

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, July 24, 2014  
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 and Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also in attendance was Boy Scout Shawn Burgmyer.

**Eagle Scout Project:** Boy Scout Shawn Burgmyer made a request to the Board of Selectmen asking the First Selectman to sign off on his Eagle Scout Project Proposal at Camp Ayapo now that the Town of Somers has acquired the property. The project consists of building a trail that can be used by walkers and hikers.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign Shawn Burgmyer's Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal and his Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application for the Camp Ayapo Trail project, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:**

None.

**Boards & Commissions:**

**Resignations**

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from Emergency Management Director Joseph Tolisano resigning as the Town's EMD due to time commitments as a result of an increase in duties at work. Mr. Tolisano recommends Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council Member Tim Kradas as his replacement.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Joseph Tolisano as Emergency Management Director with regrets and thanks for service, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

Mrs. Pellegrini received a resignation letter from Mr. Sam Smith resigning as a full member of the Zoning Commission due to time commitments, as requesting to be appointed as an alternate member of the Zoning Commission.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Sam Smith as a full member of the Zoning Commission with regrets and thanks for service, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

Mrs. Pellegrini received a resignation letter from Mr. Lucas Cherry resigning from the Zoning Board of Appeals and stating that he wishes to move to the Zoning Commission.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation from Mr. Lucas Cherry from the Zoning Board of Appeals with regrets and thanks for service, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Appointments:**

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the following appointments:*

*To appoint Mr. Timothy Kradas as the new Emergency Management Director with a term expiring on 12/22/15, effective immediately, replacing a vacancy left by Mr. Joseph Tolisano,*

*To appoint Mr. Sam Smith to fill a vacancy as an Alternate Member on the Zoning Commission with a term expiring on 12/22/15,*

*To appoint Mr. Lucas Cherry to fill a vacancy made by Mr. Sam Smith as a full member on the Zoning Commission with a term expiring on 12/22/15,*

*To appoint Mr. Len van Wingerden to fill a vacancy made by Mr. Lucas Cherry on the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiring on 12/22/15,*

*To appoint Mr. John Curran to serve on the (POCD) Plan of Conservation and Development.*

*To appoint Ms. Jeanne Reed to serve as a member on the Cultural Commission with a term expiring on 12/22/16,*

*To appoint Ms. Lisa Caswell to serve as a member on the Cultural Commission with a term expiring on 12/22/14*

*Seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Local Traffic Authority Approval:**

***Phillip Johnson Ride:***

Mrs. Pellegrini received a recommendation for Local Traffic Authority Approval from Lt. Jose Claudio approving the Philip Johnson Ride on August 16, 2014.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize Local Traffic Authority Approval for the Phillip Johnson Ride on August 16, 2014 seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**CHARLIE's Ride:**

Mrs. Pellegrini received a recommendation for Local Traffic Authority Approval from Lt. Jose Claudio approving CHARLIE's Ride on August 17, 2014.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize Local Traffic Authority Approval for CHARLIE's Ride on August 17, 2014 seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Camp Ayapo Discussion:**

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board on work done by the Department of Public Works at Camp Ayapo. Much trash has been removed, brush has been cleared creating visibility from the road and the parking lot has been cleared. They are awaiting signs that will be installed. The Board discussed forming a possible trails/open space committee and a fund raising committee for Camp Ayapo.

**Selectmen's Update:**

**Nutmeg Network:**

Mrs. Pellegrini requested authorization to sign the Nutmeg Network Grant agreement.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman Pellegrini to sign the Nutmeg Network Grant agreement and all associated documents, 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 \$264,319.61, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Transfers/Appropriations: N/A**

**Minutes for Approval:**

Regular 6/26/14 Board of Selectmen Minutes

Special 7/10/14 Board of Selectmen Minutes

Special 7/17/14 Board of Selectmen Minutes

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Regular BOS 6/26/14 minutes with the following 2 amendments to the American Legion section:***

- 1. The Town will continue to allot \$500.00 for the Memorial Day Program at the School.***
- 2. The American Legion plans on doing a Memorial Day Parade in the future, however it is not to conflict with the Somers Memorial Day Program at the High School,***  
***seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Special 7/10/14 and 7/17/14 minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

**Adjournment:**

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm, 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.*