

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 21, 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 Selectman Kathy Devlin. Also in attendance were Michael Marinaccio-CFO and Jeff Bord-Town Engineer. Selectman Bud Knorr was not available.

Open Space/Trails Committee: The Board tabled this agenda item until the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Amend July 17th Minutes:

Mrs. Pellegrini requested to amend the previously approved July 17th Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes as the following transfer was not included.

Dept. Finance

Transfer To:

Regular Salaries	100-0010-010-0110-5-00	4,828.00
Regular Salaries	100-0011-010-0110-5-00	5,101.00
Regular Salaries	100-0012-010-0110-5-00	2,307.00
Regular Salaries	100-0013-010-0110-5-00	1,740.00
Regular Salaries	100-0015-010-0110-5-00	2,274.00
Regular Salaries	100-0021-010-0110-5-00	3,239.00
Regular Salaries	100-0023-010-0110-5-00	2,220.00
Regular Salaries	100-2010-020-0120-5-00	557.00
Regular Salaries	100-2016-020-0110-5-00	4,696.00
Dog Warden Salaries	100-2017-020-0120-5-00	346.00
Part Time Police	100-2017-020-0120-5-01	1,560.00
Police Clerical PT	100-2017-020-0120-5-02	562.00
Regular Salaries	100-3015-030-0110-5-00	16,560.00
PT Temp Salaries	100-3015-030-0110-5-04	576.00
Regular Salaries	100-4019-040-0110-5-00	2,134.00
Regular Salaries	100-5021-060-0110-5-00	7,771.00
Human Services Salaries	100-5100-070-0110-5-00	1,997.00
Drivers – Part Time	100-5135-070-0120-5-00	<u>795.00</u>
		\$59,263.00

Transfer From:

Town Hall Salaries	100-0010-010-0171-5-00	<u>\$59,263.00</u>
		\$59,263.00

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to amend the previously approved July 17th, 2014 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes to include the above mentioned transfer in the July 17th minutes, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Selectmen's Update:

Ninth District Road Update: The Town Engineer updated the Board of Selectmen on the Ninth District Road construction and road closure timetable. Construction completion is scheduled for the end of September.

Staffing:

Mrs. Pellegrini received an email from Operations Manager Kim LaFleur with a request to hire a new recording secretary, Ms. Janice Bergeron, with a start date of 9/2/2014.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Ms. Janice Bergeron as the new recording secretary beginning on September 2, 2014, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Senator Blumenthal and Congressman Courtney Visit to Somersville Mill Site:

On Thursday, August 14th, the Somersville Mill Site was visited by U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, and U.S. Rep. Joseph D. Courtney, D-2nd District. The following individuals were also in attendance were:

Ms. Deb Szaro- Deputy EPA Regional Administrator for the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Mr. Tim Sullivan-State Director of Waterfront, Brownfield and Transit-Oriented Development for the CT Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)

Mr. Frank Gardner-Region 1 Brownfields Coordinator for the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Mr. Mark Lewis- Brownfields Coordinator for the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), Office of Constituent Affairs and Land Management.

Mrs. Pellegrini said that she had previously reached out to Congressman Courtney for help in addressing the state of the Somersville Mill property. The Congressman and Mrs. Pellegrini worked together to coordinate a meeting with the above key individuals to view firsthand the state of the property and to discuss ways in which it could be mediated. Mrs. Pellegrini stressed that the Town needs both state and federal help in addressing a magnitude of issues ranging from environmental testing to debris removal to mediation and revitalization of the property.

Brownfield Assessment Grant:

Mrs. Pellegrini applied for an \$85,000 Brownfield Assessment Grant to fund environmental studies for the historic Somersville Mill site and expects to hear back soon on whether the town has been awarded the grant.

Human Services/Social Services Department Priorities:

Mrs. Pellegrini and Mrs. Devlin discussed Senior Bus scheduling and staffing as well as potential process improvements to current job functions. The Board discussed using an independent expert to help identify new resource opportunities and areas of efficiency to assist staff.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to instruct Mrs. Pellegrini to retain an independent process consultant to audit processes within the Human Services, Senior Center and Social Services Department, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Recreation Department Priorities:

The Board discussed training priorities for the new Recreation Coordinator with a focus on meeting members of the different sports associations.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of Scheduled payments in the amount of \$885,549.17, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Transfers/Appropriations: None

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:43pm, 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.