

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 17, 2015
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call To Order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr. Also in attendance was Michael Marinaccio-CFO.

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

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Correspondence:

Ms. Pellegrini received an email from Historical Society Chairman Carole Pyne regarding the phone lines for the alarm system at the museum. Ms. Pyne has requested the Town take over the phone line invoices due to lack of funds and volunteers, the invoices will be an estimated cost of \$100 a month.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the request for the Town to take over the phone line invoices, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

**Boards & Commissions – Appointments & Re-Appointments:
Appointments:**

Pension Committee:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. John Mailhot as a new member to the Pension Committee, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Building Code Board of Appeals:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to not reappoint Sarah Bollinger to the Building Code Board of Appeals, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint the following new members to the Building Code Board of Appeals:

Jeff Lipton, replacing a spot held by Sarah Bollinger, with term expiring on 12/22/19

Chet Ladd, filling an open vacancy with term expiring on 12/22/19

*David Birkenshaw, filling an open vacancy with term expiring on 12/22/19,
seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

Re-Appointments:

Cemetery Committee:

Term Expiration	Member
12.22.2019	Carole Pyne
12.22.2019	David Morgan

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to reappoint Carol Pyne and David Morgan to the Cemetery Committee with terms expiring on 12/22/19, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Housing Authority:

Term Expiration

12.22.2019

Member

Robert Landry

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to reappoint Robert Landry to the Housing Authority with a term expiring on 12/22/19, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Ethics Commission:**Term Expiration**

12.22.2017

12.22.2017

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12.22.2017

12.22.2017

Member

Betty Domer

Martha Rainey-Rocket

Amanda Vesce

Jennifer Griger

Liz Ladarola

Everett Morrill

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to re-appoint the above members to the Ethics Commission with terms expiring on 12/22/17, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Staffing:

Ms. Pellegrini was pleased to announce the hiring of John Roache as the new Fire Chief starting on 1/1/2016.

Reappointment of Tax Collector:

Ms. Pellegrini shared with the Board the Annual Review Panel has met on 11/23/15 and recommends the Board of Selectmen reappointment of Sherri Czyz as Tax Collector for a term of 10/1/2015 – 10/1/2017.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the reappointment of Sherri Czyz as the Tax Collector for a term of 10/1/2015 – 10/1/2017, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

On Call Seasonal Snow Fighters:

Ms. Pellegrini received an email from Todd Rolland Director of Public Works with a request to hire Nicholas Jennings and Jonathan Sewell to fill on-call seasonal snow fighter's positions.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the request to hire Nicholas Jennings and Jonathan Sewell for the on-call seasonal snow fighter's positions, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Gene Pitney Commemorative Bench:

Ms. Pellegrini shared with the Board that she was approached by Ms. Emily Santanella from the Gene Pitney Commemorative Committee about their Committee's desire to donate to the Town one granite bench in memory of Gene Pitney. Ms. Pellegrini explained the install would be in early spring in front of Piedmont Hall. Rogers Memorial Studio is designing the bench. The Board was very happy and looks forward to the installation. They would like to review the design of the bench beforehand to ensure it fits in with the surroundings.

Somersville Mill Strategic Ad Hoc Planning Committee:

Ms. Pellegrini gave a brief update regarding the report received from the Somersville Mill Strategic Ad Hoc Planning Committee. A future meeting will be planned with the Committee in the near future after the Brownfield Grant Awards are announced.

GEI Phase I & II Environmental Studies Report:

Ms. Pellegrini discussed the GEI Phase I & II Environmental Studies Summary Report with the Board of Selectmen. A future meeting will be planned with the GEI and the Somersville Mill

Strategic Ad Hoc Planning Committee in the near future after the Brownfield Grant Awards are announced.

Budgeting:

Ms. Pellegrini explained that Department Heads and Staff are currently preparing their budgets.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$201,026.86, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations: None

Approval of Minutes - 12/3/15 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the 12/3/15 Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6:35pm, 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.