

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2022 6:00pm
Town Hall Lower Level Auditorium**

- A.) CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Tim Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.**
1. Pledge of Allegiance – All members participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 2. Roll Call – First Selectman Tim Keeney, Selectmen Bill Meier and Bob Schmidt, CFO Michael Marinaccio, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, Director of Public Works Todd Rolland, Recreation and Leisure Director Maureen Parsell, Land Use Director Dan Parisi
- B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**
1. Public Comment: Dian Lopes of introduced herself to the Board of Selectmen, Ms. Lopes stated she was the owner of the 2017 Chrysler Pacifica Wheelchair access van requesting a Tax exemption.
- C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**
- Mr. Keeney welcomed Trooper Justin Preuss who is the new Resident State Trooper in Somers.
 - The Somers Cultural Commission sponsored Concert this evening has been moved to Joanna's Restaurant due to the extreme heat the concert will run 6-8pm.
 - We have been informed by the State the Extreme hot weather is expected to last to next week, stay in inside and keep hydrated, cooling centers would open only if we had 10% or more of power outages.
- D.) CONSENT AGENDA**
1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations Karen Murdoch Economic Development
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Karen Murdoch to the Economic Development commission with a term 12.26.26, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS – None**
- F.) FINANCE**
- a) Fire Transfers/Appropriations- Fire Transfers were tabled, Chief Roach was on a EMS Call
 - b) CFO Finance Update - Mr. Marinaccio provided an update on the tax collection in the month of July 2022 and provided an estimated fund balance for FY23.
 - c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$653,886.71, seconded by Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS- None**
- H.) NEW BUSINESS**
- a) Discussion and Possible Action on Recreation and Leisure Staffing Recommendation to Hire Kevin Wood for the Grant Funded Full Time Recreation Coordinator Position at \$40,000. Maureen Parsell
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to hire Kevin Wood for the 12-month grant funded full time Recreation Coordinator at \$40,000., seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
 - b) Discussion and Possible Action on WPCA Staffing Recommendation to Hire Adam Bajoris as the Part Time 10 hours a week WPCF Maintainer Position at \$23.25/Hr. Daniel Parisi
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the WPCA staffing recommendation to hire Adam Bajoris

as the Part time 10 hours a week WPCF Maintainer position at \$23.25/Hr, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

- c) Discussion and Possible Action on Trespass Ordinance
The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing on July 21, 2022 at 7:00pm to take public comment on the Trespass Ordinance
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adopt the Trespass Ordinance to be effective 15 days after publication, the publication will be in summary form, Seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- d) Discussion and Possible Action on Alcoholic and Cannabis on Town Property
The Board of Selectmen held a Public Hearing on July 21, 2022 immediately following the Trespass Ordinance Public Hearing to take public comment on Prohibiting Alcoholic Beverages and cannabis Products on Town Property.
Mr. Meier made a motion to adopt the Ordinance Prohibiting Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Products on Town Property and to be effective 15 days after publication, the publication will be in summary form, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- e) Discussion and Possible Action on Woodcrest Tax Abatement. Michael Marinaccio
Mr. Marinaccio provided the history on the Woodcrest Tax Abatement request.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to vote approve the Tax Abatement and to authorize the First Selectmen to sign the agreement, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- f) Discussion and Possible Action on a Tax Exemption for a 2017 Chrysler Pacifica Wheelchair Accessible Van – Owner Diane Lopes.
Mr. Meier made a motion to authorize the tax exemption for a 2017 Chrysler Pacifica Wheelchair Accessible Van as requested by Dian Lopes and such exemption will be contingent upon an annual inspection determined by the Town Assessor in accordance with the permitted exemption under the Town Charter under section 179 1 and 2, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- g) Discussion and Possible Action on a Request to Sell Town two Town Vehicles the Excess International, 4900 2001 Plow/Sander and the Excess GMC, K3500, 2007 Pickup truck. Todd Rolland
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to authorize Mr. Rolland to sell Town two Town Vehicles the Excess International, 4900 2001 Plow/Sander and the Excess GMC, K3500, 2007 Pickup truck, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- h) Discussion and Possible Action on a Request to Apply for a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant Application for Funding for Pleasant View Drive Drainage/Reconstruction Project in the Amount of \$296,200 and Authorize the First Selectmen to Sign All Associated Documents. Todd Rolland
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the request to apply for Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant Application for Funding for Pleasant View Drive Drainage/Reconstruction Project in the Amount of \$296,200 and Authorize the First Selectmen to Sign All Associated Documents, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- i) Exploring Solar Production Opportunities on the Old Landfill at the Recycling Center. Todd Rolland
Mr. Meier made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the application with Eversource for a proposed solar site at 127 Egypt Road in Somers (the old landfill), seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

I.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of Minutes of July 21, 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 21, 2022 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes of July 21, 2022 as presented, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

J.) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.