

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 16, 2014
6:00pm
Town Hall Auditorium**

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

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also in attendance – CFO Mike Marinaccio and several interested Somers Residents.

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

Staffing:

Ms. Pellegrini shared with the Selectmen the resignation of Zoning Enforcement Officer/Land Use Technician Michael D'Amato. Mr. D'Amato is leaving to accept a position as the Assistant Town Planner in Newington. Ms. Pellegrini and the Board of Selectmen discussed the many contributions he has made to the Town of Somers and wished him success in his new position.

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

Human Services Director and Assistant Position:

Interviewing will begin shortly to fill the positions of Human Service Director and the Human Services Assistant. The interview panel will consist of the Interim Human Services Director, the Enfield Senior Center Director, the CFO and representatives from the Senior Advisory Board and from the Senior Club. Final interviews will be with the Board of Selectmen.

Boards and Commissions:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. Jose Rodriques to the Recreation Commission to fill a vacancy with a term expiration of 12/22/15, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Brownfield Assessment Grant:

Ms. Pellegrini requested authorization to officially accept the Brownfield Assessment Grant and to sign all associated paperwork with the grant.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the Brownfield Assessment Grant and to also authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign all documents associated with the grant, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Open Space Fund Authorization:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to set a Town meeting date of Thursday November 13, 2014 to vote on using monies from the Open Space Fund for the maintenance of Camp Ayapo open space, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Proclamation:

Ms. Pellegrini requested approval for a Proclamation to honor former First Selectmen Herbert A. Wells as he turns 100 years old on November 9, 2014.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve a Proclamation honoring former First Selectmen Herbert A. Wells as he turns 100 years old on November 9, 2014, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Fire Ordinance Revision:

The Selectmen discussed the Fire Ordinance revisions made during a previous Fire Department Study Ad Hoc Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to contact Town Attorney Carl Landolina regarding possible revisions to the Charter regarding the Fire Commission, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Cemetery Maintenance Complaints:

Ms. Pellegrini shared with the Board complaints received from residents regarding removal of decorations and displays from gravesites. The Board instructed Ms. Pellegrini to contact the Cemetery Commission regarding these complaints.

USA Community Outreach Grant Projects:

Ms Pellegrini recommended the Board of Selectmen use the USA Community Outreach Grant to fund removal of dilapidated buildings from the Camp Ayapo property.

Mrs. Devlin recommended the Board of Selectmen schedule two dates for a community wide “document shred it” day; one this winter and then again in the spring and to use the Community outreach money they receive from USA Hauling to fund the events.

Mrs. Devlin made the motion to use the USA Community Outreach Grant to fund removal of dilapidated structures from the Camp Ayapo property and to also fund two dates for a community wide “document shred it” day, 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 \$421,339.39, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations: None**Minutes**

- September 4, 2014 Regular BOS Minutes
- September 18, 2014 Regular BOS Minutes
- October 1, 2014 Special BOS Minutes

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

2014 Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employee Award:

The Board of Selectmen presented Town Clerk Ann Marie Logan with the 2014 Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employee Award for her commitment to superior service to the Town of Somers Residents.

Robert B. Percoski Community Service Awards:

The Board of Selectmen presented Somers Residents Anne B. Kirkpatrick and Jo-Ann Hornyak with the 2014 Robert B. Percoski Community Service Award for their excellent work in coordinating the Field of Flags Display at the Somers Congregational Church.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:30pm and to invite residents to enjoy refreshments as they congratulate the Employee and Community Service Award winners, 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.