

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 7, 2016
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 present were CFO Mike Marinaccio, Senior Accountant Brian Wissinger and Building Official John Collins.

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

Local Traffic Authority – Sonny's Place: A request for Local Traffic Authority Approval was made by Sonny's Place and is needed as part of their application for Administrative Decision from the Office of State Traffic Administration regarding a proposed modification to their arcade building addition. As the modification requires minimal parking space additions, the Town Building Official and the Town Engineer concur that there would be no substantial impact to the state highway system and recommend Local Traffic Authority Approval.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to grant Local Traffic Authority Approval to Sonny's Place regarding the proposed modification of an arcade building addition, increasing it from an existing 10,000 square foot addition to a new two-story 18,843 square foot addition, concurring with the assessment from the Town Building Official and the Town Engineer that there would be no substantial impact to the state highway system, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Staffing:

Ms. Pellegrini received a request from Director of Public Works Todd Rolland to hire Anthony Bedlack as a part-time transfer station attendant,

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the request to hire Anthony Bedlack as the part-time transfer station attendant, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

The Selectmen promoted Recreation Coordinator Christopher Boucher to Deputy Director of Recreation.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to promote Christopher Boucher to Deputy Director of Recreation along with a salary increase, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Veteran's Service Contact:

Ms. Pellegrini received notification from the Department of Veterans Affairs and Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman's office regarding Municipal Veteran's Service Contact Information. The Board discussed changing the Veterans Service Contact from the Town Clerk to the Director of Human Services.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Director of Human Services Deanna Schuetz as the Veteran's Service Contact person, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Boards & Commissions – Appointments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint the following members to the Prison Liaison Commission with a term expiring on 12.22.2016,

Prison Liaison Members

Gary Schiessl

Jerome Young

Edward Lynch

Charlie Colby

Robert Lincoln Pease

Ed Sawicki

Bud Devlin

Keith Burger

Seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Police Department – Outside Services:

During the Police Budget discussion Lt. Claudio recommended new outside police service rates, the Selectmen reviewed the current fees for outside services and agreed they should increase to the following:

\$75/hour charge rate to vendors

\$65/hour charge rate to Board of Education

\$50/hour pay rate to Officers

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve, effective July 1, 2016, the proposed fees to increase to:

\$75/hour charge rate to vendors

\$65/hour charge rate to Board of Education

\$50/hour pay rate to Officers

Seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Professional Engineering Services for Bridge Work:

Ms. Pellegrini explained that Director of Public Works put in a request to the CFO to waive the bidding requirements for professional engineering services; Milone and Macbroom was awarded the contract for the Maple Street Bridge last year and they would like to hire Milone & Macbroom to write the specifications for the repair work needed on Bridges at Kibbe Grove, Four Bridges Road, King Road, Durkee Road as they are already working on the design and specifications for Maple Street Bridge. CFO Michael Marinaccio approved the request and notified the Board of Selectmen in writing; Mr. Marinaccio explained that this does not require a motion from the Board of Selectmen it only requires CFO approval.

Gravestone Monument Repair Services:

The Cemetery Committee voted to hire a gravestone conservator Jonathan Appell to repair monuments in North and Old West Cemeteries in 2016. Chairman Carol Pyne is requesting that selectmen approval and to sign the contract.

Mrs. Devlin made motion to approve the request and to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to contract with the Gravestone Conservator Jonathan Appell to repair 18 historic gravesites and monuments located in North and Old West Cemeteries for a total cost of \$4995, including all labor and materials, 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 \$214,686.00, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:35, seconded by Ms. Pellegrini. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.