

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, November 13, 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 were Michael Marinaccio-CFO, Ann Marie Logan-Town Clerk and interested Somers Residents.

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

**Discussion of postponement/cancellation of Town Meeting on Thursday, November 13, at 7:00pm at the Town Hall:**

Ms. Pellegrini asked the Board to consider rescinding a request for \$31,000 from the Open Space Fund, a topic that is to be discussed at a Town Meeting later in the evening.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the recommendation made by First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to rescind the request for \$31,000 from the Open Space Fund, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Little League proposal for concrete patio on Town Hall Field:**

Ms. Pellegrini received a letter from the Somers Little League Baseball requesting permission to install a new 400 Square foot concrete patio next to the snack shack at the Towns Little League Field behind Town Hall. The Somers Little League is paying for the work to be completed and would like to start immediately before the winter comes. Favorable recommendations have been received from the Department of Public Works, Parks and from the Recreation Commission Chairman. The Recreation Commission chairman would like the Selectmen to proceed with the approval due to installation time constraints associated with weather, and will bring the matter up at the next Recreation Commission Meeting.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the request from the Somers Little League Baseball to allow for installation of a 400 square foot concrete patio next to the snack shack at the Town's Little League fields behind Town Hall, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Proposed 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Schedule:**

Ms. LaFleur submitted the proposed 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Schedule for approval. The Board reviewed and discussed the schedule, made one change and agreed on a final meeting schedule.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Schedule, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Proposed 2015 Holiday Schedule:**

Ms. LaFleur submitted the proposed 2015 Holiday schedule to the Board of Selectmen. The Board discussed and reviewed options and agreed on a final Holiday schedule.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the 2015 Holiday schedule, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Boards and Commissions - Resignations and Appointments:**

### **Cultural Commission**

Ms. Pellegrini received an email from Ms. Ruthie Sutter of the Cultural Commission stating she was resigning. Ms. Sutter thanked the Board of Selectmen for appointing her to serve the last four years on Cultural Commission.

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

Ms. Pellegrini shared an email with the Selectmen from Ms. Linda Abbott of the Cultural Commission regarding Cultural Commission leadership positions. They are as follows:

Chair: Lisa Caswell

Vice Chair: Kate Hutton

Secretary: Sandy Grabierz

Treasurer: Jeanne Reed

### **Open Space and Trails Committee:**

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the members for the Open Space and Trails Committee with Town Clerk Ann Logan and clarification of members and their voting rights are as follows:

Open Space and Trails Committee:

Ann Moses – Full Member and Chairman of Committee

Barbara Anderson – Full Member and Vice Chairman of Committee

Richard Bailey – Full Member and Secretary of the Committee

Eric Anderson- Full Member

Patrice Carson-Full Member

John Curran-Full Member

Pat Boudreau-Full Member

Wes Smith-Full Member

Shawn Burgmyer – No Voting Rights

Dominic Wilson-No Voting Rights

Todd Rolland – DPW Staff Liaison, No Voting Rights based on residency

Recreation Person to be assigned– Recreation Staff Liaison, TBD based on residency

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

#### **MPO Update:**

Ms. Pellegrini requested the Board of Selectmen accept a Resolution to Accept New Towns Into the Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

***Mr. Knorr made a motion to accept the Resolution to Accept New Towns Into the Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.***

### **Reduction in State Aid:**

Ms. Pellegrini shared with the Selectmen info she received at a CCM Board of Directors Meeting regarding communications from the Office of Policy and Management that they are looking to reduce state aid by \$10 million in the current fiscal year.

### **STEAP Grant Projects:**

The Board of Selectmen discussed projects for the STEAP Grant application.

***Mr. Knorr made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to apply for the STEAP Grant for projects that may include repaving of the police station parking lot, improvements to the police station entrance and/or road and/or sidewalk construction, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.***

**FOI:**

Ms. Pellegrini confirmed with the Town Clerk the dates of February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> as training dates for the FOI training for the Boards and Commissions. The Selectmen and the Town Clerk discussed training for staff and both agreed that a Friday would work as that Town Hall would close a few hours early for mandatory training.

**Staffing:**

Mrs. Pellegrini stated that the Human Services Assistant position will be posted as the person offered the job has rescinded.

**CFO Update:****Reval:**

Mr. Marinaccio updated the Board of Selectmen on the results of the 2014 Revaluation. After final analysis, the 2014 taxable real estate grand list based on the revaluation is down 4.1% at a loss of \$721,127.15 in revenue over last year. This represents approximately 1 mil. Public Act 14-19, approved May 5, 2014, allows a municipality to delay a revaluation scheduled to be implemented in the 2014 assessment year until not later than the 2015 assessment year. The Selectmen discussed and believe it would be beneficial to delay the revaluation and will discuss further with the Board of Finance.

**Bonding:**

Mike Marinaccio updated the Board of Selectmen on the recent bonding of \$5.3million. The rate was 2.67% and the Town's credit rating is Aa2. The closing date was November 5<sup>th</sup> and the funds were wired from Roosevelt & Cross who was awarded the bid. The premium was paid out to the Town (\$271,000) and the premium can be used to offset bond issuance costs.

**Tax Office:**

The Lock Box has been activated and will be up and running in January for tax collection in February.

**Pension Committee:**

Mr. Marinaccio and the Pension Committee met recently to discuss the policy updates and the possibility of a Pension RFP Evaluation Committee appointed by the BOS. Membership would consist of one member of the Board of Selectmen, the CFO, the BOE Business Manager, an outside investment consultant, a member of the Pension Committee and a member of the Cemetery Committee. This proposed committee would review and evaluate the pension fund advisor/consultant RFP's and make a selection recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

**Webster First Data:**

Mr. Marinaccio will be meeting with Webster Bank and First Data to have them evaluate and assist the Town in revenue collections.

**Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:****Election Day/Polling Place:**

Mrs. Devlin was concerned for the safety of those holding signs in the entrance of the polling place. The Board discussed and agreed that for gubernatorial and presidential elections there should be more than one officer available for traffic control.

**Shred It Day:**

Ms. LaFleur shared with the Selectmen the document shredding company does not recommend having a community wide Winter Document Shred Day due to the possibility of inclement weather. Ms. Devlin recommended that the Town continue with planning for the Spring Document Shred Day.

**Authorization of Scheduled Payments: None**

**Transfers/Appropriations: None**

**Minutes**

**Regular October 30, 2014 Board of Selectmen Minutes:**

This item was tabled to next Board of Selectmen meeting due to timing constraints.

**Adjournment:**

*Mr. Knorr made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:00pm, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

*Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.*

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## RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT NEW TOWNS INTO THE CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CRCOG) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

**WHEREAS**, the towns of Berlin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, New Britain, Plainville, Southington, Stafford and Willington, have voted to join the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO for the Capitol Region will govern the allocation of federal transportation funding within the Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal 23 CFR 450.310, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Designation and Redesignation Process requires that units of general purpose local government vote in favor of MPO Redesignation in order for such redesignation to take effect; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Somers hereby votes to accept the towns of Berlin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, New Britain, Plainville, Southington, Stafford and Willington, in part or in whole, into the CRCOG MPO.

Dated at Somers, Ct this 13 day of Nov. 2014

### CERTIFICATION

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 November 13, 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 SOMERS this 13 day of NOVEMBER 2014.

(Town or City seal)

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