

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 2026**

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 CFO Brian Wissinger and First Selectman Tim Keeney, Dr. Sam Galloway, and David Pinney.

3. Presentation from the America250 Ad-Hoc Committee

David Pinney presented the Board with their plan of events for the America250 celebration. He also presented a preliminary budget along with fundraising plans.

4. Board of Education Update

Dr. Galloway updated the Board on the budget process. The current proposal to the Board of Education shows a 3.68% increase. Discussion followed.

5. Board of Selectmen Update

Tim Keeney discussed the America250 proposal with the Board. He also updated the Board on the hiring of the new Fire Chief, Ray Stovall. The State has also informed the Town of the selection of our new Resident Trooper, Matthew Burzdak. He will begin his tour here in the coming weeks.

6. Finance Department Update

Brian Wissinger informed the Board of the updated Grand List. The Grand List has been signed. Reval saw a 35.11% increase. The adjusted mill rate, with no new spending, would be 22.40 mills, a decrease of 7.81 mills. Wissinger also updated the Board on revenue reductions of approximately \$450,000 in the upcoming budget. Wissinger also requested a special meeting on March 10, 2026, for first presentations of the budgets from the Board of Education and Selectmen.

7. Capital Project Approvals

Bruce Devlin made a motion to approve the teen center update project in the amount of \$10,000 and the transfer station loader tires in the amount of \$26,000, seconded by Kathy Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

8. SES HVAC Project Update

Joe Tolisano updated the Board on the status of the HVAC Project at Somers Elementary School. The Town is resubmitting their grant application during the week and should hear back from the State within 30 days.

9. Approval of Minutes

a. 12/16/2025 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.

10. Adjournment

Bruce Devlin made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 pm, seconded by Paul Hart. There was no further discussion, and a unanimous decision followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

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