

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2024**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Members Present

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

3. Audit Presentation

Michael VanDeventer, Partner at Mahoney Sabol delivered the results and recommendations from the FY2024 audit. They delivered a clean “unmodified” opinion on the Town’s financial statements. They also delivered 5 recommendations, all of which are administrative recommendations that the Town and the Board of Education will implement. The financial statements will be available on the Town’s website once they are finalized and submitted to the State of Connecticut.

4. Board of Education Update

Dr. Galloway informed the Board that the transfer switch work at the high school is set to be completed soon. Dr. Galloway also informed the Board about the Connecticut Paid Sick Leave Act and the struggles they are incurring with how to determine the processes required to accrue, calculate, and pay those who are affected by it.

5. Board of Selectmen Update

Tim Keeney informed the Board that the Town has hired an HR Generalist, and she is set to begin on January 6, 2025. She will be the main point of contact for payroll once she is trained and up to speed. These duties closely relate to normal HR job duties. Keeney also updated the Board on the progress of the mill site. The Town hosted a meeting of our State Representative and Senator to hear from Winn Group directly of what they need. The Town will make a request to the State for funding assistance to make this project a reality.

6. CFO/Finance Department Update

Brian Wissinger presented the Town financials through November 30, 2024. Wissinger also addressed the Stafford agreement and the annual projections of that agreement. Wissinger has also reached out to the Town of Ellington to present the same agreement to them and looks to have a signed agreement in the coming year. The Town will also see a rate increase of 4% for EMS calls. Those rates take effect on January 1, 2025.

7. Appropriations and Transfers

Brian Wissinger presented a transfer request for \$3,348 to cover the approval of the additional increase for SROs in the Town.

Joe Tolisano made a motion to approve the transfer request for \$3,348, seconded by Bruce Devlin. There was no discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

8. Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

9. Approval of Minutes

a. 10/22/24 Regular BOF Minutes

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

10. Adjournment

Joe Tolisano made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 pm, seconded by Bruce Devlin. There was no further discussion, and a unanimous decision followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

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