

Somers Board of Selectmen
Meeting June 15, 2017; 6:00 P.M.
Board of Selectmen Conference Room

Call to Order: 6:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: First Selectmen Mr. Knorr, Mr. Potrikus and Mrs. Devlin

Motion: Tim Potrikus. Second: Kathy Devlin: "To Move agenda item 10 (Special Election Discussion and Possible Decision) to first position. Passed Unanimously.

Special Election Discussion: Registrars Bob Schmidt and David McCaffrey reviewed the efforts, needs and associated costs. Potential costs run between \$2200- \$2500. Mr. McCaffrey explained the use of tabulators, the backup, and what could be done if the Special Election created a short turn around time between then and the municipal election. The registrars could borrow a backup from somewhere in the State. Their concerns would include acquiring and maintaining adequate poll workers for both elections.

Ann Logan read the reply to her questions for an earlier special election from her State contact. The reply said that the submissions did not make the deadline for an earlier Special Election. The representative suggested dates October 24th or November 7th fell into a recommended time frame. She provided copies of ballots for both days and outlined the necessary steps that must be taken including necessary steps that must be taken by the political parties with endorsements, legal notices, etc. She then reviewed for the Board the established dates that were on the calendar and budgeted. Assuming that if they would all be going into effect, those dates are: September 12, 2017- Primary; November 7th- Municipal Election and the third to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: T. Potrikus. Second: K Devlin. "To hold the Special Election on October 24th.
Discussion: Mr. Potrikus felt that having two elections in parallel adjacent columns on one ballot was too confusing for the general population so it was best to separate the elections. Mr. Knorr agreed and believed it was more fair to the people. Motion Passed unanimously.

Approval of Contractor for the Mill Remediation Process: Motion: K. Devlin. Second: T.Potrikus: "To approve Costello as the contractor for the Mill project with the provision that the contractor provides his bond and

insurance. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Marinaccio and Mr. Knorr will follow up with J. Bord on the submissions.

Recreation- Chris Boucher: The Recreation Director provided updates on the Summer Camp Program including the hired staff and scheduled weeks of the camp. He provided the same for Small Fry Camp, and reviewed the Somers Spartan Basketball camp which was now managed in-house vs contracted services. Mr. Boucher provided a comprehensive grid sheet of the various programs offered primarily to Somers residents for the summer. He overviewed the subsidy program offering financial assistance to those who could not afford the camp program, providing the family qualifies under the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The subsidy program currently is offered for the Summer Day Camp and the Small Fry Camp, it may expand in the future.

The Recreation Director went over the agreed upon Field Use Policy developed with the Recreation Commission and explained the established fees for out of town use or for for-profit entities vs. those identified as affiliated Somers' leagues. He also provided an overview on the status of the After -School program which will initially occur at the Somers Elementary School, based on what they learn, the program will eventually migrate to include the Middle School. He asked for the Board of Selectmen to consider a request for modifying the current Cross Country trails for safety reasons to avoid traffic.

Motion: K. Devlin. Second: T. Potrikus: "To clear the Cross Country trail depending upon the understanding that the costs for this work could be paid with dollars earned from the meets, with the understanding that funds received go to the general fund to offset the cost of project." Motion approved unanimously.

Municipal EMS Plan

Chief John Roache informed the Selectmen that the State requires an updated EMS plan every five years. He and his staff have begun primary overview of the 200 to 300 pages. Selectwoman Devlin offered to help with the plan. The expected time of submission is by the end of 2017. Some action items include securing the State of Connecticut Prisons protocol, determining the future status of Somers Fire Department which now holds the First Responder and Transport Agency status, but will probably need to move also to Paramedic status as the State's Public Health Committee goes forward with their plan to mandate this with many municipalities.

Fire Department Service Vehicle: Status: Yr 2006, 42,000 miles, turbo replacement would cost \$10,000. Chief Roache recommends selling the truck.

Motion K. Devlin. Second: T. Potrikus. "To sell the Service Vehicle and the Town will negotiate the sale." Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance Review

Motion: Devlin. Second: Potrikus: "Approve recommended changes and send to Town Attorney for review" Passed Unanimously
Ordinance for Citation Appeals and Hearing Process

Motion: Devlin. Second: Potrikus: "Approve recommended changes and send to Town Attorney for review" Passed Unanimously
Regulating Hawkers, Vendors, Peddlers, Canvassers and Solicitors

Motion: Devlin. Second: Potrikus: "Approve recommended changes and send to Town Attorney for review" Passed Unanimously
Tag Sale Ordinance

Motion: Devlin. Second: Potrikus: "Motion to Repeal" Passed Unanimously
Local Scholarship Ordinance

Motion: Devlin. Second: Potrikus: "Motion to Repeal" Passed Unanimously.
Capital Region Planning Agency Ordinance

Motion: Devlin. Second: Potrikus. Passed Unanimously. "Bring *the Design Advisory Board Ordinance* back through the process for approval."

Boards and Commissions: The Selectmen accepted the resignation of John Curran with regrets;

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Motion: Devlin. Second: Knorr: To approve the scheduled payments in the amount of:

Minutes: Will be approved at next Board meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen A. Devlin

