

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 18, 2014
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order: Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini and Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also in attendance was Michael Marinaccio-CFO.

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

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Purchasing Policy: Mike Marinaccio presented the Purchasing Policy to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the new Purchasing Policy, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Town Meeting/Open Space Funds:

The Board discussed scheduling a Town meeting for the transfer Open Space funds. No date was selected.

Selectmen's Update:

Senior Center Audit:

Mrs. Pellegrini presented the process audit observations for the Human Services Department. The Selectmen discussed the observations and hope to talk to the Human Services Director in the future about them.

Town wide Flags:

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen on some recent complaints she received regarding the flags not being lowered to half-mast on specified days. The Board discussed the agreement made with the American Legion and questioned whether there was a misunderstanding regarding responsibilities.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to have DPW resume the responsibility of the Town Flag Poles during the week and to ask Mr. James Shewokis to resume the responsibility of the Town Flag Poles on weekends and Holidays as well as checking with the American Legion to clarify how they see their role, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Grant Update:

Mrs. Pellegrini was pleased to announce that the Town of Somers would be receiving a \$85,000 Brownfield Assessment Grant for the investigation of 40 Maple Street, the site of the former Somersville Mill. This was part of \$1,698,400 in grant funding awarded by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). Somers was one of 11 municipalities to receive the funding to support property cleanup and advance the development of brownfield sites throughout the state.

Elderly Bus Grant: Mrs. Pellegrini explained that the Town will be meeting with the Department of Transportation (DOT) in February to begin the process for the Elderly Bus Grant.

There will be a couple of meetings first with the DOT and then with the Vendors to choose a bus. The Bus is scheduled to be in the Town's possession by September/October of 2015.

Boards and Commissions:

Resignations

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from Mr. Bob Kozaczka resigning from the Fire Commission.

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

Appointments:

Cultural Commission:

Mrs. Pellegrini received an email from Cultural Commission Chairman Linda Abbott recommending Ms. Ann Levesque and Ms. Ginny Lockwood to the Cultural Commission.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Ms. Virginia Lockwood to the Cultural Commission for a 2 year term, filling the vacancy left by Mr. Richard Mazur with a term expiration of 12/22/2015, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Ms. Ann Levesque to the Cultural Commission for a one year term, filling an open vacancy with a term expiration of 12/22/2014, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Design Review Commission:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. Robert Martin to the Design Review Board, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Zoning Commission:

The Board of Selectmen agreed that they will not be reappointing Mr. Robert Martin to the Zoning Commission at this time.

New Business Proclamations:

Mrs. Pellegrini was pleased to announce that there will be two ribbon cutting ceremonies over the next couple of weeks to honor the opening of two businesses in Town. One is for Budget Blinds on September 25th from 5:00pm to 7pm and the other is for Dymotek Corporation on October 3rd from 12noon-2:30pm. Mrs. Pellegrini requested the Board of Selectmen authorize New Business Proclamations to present at the ribbon cutting ceremonies.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the New Business Proclamations for Budget Blinds and for Dymotek, 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 \$439,481.44, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations: None

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:30pm, 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.