

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 12, 2015
6:00pm
Town Hall Auditorium**

Call to Order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:03.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini and Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also present were Senator John Kissel, State Representative Kurt Vail, Town Clerk Ann Logan and several interested residents.

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

Swearing in Ceremony of Elected Officials:

First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr were sworn in for a two year term by the Town Clerk.

Discussion with Senator John Kissel and Representative Kurt Vail:

Ms. Pellegrini read aloud the letter that she sent to Senator John Kissel and State Representative Kurt Vail requesting a meeting to discuss the mid-year cuts announced on Friday, September 18th by Governor Malloy and the Office of Policy and Management. The impact to Somers is a loss of \$48,250. See attached letter.

Much discussion followed regarding current State of Connecticut budget deficits, legislative decisions and the impact they have on municipalities, as well as specific areas of concern to Somers including support for Brownfield Grant funding for Somersville Mill site, improvements to the intersection of Routes 190 and 83, unfunded mandates, education challenges, spending cap and set aside legislation and disruptions that are created with mid-year budget cuts. Residents participated in the discussion.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:35pm, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.

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Senator John A. Kissel
State of Connecticut Senate
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Representative Kurt Vail
Connecticut House Republican Office
LOB Room 4200
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Dear Senator Kissel and Representative Vail,

On Friday, September 18, 2015 the Office of Policy and Management and Governor Malloy announced \$15 million in cuts to municipal aid from previously approved PILOT payments for tax exempt state, college and hospital properties. The impact to Somers is a loss of \$48,250 which represents a 3.5% reduction to our FY 16 State Property PILOT amount. The cuts announced by OPM were based on the previously approved \$20 million reduction in municipal aid that was incorporated into the recently adopted budget PA 15-244, for each of the next two fiscal years.

As stated above the Town of Somers was cut by \$48,250. This was in addition to the reduction of \$120,671 to the Town's Major Statuary Formula Grants for FY2015 and Revised FY2016.

Such cuts in aid, especially in mid-year of a budget, are devastating to our small town and it is my concern that additional cuts will continue. I would like to meet with you to discuss the impact of such mid-year cuts to our small town and hopefully find a way to restore the aid.

Sincerely,



Lisa Pellegrini
First Selectman
Town of Somers

Source: OFA

| FY 16 State Property PILOT Grant | | | | FY 16 C&H Property PILOT Grant | | | | Total Lapse | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Municipality | FY 16 State | | FY 16 State | | FY 16 C&H | | FY 16 C&H | | Municipality |
| | Property | MORE | Property | State | PILOT \$ | Commission | PILOT Post | Commission | |
| | PILOT \$ | Lapse \$ | PILOT Post | PILOT % | PILOT \$ | Lapse \$ | Lapse \$ | Lapse \$ | |
| East Windsor | 111,292 | 53,895 | 57,397 | 48.4% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | East Windsor |
| Ellington | 7,403 | 7,403 | 0 | 100.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ellington |
| Enfield | 1,201,743 | 183,113 | 1,018,630 | 15.2% | 24,959 | 0 | 24,959 | 0 | Enfield |
| Somers | 1,390,477 | 48,250 | 1,342,227 | 3.5% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Somers |
| South Windsor | 12,473 | 12,473 | 0 | 100.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | South Windsor |
| Stafford | 50,955 | 47,779 | 3,176 | 93.8% | 211,019 | 0 | 211,019 | 0 | Stafford |
| Suffield | 2,518,534 | 77,238 | 2,441,296 | 3.1% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Suffield |
| Windsor Locks | 64,417 | 64,417 | 0 | 100.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Windsor Locks |
| Total | 5,357,294 | 494,568 | 4,862,726 | 9.2% | 235,978 | 0 | 235,978 | 0 | Total |