

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 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, and Paul Hart. Also, in attendance were CFO Brian Wissinger, First Selectman Tim Keeney, Dr. Sam Galloway, Stephanie Levin, and members of the Board of Education.

3. Presentation of FY2027 Budgets

a. Town Government

Tim Keeney gave the Board a brief update on the Winn project at Somersville Mill. Tim Keeney then delivered the budget proposal to the Board. Town Government is requesting a \$343,910 increase or 3.7% over FY2026. This is a level-services budget.

b. Board of Education

Dr. Galloway presented the Board with the Board of Education approved budget request. The Board of Education is requesting a \$1,121,870 increase or 3.68% over FY2026. This is a level-services budget.

c. Capital Improvements

Joe Tolisano presented the Board with the approved Capital Improvements budget. This budget requires the same \$350,000 transfer from the General Fund as FY2026.

d. Ambulance

Brian Wissinger presented the Ambulance Fund projections for FY2027. The Ambulance Fund is anticipating a \$120,000 shortfall in FY2027. Brian Wissinger is currently reviewing the call data versus actual spending to determine if the agreements in place with surrounding towns need to be modified.

e. Revenue Projections

Brian Wissinger delivered the revenue projections for the General Fund. There are reductions in State Aid as well as reductions in bank interest on holdings. The current proposed expenditure budget would require a 2.36 mill increase.

The Board of Finance will reconvene in two weeks on March 24, 2026, to review the proposed budgets again and begin to determine a path to adoption for public hearing.

4. Set Public Hearing Date

Brian Wissinger explained that the Board of Selectmen have set the referendum and town meeting dates at their last meeting. The Board of Finance can now set the Public Hearing date to fall within the guidelines.

Joe Tolisano made a motion to set the public hearing date for the Town of Somers FY2027 Budget Presentation for April 21, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Town Hall Auditorium, seconded by Bruce Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

5. SES HVAC Project Update

Dr. Galloway informed the Board that the Town was awarded a grant by the State of Connecticut for up to \$7.8m, or 52.5%.

6. Approval of Minutes

a. 2/3/2026 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.

7. Adjournment

Joe Tolisano made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 pm, seconded by Bruce Devlin. There was no further discussion, and a unanimous decision followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

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