

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 6, 2014
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, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also in attendance were Interim CFO Mike Marinaccio and Camp Ayapo Ad Hoc Committee Member Walter Nielowocki .

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

Correspondence:

Mrs. Pellegrini shared email correspondence from Camp Ayapo Ad Hoc Committee Member Ken Coelho and resident Michael Bowler requesting rights of first refusal for all abutters to future Ayapo lots rather than just for direct adjacent property owners. Mr. Nielowocki was in attendance to inquire as to the same and also to ask that the Selectmen clarify a previous motion made by the Selectmen at the Feb. 4, 2014 BOS meeting regarding the 3 acre lot to be retained by the Town for recreational use. Mr. Nielowocki would like the Selectmen to clarify that the lot will not be sold as a building lot in the event the Town decided not to have any recreational buildings. Correspondence from Mr. Coelho regarding this issue was also received. The Board of Selectmen discussed the issue with Mr. Nielowocki and clarified that if the building structures are removed the property will remain town property and not sold as a building lot for a house. The Town will retain the right to use the parcel as desired for recreational use in the future.

The Board discussed the requests for the right of first refusal for all abutters, not just direct adjacent property owners and decided to forward it to the Town Attorney for advice due to possible scenarios that might result from such a motion. They were concerned what would happen if more than one abutter wanted right of first refusal for the same property. Mr. Nielowocki replied that would not happen as the individual abutters were in agreement as to what particular lots they were interested in having rights of first refusal. Mrs. Pellegrini asked for that info so that it could be sent to the Town Attorney to review.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to have the Town Attorney advise as to the possibility of including all abutters and not just direct adjacent property abutters, as those permitted to have first right of refusal for the Ayapo lots, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to add the item Fire Department Boiler to the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Fire Department Boiler:

The Board of Selectmen discussed the cost (\$8400) for the boiler replacement/repair at the Fire Department and referred the matter to the CIP committee for possible CIP funding.

Staffing:

A recommendation was received from the Annual Review Panel regarding appointment of a new Chief Financial Officer. At their March 5th meeting the Panel unanimously voted to appoint Interim CFO Michael Marinaccio as the new Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance for

the Town of Somers, replacing a vacancy made by the resignation of Glen O'Keefe and to also recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Mr. Marinaccio complete the existing two year term with a term expiration date of April 1, 2015.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the recommendations made by the Annual Review Panel to appoint Michael Marinaccio as Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance for the Town of Somers effective Monday March 10, 2015 finishing a term vacated by the resignation of the prior CFO with a term expiring on April 1, 2015, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Boards and Commissions:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Ms. Debbie Roy to the Cultural Commission with a term expiration date of 12/22/15, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Selectmen's Update:

Mrs. Pellegrini testified at the Public Safety & Security Committee Hearing on March 4, 2014 in support of SB-288 "An Act Concerning Notice of Costs Associated with Resident State Troopers" and HB-539, "An Act Concerning Overtime and Fringe Benefits of Resident State Troopers".

Budget:

The Selectmen discussed the 2014/2015 Budget Preparation.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to include the hiring of a Police Administrator and a full time police officer to replace a retiring State Trooper Sgt and a retiring State Trooper in the 2014/2015 Budget Proposal, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Capital Improvement Projects:

Mrs. Pellegrini requested approval from the Board of Selectmen to approve a CIP request for three Police Vehicles with associated communications equipment and one police radio.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the CIP request in the amount of \$110,000 for two Police vehicles cruisers, one Police SUV, all with necessary associated communications equipment, and seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Grants:

Mrs. Pellegrini requested from the Board of Selectmen authorization to submit the necessary project idea documentation for the recently awarded Bright Idea Grant.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to fill out all necessary project idea documentation for the Bright Idea Grant, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Authorization of Scheduled Payments in the amount of \$243,545.63, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations:

Department: Police

Transfer To:

<u>Equipment and supplies</u>	<u>100-2017-020-0619-5-00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
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Transfer From:

<u>Equipment Maintenance</u>	<u>100-2017-020-0432-5-00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
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Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above transfer in the amount of \$1,000.00, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Approval of Minutes:

1/28/14 Reg Board of Selectmen Minutes
2/4/14 1pm Reg Board of Selectmen Minutes
2/6/14 1pm Reg Board of Selectmen Minutes
2/10/14 Special Board of Selectmen Minutes
2/20/14 1pm Board of Selectmen Minutes
2/25/14 1pm Board of Selectmen Minutes

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above mentioned minutes, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.