

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, December 11, 2014
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Immediately following the 1:00pm Joint Meeting with the Cemetery Commission

Call to Order: Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini and Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also in attendance were Accountant Brian Wissinger and In-Coming State Representative Kurt Vail.

Selectmen's Update:

Ms. Pellegrini introduced In-Coming State Representative Kurt Vail to the Board of Selectmen. Lengthy discussion followed regarding priorities important to the Town of Somers and the State of Connecticut and concluded with a mutual agreement to work together.

Elderly Advisory Board:

Ms. Pellegrini shared with the Selectmen a recommendation from the Elderly Advisory Board to sell the pool table at the Senior Center.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Elderly Advisory Board and authorized Ms. Pellegrini to sell the Senior Center pool table, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

CT Fire Chiefs Association MOU:

This item was tabled pending additional information from the Fire Chief and the Town Attorney.

STEAP Grants:

Ms. Pellegrini shared with the Selectmen that two FY2015 STEAP Grant Applications were submitted to OPM. One was for parking lot repaving and entrance improvements to the Police Station. The other was for road reconstruction.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG):

Deputy Chief Frank Falcone submitted two applications for the AFG. The first grant application was for a source capture exhaust removal system for the apparatus bays for \$65,000. The second application was for a regional grant request and consists of a joint venture with the West Stafford, Staffordville and Tolland Fire Departments for a regional forcible entry grant in the amount of \$12,600.00.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve and support the above listed grant applications submitted by Deputy Chief Falcone, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

FOI Training:

Mrs. Pellegrini updated the Board of Selectmen on the FOI Training for the Boards and Commissions members. The FOIA training class will be conducted by State of Connecticut Public Information Officer Tom Hennick in February. Mrs. Pellegrini stated that there will also be a staff FOI training date.

Boards & Commissions:

Resignations:

Mrs. Pellegrini received correspondence that Mr. Edward Sullivan is resigning from the Somers Cemetery Committee effective Tuesday, December 9, 2014.

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

Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Selectmen recent notification from Library Board Chairwoman that Ms. Robin Provencher has resigned from the Library Board.

Appointments:

Mrs. Pellegrini received a recommendation from Mr. Robert Landry to appoint Mr. David Arnold to fill a vacancy on the Housing Authority with term expiration of 12/22/2017.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the recommendation and appoint Mr. David Arnold to the Housing Authority with a term expiration of 12/22/2017, seconded by Mr. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

The Board of Selectmen confirmed that Jan Collins is a voting member of the Open Space and Trails Committee.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. Keith Burger to the Fire Commission with a term expiration of 12/22/2014, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. Keith Burger to the Fire Department Study Ad Hoc Committee, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

2014/2015 EMPG Grant Resolution:

Mrs. Pellegrini requested the Board agree to the attached Authorizing Resolution needed for the 2014/2015 EMPG Grant.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the attached Authorizing Resolution and authorized First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign any and all associated documents for the 2014/2015 EMPG Grant, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Camp Ayapo Subdivision Application Discussion and Vote to Withdraw the Application:

Ms. Pellegrini explained there were recent communications received by interested residents that were not in favor of the subdivision. Therefore, Ms. Pellegrini recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the Town withdraw the Application for the Subdivision of Camp Ayapo. If the Selectmen agree Ms. Pellegrini will write a letter to the Planning Commission withdrawing the Application.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the First Selectman's recommendation to withdraw the application for the Camp Ayapo Subdivision, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Connecticut Municipalities Broadband Infrastructure Upgrade and Expansion Project Resolution and Request for Qualifications:

Mrs. Pellegrini requested the Selectmen support the inclusion of the Town of Somers in the Connecticut Municipalities Broadband Infrastructure Upgrade and Expansion Project. This initiative would allow Somers to join other Connecticut Towns in the Connecticut Gig Project Request for Qualifications. The ultimate goal of this initiative is to spearhead the development and installation of ultra-high speed gigabit broadband internet service for residents and businesses. Gigabit broadband network is capable of 1,000 megabit per second (Mbps) upload and download speeds. The current average speed in Connecticut is only 9 Mbps download and upload is even slower. In order to be competitive economically Connecticut's broadband infrastructure much be improved and it must be affordable.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to support and approve the inclusion of the Town of Somers in the Connecticut Municipalities Broadband Infrastructure Upgrade and Expansion Project and authorized First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to file a Town of Somers Addendum to the above mentioned RFQ, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Staffing Update:

Ms. Pellegrini was pleased to announce that Ms. Deanna Schuetz the new Director of Human Services started this week and has enjoyed a warm welcome by both residents and staff members. She also updated the Selectmen that the new Zoning Enforcement Officer/ Land Use Technician, Jennifer Roy, will start employment on December 16th. The part time position for the Human Services Assistant is currently posted with an increase in the hourly rate and Recreation Coordinator position final interviews will be conducted during the week of 12/15/14.

Transfers\Appropriations:

Transfer:

Department – Registrars

Transfer To:

Equip Maintenance	100-0035-010-0432-5-00	\$750.00
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Transfer From:

Training	100-0035-010-0322-5-00	\$450.00
Printing	100-0035-010-0551-5-00	<u>\$300.00</u>
		\$750.00

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above transfer, 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 \$707,063.04, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 3:38pm, 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.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE

TOWN OF SOMERS

CERTIFICATION:

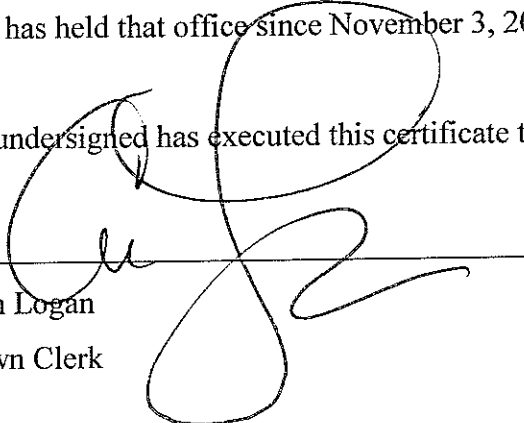
I, Ann Logan, the Town Clerk of the Town of Somers, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Selectman at its duly called and held meeting on December 11, 2014, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Somers may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lisa Pellegrini, as First Selectman of the Town of Somers, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Somers and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Lisa Pellegrini now holds the office of First Selectman and that he/she has held that office since November 3, 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 11 day of December 2014.



Ann Logan
Town Clerk

