

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Town Hall 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 Brian Wissinger, Assistant Finance Director Michael Marinaccio, Land Use and Public Works Director Todd Rolland, Fire Chief David Lenart, Firefighter Tim O'Keefe, Carl Stebbins Board of Education, Superintendent Sam Galloway, Business Director Stephanie Levin, Nick Conte of Gilbane and Charles Warrington, Collier Project Leader.

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public Comment: None

C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

D.) First Selectman Tim Keeney provided an update on the following items:

- Town Wide Tag Sale is this Saturday, October 5th. There are 60 participants. The address locations are posted on the Town website and Facebook.
- Early Voting starts on October 21st -October 31st and then continues November 1st through November 3rd. this will be posted on the Town's website and Facebook page.

E.) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations:
Accept the Resignation of Lynne P. Goss from the Cultural Commission with an effective date of September 7, 2024.
Mr. Meier made a motion to accept the resignation of Lynne P. Goss from the Cultural Commission with an effective date of September 7, 2024, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
2. Appointment of Bill Meier to the Somers Elementary School HVAC Building Committee.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Bill Meier to the Somers Elementary School HVAC Building Committee, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.
3. Appointment of Brian Wissinger to the Somers Elementary School HVAC Building Committee.
Mr. Meier made a motion to appoint Brian Wissinger to the Somers Elementary School HVAC Building Committee, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

F.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Meier made a motion to add to the agenda Fire Department Staffing to the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Meier made a motion to add to the agenda discussion and approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Somers and the Somers Fire Fighter Local 4284 IAFF, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

G.) FINANCE

a) Transfers and Appropriations - None

b) CFO Finance Report/Updates: Mr. Wissinger presented the monthly budget report.

Mr. Marinaccio provided an update on Santa Fuel. The State Siting Council will meet next Thursday to discuss Santa Fuel's petition to motion to reopen and modify their denied decision. They have reduced the megawatt capacity and addressed environmental concerns, with studies showing no adverse impact on ponds and wetlands. Additionally, 442 panels have been removed, buffers enhanced with vegetation and sound walls, and a new access road on Mountain View Road. Mr. Marinaccio will attend the next meeting and report back to the Board of Selectmen.

c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Scheduled Payments in the amount of \$283,396.05, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

H.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION: None

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

1. BOE Update on HVAC Project Budget. Board of Education/Colliers/Gilbane Superintendent Galloway provided an update on the HVAC project budget.
2. Discussion and Possible Action on Construction Manager Contract. Board of Education/Colliers/Gilbane
Mr. Warrington and Mr. Conte presented the updated contract. A discussion followed.

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department Staffing Request. Request to temporarily bring Nick Noto from part time to full time with a start date of October 6, 2024.
Mr. Meier made a motion to temporarily bring Nick Noto from part time to full time status with a start date of October 6, 2024, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
2. Discussion and approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Somers and the Somers Fire Fighter Local 4284 IAFF
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Somers and Somers Fire Fighter Local 4284, IAFF, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
3. Fire Department Staffing Request. Request to hire Timothy Dark as a Paramedic with a start date of October 20, 2024.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the staffing request to hire Timothy Dark as a Paramedic with a start date of October 20, 2024, contingent on an acceptable Physical and Background check, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
4. Chief Lenart provided an update on the Fire Department.
5. Accept Resignation of Firefighter/Paramedic Cody Lemire. **No Resignation was submitted therefore No Action was taken.**

6. Approval of Zoll Monitors Warranty Contract and Authorize the First Selectman to Execute all associated documents. **David Lenart**
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Zoll Monitors Warranty Contract not to exceed \$16,339.20 and contingent on the addition of the non-appropriation clause in the contract, seconded by Mr. Schmit. The motion unanimously passed.
7. Discussion and Possible Vote on Action EMS Intercept Agreement. **David Lenart**
Mr. Meier made a motion to terminate the agreement with Action Ambulance and to exercise our 30 day termination and allow the First Selectman to execute any documents related to the termination, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
8. Capital Improvement Project Requests. **Todd Rolland**
 - a. Historical Museum porch and painting. A couple of years ago, we received significant ARPA funding to replace the museum's roof and rebuild its windows. That work has been completed. This is the remaining restoration. In 2023, we applied for a T-Mobile Hometown Grant to fund this project but were unsuccessful. \$45,000.00
 - b. Replacement of two (2) Recycling Center dumpsters. \$20,000.00
 - c. Town Hall interior painting. \$18,000.00
 - d. Replacement of the Small Buildings Mower. \$17,500.00
 - e. Replacement of the Small Highway Roller. \$25,000.00
 - f. Town Hall Community LED Sign. \$75,000.00
 - g. Replacement of the Conner's Place Playground Surfacing. \$220,000.00
 - h. Replacement of the 2016 Senior Bus. \$30,000.00
 - i. Replacement of the 2004 Plow/Dump/Sander Truck. \$175,000.00***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the CIP items A-I as presented with a total cost of \$625,000. Seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***
9. Set Town Meeting Date to vote on appropriation of \$43,141.02 for Separation Payout. Recommended Meeting Date is November 7th at 7:00pm - **Brian Wissinger**
Mr. Meier made a motion to set the Town Meeting Date to vote on Appropriation of \$43,141.02 for Separation Payout on November 7, 2024, at 7pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
- K.) Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2024, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.
The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from September 18, 2024, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the September 18, 2024, meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- L.) **ADJOURNMENT**
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording *Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.*