

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 27, 2025**

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, Bruce Devlin, Kathy Devlin, and Paul Hart. Also, in attendance were CFO Brian Wissinger, and First Selectman Tim Keeney.

3. Board of Education Update

No one was present from the Board of Education. They did submit their budget report to the Board.

4. Board of Selectmen Update

Tim Keeney updated the Board on a plan to purchase the Somers Grammar School and utilize it for office space for recreation and human services departments. The project is being presented to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting. Tim Keeney and Todd Rolland met with the Governor's Chief of Staff to discuss the Town's request to be placed on the bond commission agenda. This request is to offset the shortfall of construction for an apartment complex at the former Somersville Mill site.

5. Finance Department Update

Brian Wissinger updated the Board on the plans to combine Years 2 & 3 of the roads resurfacing plan and to add parking lots for Field Road Park, Somers Elementary School, and Somers High School to the list. This plan will be presented to the Board of Selectmen for approval and will then be sent to the CIP Committee to review. Resolutions for the bonding initiative to pay for this paving will be delivered in July.

6. Set a Mill Rate for Fiscal Year 2026

Bruce Devlin made a motion to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 annual budget of \$41,816,120 and to adopt a new mill rate of 30.21, seconded by Paul Hart. There was no further discussion, and a unanimous decision followed.

7. Approval of Suspense List

Bruce Devlin made a motion to approve the suspense list as requested in the amount of \$21,441.76, seconded by Joe Tolisano. There was no further discussion, and a unanimous decision followed.

8. FY2025 Annual Audit

Bruce Devlin made a motion to approve the auditor engagement letter and to appoint Mahoney Sabol as the Town of Somers auditors for Fiscal Year 2025, seconded by Paul Hart. There was no further discussion, and a unanimous decision followed.

9. FY2025 Budget Status and Year End Projections

Brian Wissinger updated the Board on year end projections. It is anticipated that spending will be under by about \$400,000 collectively between the Town and the Board of Education. However, revenues will be under projections by roughly \$200,000. This equals a \$200,000 return to fund balance projection.

10. Discussion and Action on Recommendation to Revise the Dollar Amount to Require a Town Meeting for a Special Appropriation

Bruce Devlin made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance department to revise the Charter to require a Town Meeting for a Special Appropriation when a single appropriation, or a cumulative amount of special appropriations, exceeds 0.2% of the most recently adopted budget, seconded by Joe Tolisano. There was no further discussion, and a unanimous decision followed.

11. Other Business

There was no other business to bring in front of the Board.

12. Approval of Minutes

a. 4/22/25 Special BOF Minutes

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

13. Adjournment

Joe Tolisano made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm, seconded by Bruce Devlin. There was no further discussion, and a unanimous decision followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

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