board reviewed and discussed the day and time of the Board of Selectmen meetings. Mrs. Pellegrini asked if 6:00pm every other Thursday still works as the preferred time for the Regular Board of Selectmen Meetings or would they like to change the date and/or time. The Board agreed keeping the same day and time would be best. Ms. LaFleur will prepare the meeting schedule for the upcoming year and present at a future Board of Selectmen meeting.

Mrs. Devlin explained to the Board why they changed the meetings from 7:00pm to 6:00pm years ago. She said it was due to other Boards and Commissions meeting times and the 6:00pm time eliminated the timing conflict. The earlier time also allowed staff to participate without overtime and the need for a separate paid recording secretary was eliminated, thus saving taxpayer dollars.

Boards and Commissions:

Mrs. Devlin stated that Mr. Rob Martin who is currently a ZBA alternate member would like to be a member of the Design Review Board.

Mrs. Pellegrini mentioned to the Board of Selectmen that Appointments and Reappoints will be coming up soon. The Board will begin appointments and reappointments in the near future.

2013-2014 Strategic Goals:

The Board of Selectmen discussed what their focus would be for FY14.

1. Camp Ayapo Strategic Goals and Objectives. Mrs. Pellegrini asked the Board to think about a formation of an Ad Hoc Committee.
2. Capital Improvement Plans for Buildings, Roads and Equipment
3. Economic Development Discussions in the Plan of Conservation and Development

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 \$213,652.58, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers and Appropriations: None

Minutes: October 31, 2013 BOS Regular Meeting Minutes:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the October 31, 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 6:55pm, 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.

Attachment:

Town of Somers
Resolution of Endorsement

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Somers met on Thursday, November 14, 2013 and adopted a resolution by the vote of _____ to _____ which endorsed the **Regional Performance Incentive Program** proposal referenced in Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-124s as amended by Section 251 and 253 of Public Act 13-247) for the following proposals to be submitted by the Capitol Region Council of Governments:

- 1) Regional Nutmeg Network Connections
- 2) Regional Data / Disaster Recovery Center
- 3) Human Resources On-line Clearinghouse and Templates

Attested to by:

Name: _____

Title: _____
(City/Town Clerk)

Date: _____