

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 25, 2024**

1. Call to Order

Michael Parker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Members Present

In attendance were Michael Parker, Kathy Devlin, Bruce Devlin, Joe Tolisano, and Paul Hart. Also, in attendance CFO Brian Wissinger, First Selectman Tim Keeney, and Superintendent Dr. Sam Galloway.

3. Board of Education Update

Dr. Galloway updated the Board on the status of the current HVAC project. The building committee has just contracted for pre-construction work to update the cost estimates to design the project to fit within the budget. They expect a construction estimate in the coming weeks.

Michael Parker asked about the other two schools and asked that Dr. Galloway urge the building committee to begin looking at them as well. A lengthy discussion ensued.

4. Board of Selectmen Update

Tim Keeney updated the Board that a new Fire Chief has been hired. Chief David Lenart will start on July 8. The Board requested he come to a future meeting and meet them. Keeney also informed the Board that the Town has engaged Tyche Planning Group to develop an affordable housing plan as required by the State of Connecticut. The plan should be completed by September. Bruce Devlin asked about the status of the Mill Project. A lengthy discussion ensued.

5. CFO/Finance Department Update

Brian Wissinger informed the Board of an initiative set forth by DPW Director Todd Rolland and himself to develop a 5-year comprehensive roads resurfacing and financing plan. The first resolution should be in front of the Board of Finance at their July meeting. Tax bills will be mailed on June 27.

Wissinger presented an article updating the Board of Finance on a piece of legislation that passed that takes the power to create a non-lapsing fund and deposit funds into that fund away from the Board of Finance and gives the authority to the Board of Education. This fund has been requested by prior superintendents and was always denied by the Board of Finance. Wissinger requested that if the Board of Education does create this fund in the future, that they are fully transparent in informing the Board of its balances and usage.

6. Report on Status of Stafford Ambulance Agreement

Wissinger updated the Board on the current negotiations with Stafford. If an agreement has not been reached by the end of this week, the Town of Somers will, by default, begin billing Stafford patients directly for medical services provided.

7. Other Business

Wissinger presented a budget transfer request.

Bruce Devlin made a motion to approve the transfer request as presented, seconded by Kathy Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

8. Approval of Minutes

a. 5/28/24 Regular BOF Minutes

Bruce Devlin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Paul Hart. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

9. Adjournment

Joe Tolisano made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm, seconded by Bruce Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVAL AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FIU4XoiAQ0>



Town of Somers Appropriation/Budget Transfer Request

Appropriation Request

Account Name

Account Number

Amount Requested

Total Appropriation Request

\$ -

Budget Transfer Request

Transfer From:

Account Name

Account Number

Amount Requested

Contingency

100-9099-090-0890-5-03

\$ 15,000.00

Total Transfer From

\$ 15,000.00

Transfer To:

Account Name

Account Number

Amount Requested

Land & Building Services

100-0010-010-0335-5-00

\$ 15,000.00

Total Transfer To

\$ 15,000.00

Explanation of Transfer:

To engage Tyche Planning & Policy Group for development of an Affordable Housing Plan.

Department Head

Board of Selectman

Board of Finance

Date

6/20/2024

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