

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 30, 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 Selectman Bud Knorr. Also in attendance: CFO Michael Marinaccio, Rotary President and Somers Education Foundation Vice President Dr. Paul Salva and Town Engineer Jeff Bord. Selectman Kathy Devlin was not available.

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

Great Escape Road Race Recap: Dr. Paul Salva thanked the Selectmen, Public Works and the Police Department for their help and assistance in ensuring that Ninth District Road would be open during the Great Escape Road Race. The Road Race was a great success netting \$9,000.

Somers Education Foundation: Dr. Paul Salva was pleased to announce that this year is the 10th Anniversary of the Somers Education Foundation (SEF) and that the Foundation was voted Connecticut Foundation of the year, beating out a total of 90 other Foundations in the State of CT. He said SEF has awarded \$250,000.00 in grants to the school. The recent SEF Wine Tasting at the Knights of Columbus was very successful in raising \$11,500.00. He also shared recent news that Mr. and Mrs. Presley Blake recently donated \$100,000 to the Somers Education Foundation. Dr. Salva presented the Selectmen with a Banner which will be hung at the entrance of Town Hall.

Dr. Paul Salva left the meeting at this time.

Stebbins Road Right of Way (R.O.W.) Transfer:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to accept the transfer of Stebbins Road Right of Way (R.O.W.), seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Staffing:

Ms. Pellegrini received an email from Todd Rolland, Director of Public Works requesting to hire Mr. Robert O'Brian and Mr. Gene O'Reilly as two seasonal on-call snow fighters.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the recommendation from Mr. Rolland to hire Mr. Robert O'Brian and Mr. Gene O'Reilly as seasonal on-call snow fighters, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Ms. Pellegrini requested the Board of Selectmen accept the resignation of Recreation Coordinator Timothy Larocca as he has accepted another job.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to accept the resignation of Recreation Coordinator Timothy Larocca, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Boards and Commissions:

Clarification was made regarding Cultural Commission members. At a previous meeting the BOS appointed Virginia Lockwood to the Cultural commission, however Ms. Abbott is not

resigning until December therefore the Board of Selectmen will delay the appointment of Virginia until December or at such a time there is another vacancy.

Attorney Erik Ness joined the meeting at this time.

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Electric Procurement Pricing:

The Board of Selectmen and Attorney Ness reviewed current agreements with CCM Energy, Bay State Consultants and TransCanada and discussed electric procurement pricing and pricing agreements and options.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to terminate the CCM Energy Purchasing Program and Bay State Consultant relationship with the Town effective immediately and to continue on with the current TransCanada contract until the end of the agreement in December 2015, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to work with Secure Energy Solutions in determining the best Electric Procurement Pricing Agreement Option for the Town and to sign all necessary documents associated with such agreements, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

CFO Update:

CFO Mike Marinaccio requested the Board of Selectmen approve a resolution authorizing the temporary establishment of the Town's Pension Fund Investment accounts with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC. (See attached.)

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Establishment of the Town's Pension Fund Investment Accounts with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Selectmen's Update:

Adoption of Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update:

Mrs. Pellegrini requested approval of a resolution adopting the 2014-2019 Capital Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update. (See attached.)

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve a Resolution Adopting the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update and to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign all associated documents, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

FOI Workshop for Boards and Commissions:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve February 4, 2015 and February 11, 2015 as dates to hold FOI Workshops for Boards and Commissions Members, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$ 134,725.00, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Transfers/Appropriations – N/A

Minutes

Regular October 16, 2014 Board of Selectmen Minutes

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the October 16, 2014 Regular Minutes, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

Ms. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:45pm, 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.

Resolution authorizing the temporary establishment of the Town's Pension Fund Investment accounts with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has determined it to be in the best interest of the Town to establish an enabling municipal resolution for the opening and/or maintaining of its pension fund investment accounts at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC, (advisor) be it:

RESOLVED, that the Town execute and deliver to said advisor the attached duly signed original of the completed Authorized Persons and Enabling Resolutions for Municipalities and Certain Other Unincorporated Entities, and that the authority to transact business, including but not limited to the maintenance of these accounts be granted to Lisa Pellegrini, First Selectman, Michael D. Marinaccio, Chief Financial Officer and William Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the Pension Committee whose names and signatures are contained in the resolution as persons who are authorized act on behalf of the Town.

Further, The Board of Selectmen authorizes the temporary establishment of these funds with the advisor for a period not to exceed 6 months in duration pending the completion of an RFP process to select the Town's permanent pension investment advisor.

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The Town of Somers Resolution Adopting 2014 – 2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update

WHEREAS, the Town of Somers Board of Selectmen recognizes the threats that natural hazards pose to people and property with the Town of Somers; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Somers in collaboration with the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan known as the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update has identified mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from the impacts of future natural hazards and disasters that affect the Town of Somers and the region; and

WHEREAS, public and committee meetings were held between March 15, 2012 and October 2, 2013, regarding the development and review of the 2014 – 2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency/ Department of Homeland Security has approved the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update, on condition of local adoption, enabling the Town of Somers to apply for Hazard Mitigation grant funding; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Town of Somers Board of Selectmen demonstrates their commitment to achieving the hazard mitigation goals outlined in the Town of Somers's section of the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Somers Board of Selectmen hereby adopts the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update.

Date of Adoption: _____

Signed: _____
Lisa Pellegrini, First Selectman (Chief Elected Official)

I, Ann Marie Logan, Town Clerk of the Town of Somers duly elected and qualified according to law and having custody of the seal of the Town/City of Somers, hereby certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a Board of Selectmen Meeting held on October 30, 2014 and that said resolution has not been amended, rescinded, or revoked and remains in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of _____ this ____ day of _____, 2014.

(Town or City seal)

Ann Marie Logan, Town Clerk, Town of Somers, CT