

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2022 6:00pm
Town Hall Lower Level Auditorium**

- A.)**
1. Call to Order: First Selectman Tim Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
 2. Pledge of Allegiance- All members participated in the Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Roll Call – First Selectman Tim Keeney, Selectmen Bill Meier Via phone and Bob Schmidt, Police Administrator Kim Littig, Public Works Director Todd Rolland, Youth and Social Services Director Allison Maynard, Land Use Director Dan Parisi and WPCA Chairman Stephen Getman.
- B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**
1. Public Comment: None
- C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN:**
1. Mr. Keeney announced the passing of James Persano and calling hours. Mr. Persano was a friend to many, Chairman of the Board of Finance for over 25 years and an important figure in the community, he will be missed.
 2. Mr. Keeney was involved with the Interview process with the Connecticut State Police for the permanent State Trooper to be assigned to Somers.
 3. The Town of Somers received a check from the (CIRMA) Connecticut Interlock Risk Management Agency in the Amount of \$23,268. as part as their Equity Distribution Program.
 4. The Somers Board of Selectmen have a joint meeting scheduled July 28, 2022 with the Stafford Board of Selectmen to discuss shared EMS services and costs.
 5. Mr. Keeney sent letters to Senator Blumenthal and Senator Murphy requesting their support for a Grant for the WPCA to cover the Improvements costs at the Somersville Treatment Plant. We were informed late today that the house of Reps passed a mini-bus, which included the \$945,000 for the Treatment Plant improvements. The Senate will still need to act on this which is why letters were sent out.
 6. There was a serious accident at the School, where asphalt was being dumped to improve a surface and the employee of the contractor was seriously burned from the waist down and another employee had severe hand burns. There is no liability to the Town.
- D.) CONSENT AGENDA**
1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations
- E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS**
- F.) FINANCE**
- a) Transfers/Appropriations

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve end of the year transfers for the year fiscal year 2022 with the exception of the Fire Department Transfers and that the Board will address those transfers at the next board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Appropriations: Mr. Rolland Presented the Appropriations to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the appropriation for the Board of Education HVAC Engineering Study at \$580,000.00 and the Town Community Center Engineering Study at \$138,235.00 for a total of \$718,235.00 from the fund balance, seconded by Mr. Keeney. A discussion followed. Keeney and Schmidt voted yes, Meier voted no. The motion passed.

- b) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$653,886.71, seconded by Mr. Meier, Mr. Meier also authorizes the First Selectman to sign the document on his behalf. The motion unanimously passed.

G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

H.) NEW BUSINESS

1. WPCA Updates on the Treatment Facility – Stephen Getman, Chairman of WPCA and Daniel Parisi. Mr. Getman and Mr. Parisi provided an update on the Treatment facility upgrades and where there looking for extra funding. The WPCA will be holding a Public Hearing for a Rate Increase on August 2, 2022.
2. Local Traffic Authority Approval:
 - a.) Memorial Motorcycle Ride in Honor of Officer Ben Lovett #20 the Event is scheduled for 8/21/22- Kim Littig
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Memorial Motorcycle Ride in Honor of Officer Ben Lovett #20, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
 - b.) Installation of a 35 MPH Sign Eastbound on Turnpike Road from Battle Street. Todd Rolland
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the installation of the 35MPH sign Eastbound on Turnpike Road and Battle Street, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
3. Discussion and Action on Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town of Somers, Town of Stafford and the Town of Ellington with Regards to Tri-Town Juvenile Review Board.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to authorize the First Selectmen to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Somers, Stafford and Ellington for the Tri-Town Juvenile Review Board once approved by the Town Attorney and reviewed by the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
5. Discussion and Action on Staffing Request – To Hire Gerard Joyal as the Part Time Police Officer/School Resource Officer – Kim Littig
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to hire Gerard Joyal as the part time Police Officer/School Resource Officer, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
6. Discussion and Action on Appointment of the Building Official Glen Setzler. This item was tabled until the Intermunicipal Agreement between Stafford and Somers is amended.

I.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of Minutes of July 7, 2022 Regular 6:00 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.
The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular 6:00 pm Meeting from July 7, 2022 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2022 with one amendment, under the Finance Section where Mr. Marinaccio presented proposed Bonding Mr. Meier would like to add the following: Selectmen Meier expressed his concerns about the timeline and that the process was being rushed. Seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

J.) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Keeney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting