

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 22, 2015
1:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order: Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini and Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also in attendance: Michael Marinaccio-CFO and Brian Wissinger-Accountant, Town Engineer Jeff Bord and Town Sanitarian Steven Jacobs.

2015/2016 Budget Presentations:

WPCA Budget:

The budget for WPCA was presented by Town Sanitarian Steven Jacobs and the Selectmen discussed the budget with Mr. Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs left the meeting at 1:30pm.

Land Use Budgets:

The budgets for the Land Use Departments were presented by the Town Engineer Jeff Bord and the Selectmen discussed the budgets with Mr. Bord. Mr. Bord left the meeting at 2:00pm

2015/2016 Proposed Schedule for Referendum:

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2015/2016 schedule for the Budget Referendum.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the 2015/2016 proposed Schedule for Referendum as listed below:

Public Hearing Date: Monday, April 20, 2015

Annual Town meeting Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Referendum Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015

And to also forward the dates to the Board of Finance, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Nutmeg Network:

Ms. Pellegrini explained to the Board that she has not signed the contract with Fibertech to date, due to additional information received and asked for authorization to request an extension on signing the contract and as a precaution to extend the installation date for the Nutmeg Network Grant.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini additional time to conduct more research and to also authorize the First Selectman to request an extension on the Nutmeg Network Grant, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Opportunity to Add Additional Agenda Items:

Ms. Pellegrini asked the Selectmen to add a new item to the Agenda-Town Hall Hours.

Mrs. Devlin made the motion to add a new item to the Agenda-Town Hall Hours, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Town Hall Hours:

Mrs. Pellegrini shared with the Board information she received from Town Hall Staff regarding extending the hours of Town Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and closing on Friday.

The workday week for Town Hall Staff remains the same at 35 hours per week. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of changing Town Hall hours.

Mrs. Devlin made the motion to adjust Town Hall Hours to the following:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00am to 5:00pm; Thursdays 8:00am to 6:30pm and closed on Fridays, effective March 1, 2015 to better serve the community and utilize staff in an efficient way, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Boards and Commissions- Resignations/Appointments:

Resignations:

Ms. Pellegrini received an email from Lisa Caswell, Chairman of the Cultural Commission, resigning from the Cultural Commission.

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

Appointments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. Joseph Marinaccio to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Robert Minch with a term expiring on 12/22/2016, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Section 5310 Grant Memorandum of Understanding:

Ms. Pellegrini requested approval to sign the 5310 Grant Memorandum of Understanding.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize Ms. Pellegrini to sign the 5310 Grant Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations: N/A

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$ 379,841.00, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 3:05pm, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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