

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 26, 2014
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called 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 American Legion members David McCaffrey, Jonathan Normand, Charles Woodruff and Richard Seoka.

American Legion:

David McCaffrey, American Legion Commander, introduced himself and the other members present. Mr. McCaffrey provided an update on the Post 101 in Somers and presented the following projects the American Legion is currently working on:

Temporary Office Space: The American Legion is looking for temporary to permanent office space to conduct business. (After the group left the meeting the Board of Selectmen suggested the gold building on the corner of 83 and Main could be a possibility for the American Legion.)

Flags on Main Street: The Legion has assumed the responsibility for the flag display on Main Street. The Town had transferred its flag inventory over to the Legion for the current 2014 display on Main Street. The Legion will assume all costs and now be responsible for all future flag purchases, installation, maintenance and removal of the flag display. Mr. McCaffrey said that they would like to eventually run the flags down Route 83 to Ellington.

Cemeteries: The Legion is currently working on replacing cemetery markers.

Town Building Flag Poles: The American Legion would like to take over the maintenance of the flag poles in Town, including both the flags and the lighting as well as ensuring proper flag status on holidays and weekends for flags on Town property (not school property). The Legion would assume all costs.

Town Veteran Memorials: The American Legion would like to take this on and maintain all of them in Town. Mrs. Pellegrini suggested that Mr. McCaffrey reach out to the Beautification Commission to let them know what they would like to do.

USPS "Flag Drop" mailboxes: The American Legion is working on obtaining four or five "Flag Drop" mailboxes. They would like to have them placed at the Fire Dept. Town Hall, Transfer Station and one in Somersville.

Children & Youth: Scholarships programs will be available

Community Projects: Americanism/Patriotism- working with the local Scouts and Somers School System/S.A.V.E.

Mrs. Pellegrini said the Board appreciates all of their hard work and efforts and looks forward to working with the Legion in the future.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to authorize the American Legion permission to, at their own expense, manage and maintain the Flag Display on Main Street and to also maintain the Town Flag Poles on Town property, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to add agenda item "Selectmen's Update", seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Selectmen's Update:

Mrs. Pellegrini was pleased to announce that the Town received a Grant to purchase a second senior bus. Fifty-nine organizations throughout the State applied for Section 5310-A funding under the Federal Transit Administration's federal fiscal year 2013 Section 5310 Program. The Regional Planning Organizations and the Department of Transportation reviewed and prioritized all eligible applications. As a result the Town of Somers was one of the organizations chosen to receive funding. The Grant will cover 80% of the cost; the Town will need to pay the remaining 20%, Mrs. Pellegrini will bring this up at the next CIP Committee meeting. Mrs. Pellegrini requested authorization to sign the commitment letter to purchase the bus and to sign all associated documents.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the Grant Acceptance Certification Form and all other documents associated with the Section 5310 grant, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Boards & Commissions/Appointments & Resignations:

Mrs. Pellegrini announced with sincerest regrets that Linda Abbott, Chairman of the Cultural Commission, has submitted notice that she will be resigning from the Cultural Commission in 6 months.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets and thanks for the many years of dedicated service, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Planning Commission:

Mrs. Devlin received an email from Planning Commission Member Bill Salka recommending Mr. John Curran to serve on the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. John Curran to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on 12/22/2018, 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 \$107,612.65, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations:

Department: Fire Marshal

Transfer To:

<u>Fire System Maintenance</u>	<u>100-2010-020-0432-5-00</u>	<u>525.00</u>
		525.00

Transfer From:

<u>Fire Investigator</u>	<u>100-2010-020-0130-5-00</u>	<u>525.00</u>
		525.00

Department: Selectman

Transfer To:

<u>Advertising</u>	<u>100-0010-010-0540-5-00</u>	<u>70.54</u>
<u>Mileage</u>	<u>100-0010-010-0580-5-00</u>	<u>410.51</u>
<u>Other</u>	<u>100-0010-010-0890-5-01</u>	<u>363.46</u>
		844.51

Transfer From:

Economic Development

100-0010-010-0590-5-01

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

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes 5/29/14

Special Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes 6/11/14

Special Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes 6/19/14

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

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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