## TOWN OF SOMERS BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 7, 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 were CFO Michael Marinaccio and veteran Camp Ayapo Ad Hoc Committee Members Patrice Carson, Brad Pellissier and Walter Nieliwocki.

## **Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:**

Somers Resident Mr. Ray Montagna asked to address the Selectmen about break-ins in his neighborhood. The Selectmen discussed the occurrences, his concerns and police coverage. Mrs. Pellegrini assured Mr. Montagna that Lt. Claudio is actively working on the investigations and while she is not authorized to talk about ongoing investigations further discussion should, and will be, directed to the Police Department.

Camp Ayapo Discussion: The Selectmen and the veteran Ad Hoc Committee members discussed the next steps for Camp Ayapo – including additional signs and the establishment of an Open Space/Trails Committee. Discussion included the desired makeup of the committee, charges for the committee and time of service. It was agreed that all trails, not just Camp Ayapo Trails should be addressed by the proposed committee. The Board of Selectmen agreed to continue discussion and act on specifics at a future Board of Selectmen meeting.

### **Selectmen's Update:**

Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Board of Selectmen her desire to have a Somersville Mill Informational Meeting for the public on Thursday, September 18, 2014. It would be at 7:00pm and moderated by Glenn Chalder of Planimetrics. The topics will include the history of the Mill including a summary of past ownership, an overview of the current status of the property including current ownership, an outline of environmental considerations affecting the property, aspects of preparing the property for re-use, and a summary of actions taken by the Town and possible involvement by State and Federal agencies, as well as prospects for the future.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve Thursday, September 18, 2014 as the date for the Public Informational Meeting regarding the Somersville Mill, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

### **STEAP Grant:**

Mrs. Pellegrini sadly announced that the Town of Somers application was not selected for the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP Grant) for fiscal year 2013-2014.

### **Transfer Station:**

The Board discussed the need to raise mattress disposal fees due to a change in disposal vendors and an increase in overall disposal fees. The Town can no longer bring mattresses to Covanta in Springfield and must bring them to one of the three recognized mattress recyclers registered in CT. All charge the same fee of \$15.00; \$10.00 more than the Town's current disposal fee of \$5.00. Raising the fee will cover the Towns costs which include transportation to the closest facility in South Windsor, stacking, handling and disposal. The new proposed fee would be \$25.00 effective September 1, 2014.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to raise the mattress disposal fee to \$25.00 effective September 1, 2014, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

## **Recreation Coordinator Training:**

Mrs. Pellegrini received from Director of Human Services Amy Saada a list of training the Recreation Coordinator would be receiving over the next few weeks. The Board discussed reporting structure alternatives for the position and decided to change the reporting structure to allow the Human Services Director to concentrate all time and energy on social services and senior services. This was in response to prior discussion with the Director.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to instruct the Human Services Director to train the Recreation Coordinator for one month, downloading all necessary information and to have the Recreation Coordinator report to the Director of Public Works, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

#### **Ninth District Road:**

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen on the Ninth District Road construction. There is a delay in the CT State DOT project and construction will not be finished by the start of the new school year. Officials from the Town, the School and the Fire and Police Departments met to formulate a traffic plan to ensure minimal traffic interruption and safe passage to school. Beginning August 28, 2014 Ninth District Road will be one way southbound only from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The Road will be totally closed nights and weekends to allow for construction. Information will be posted on the website and will be communicated to parents by school officials.

## **Local Traffic Authority:**

# Multi way stops signs:

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) informing the Town that the DOT is planning to replace multi-way STOP signs on all State roadways with high intensity retro reflective STOP signs on new breakaway posts and add red post delineators. Towns are to respond back to the DOT with disposition about the need for a public hearing or public informational meeting.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to concur that neither a public hearing nor a public informational hearing is needed for the upgrade of stop signs on State roadways under State Project Nos. 170-3306 and 170-3307 and to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the necessary documents, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

### **Boards & Commissions:**

Appointments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Ms. Patricia Jones to the Cultural Commission, to fill a vacancy with a term expiring 12/22/15, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Ms. Sandra Grabierz to the Cultural Commission, to fill a vacancy with a term expiring 12/22/15, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. Daniel Fraro to the Cultural Commission, to fill a vacancy with a term expiring 12/22/16, 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 \$508,704.36, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Technology Supplies	100-0017-010-0613-5-00	\$3,177.08 \$3,177.08
Transfer From:		
Total:		\$68,145.10
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Summer Camp Self Support	100-9098-090-0619-5-00	\$384.09
Supplies	100-5122-070-0612-5-00	\$31.41
Recreation Shows & Concerts	100-5122-070-0324-5-00	\$891.19
Describes		\$4,714.90
Medical Supplies	100-4124-020-0616-5-00	\$53.26
Training	100-4124-020-0322-5-00	\$1,065.18
Ambulance Volunteers	100-4124-020-0161-5-00	\$3,596.46
Ambulance		\$45,430.28
Waste Disposal	100-3034-040-0421-5-04	\$14,332.60
Equip. Maint. Supplies	100-3018-030-0433-5-00	\$528.98
Uniforms	100-3015-030-0650-5-00	\$499.78
Electric - Street Lights	100-3010-010-0622-5-03	\$3,788.49
Utilities - Muni. Facilities	100-3010-010-0622-5-00	\$3,708.40
Building Maintenance	100-3010-010-0431-5-00	\$12,774.00
<b>DPW</b> Fire Protection/Hydrants	100-3010-010-0411-5-00	\$9,798.03
Electric - Police	100-2017-020-0622-5-00	\$185.76 <b>\$185.76</b>
Police	400 0047 000 0000 7 00	
Danaing Maintenance	100 2010-020-0014-5-00	\$9,521.98
Building Maintenance	100-2016-020-0160-5-01	\$1,248.98
<b>Fire</b> FD Volunteer Stipends	100-2016-020-0160-5-01	\$8,273.00
Elections - Temporary	100-0035-010-0130-5-00	\$645.00 \$645.00
Elections	400 0005 040 0400 5 00	4545.00
Workers Compensation	100-0019-010-0521-5-00	\$144.00 <b>\$144.00</b>
Employee Benefits	400 0040 040 0504 5 00	44400
Q D Computer Service	100-0013-010-0334-5-00	\$3,019.41 \$3,019.41
Tax Collector		
Economic Development	100-0010-010-0590-5-01	\$689.02 <b>\$3,177.08</b>
Cultural Commission	100-0010-010-0590-5-00	\$685.97
Mileage	100-0010-010-0580-5-00	\$134.29
Legal Services	100-0010-010-0332-5-00	\$186.78
Regular Salaries	100-0010-010-0110-5-00	\$1,481.02
Selectman		
Transfer To:		

\$3,177.08

Process Improvement	100-0010-010-0890-5-03	\$3,019.41 <b>\$3,019.41</b>
Dues & Seminars	100-0021-010-0810-5-00	\$144.00 <b>\$144.00</b>
Training	100-0035-010-0322-5-00	\$645.00 <b>\$645.00</b>
Town Hall Salaries	100-0010-010-0171-5-00	\$9,521.98 <b>\$9,521.98</b>
Mobile Data Systems	100-2017-020-0439-5-00	\$185.76 <b>\$185.76</b>
Portable Toilets	100-3019-070-0423-5-00	\$61.22
Regular Salaries	100-5021-060-0110-5-00	\$3,827.34
Contingency	100-9099-090-0890-5-03	\$20,000.00
Temporary Salaries	100-0010-010-0130-5-00	\$3,000.00
Insurance	100-0010-010-0521-5-00	\$18,541.72 <b>\$45,430.28</b>
Vehicle Fuel	100-3018-030-0626-5-00	\$4,714.90 <b>\$4,714.90</b>
Books	100-5021-060-0640-5-00	\$1,306.69 <b>\$1,306.69</b>
Total:		\$68,145.10

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

### **Minutes**

Regular BOS Minutes 7/24/14 Special BOS Minutes 7/31/14

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

## **Adjournment:**

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:20pm, 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.