

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 20, 2014
6:00pm
Town Hall Auditorium**

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 CFO Mike Marinaccio, Town Clerk Ann Marie Logan, Fire Commission members Anthony Bruno, Robert Kozoczka and Jim MacFeat and Fire Chief Gary Schiessl and Fire Marshall Bob Morpurgo.

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

While waiting for a Fire Commission quorum to be met the Selectmen continued on with the items on agenda.

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to add agenda items Budget and Correspondence to the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Budget:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the proposed FY 2014-2015 Town side Budget in the amount of \$7,057,271.00, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Correspondence:

Mrs. Pellegrini received an email from Michael D'Amato requesting to sell the old Wide Format Plotter printer and its associated Computer to Wide Format Engines LLC in the amount of \$1,000.00 as it was not eligible for the trade-in program due to its age.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the request to sell the above mentioned plotter printer and associated computer to Wide Format Engines LLC for \$1000, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Town of Ellington FY2014 Small Cities Grant Application:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the attached resolution authorizing First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the Joint Community Application Cooperation Agreement with Ellington, CT, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the attached agreement with the Town of Ellington, CT, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

FFY 2013 State Homeland Security Grant:

Mrs. Pellegrini requested authorization to sign the FFY2013 State Homeland Security Grant and approval of the Authorizing Resolution for the FFY2013 State Homeland Security Grant.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Blanket Document and the Blanket Resolution for the 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program (see attached resolution), and to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to fill out all necessary documentation for the 2013 Homeland Security 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 \$289,917.99, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations:

Department: Human Services

Transfer To:

<u>Printing and Reproduction</u>	<u>100-513-070-0550-5-01</u>	<u>\$3,243.91</u>
		\$3,243.91

Transfer From:

<u>Supplies</u>	<u>100-5130-070-0619-5-00</u>	<u>\$3,243.91</u>
		\$3,243.91

Department: Police

Transfer To:

<u>Training</u>	<u>100-2017-020-0322-5-00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
		\$2,000.00

Transfer From:

<u>Shift Premium</u>	<u>100-2017-020-0151-5-00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
		\$2,000.00

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above transfers, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Minutes:

March 5th Special Board of Selectmen Minutes

March 6th Special Board of Selectmen Minutes

March 6th Regular Board of Selectmen Minutes

March 13th Special Board of Selectmen Minutes

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

Fire Commission Member Andrew Rocket joined the meeting and a Fire Commission Quorum was met.

Fire Commission Joint Meeting:

The Board of Selectmen welcomed the Fire Commission and new member Robert Kozoczka was introduced. Mrs. Pellegrini explained to the Fire Commission that Chief Schiessl had recommended to Board Members to put a paid Fire Chief position in the upcoming budget as there was a possibility that there would not be anyone available to be the next Volunteer Fire Chief when elections are held in December of 2015. The Board of Selectmen had initially put a place holder in the budget during its preparation but decided to take it out due to the fact that such action would imply that a decision was already made to transition to a paid chief and that there was much discussion and analysis that needed to be done beforehand. The Selectmen agreed that the matter should be led by the Fire Commission and that input be included from a variety of groups including volunteer and paid fire department members, as well as BOS and BOF members. A list of charges was distributed to the Fire Commission Members. The list included a Statement of Need for the Fire Chief and a Plan/Study to look at different options. A brief discussion followed. The discussion ended early due to the time constraint.

Chief Schiessl asked if he could bring up the topic of the tanker contract. The Selectmen agreed.

Tanker Contract:

Chief Gary Schiessl asked the Selectmen to sign the new Tanker Contract. Mrs. Pellegrini said she was unaware of the bid results and proposed contract. He updated both the Selectmen and

the Fire Commission that 3 bids were received and their recommendation is to go with 4 Guys. 4 Guys had all the specifications they were looking for and the amount was \$324,500.00. Mrs. Devlin clarified the purchase schedule with Mrs. Pellegrini. Mrs. Pellegrini stated that the chassis could be purchased after May 4th as its \$125,000 amount was included in the new BAN note as was authorized by the BOF and the tanker would need to be received after the total price was bonded in November.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Fire Department to name 4 Guys as the vendor for the tanker and to also authorize Mrs. Pellegrini to sign the \$324,500 tanker contract with the stipulation that the \$125,000 chassis be purchased after May 4, 2014 using BAN funds and the tanker to be delivered and the balance be paid for after the bond goes into effect in November 2014, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Board and Commissions:

James MacFeat verbally tendered his resignation from the Fire Commission. The Board checked with the Town Clerk to ensure a verbal resignation was acceptable. The Town Clerk acknowledged that it was acceptable.

Mr. Knorr accepted the resignation of Jim McFeat from the Fire Commission with regrets and thanks for service, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Vincent Navin to the Fire Commission with a Term expiring 12/22/2014, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the 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.

**Town of Somers
Resolution**

Authorize First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini to sign the following Joint Community Application Cooperation Agreement and to

MOVE THAT THE FIRST SELECTMAN IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE THE JOINT COMMUNITY APPLICATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON AND THE TOWN OF SOMERS, AND TO TAKE ANY AND ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY REGARDING JOINT PARTICIPATION IN THE ELLINGTON HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM, TO BE FUNDED THROUGH A CONNECTICUT SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Towns of Ellington and Somers have identified need in the municipalities to provide decent housing and related conditions, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ellington contemplates submitting jointly with the Town of Somers an application for single purpose block grant funds under the Small Cities Program of the Connecticut Department of Housing for the purpose of meeting such needs.

WHEREAS, the Towns of Ellington and Somers understand that the Town of Ellington will act as the applicant and will have the ultimate responsibility to assume all obligations under terms of the grant including assuring compliance with all applicable laws and program regulations and performance of all work in accordance with the contract

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WHEREAS, it is understood that the Towns of Ellington and Somers and DOH have access to all participants' community development block grant records and authority to monitor all activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant the Towns of Ellington and Somers agree to cooperate in the submission of an application for such block grant funds, and agree to cooperate in implementing the submitted Small Cities Program, as approved by the Department of Housing.

Nothing contained in this agreement shall deprive any municipality of any power or zoning, development control or other lawful authority that it presently possesses.

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FOR JOINT COMMUNITY APPLICATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT
CONNECTICUT SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM

This agreement entered into on the 20th day of March, 2014, by and between the Town of Ellington and the Town of Somers.

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ADOPTED on this the 20th day of March, 2014

The above Cooperation Agreement has been authorized by the governing body of the Town of Ellington, Connecticut, on March 17, 2014.

On behalf of the **Town of Ellington:**

Maurice W. Blanchette, First Selectman

ATTEST: _____

Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk

(SEAL)

The above Cooperation Agreement has been authorized by the governing body of the Town of Somers, Connecticut, on March 20, 2014.

On behalf of the **Town of Somers:**

Lisa Pellegrini, First Selectman

ATTEST: _____

Ann Marie Logan, Town Clerk

(SEAL)

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE

TOWN OF SOMERS

CERTIFICATION:

I, Ann Logan, the Town Clerk of the Town of Somers, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by Board of Selectmen at its duly called and held meeting on March 20, 2014, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Somers may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lisa Pellegrini, as First Selectman of the Town of Somers, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Somers and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Lisa Pellegrini now holds the office of First Selectman and that he/she has held that office since November 3, 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this __ day of March 2014.

Ann Logan, Town Clerk – Town of Somers

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