

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 7, 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 Treasurer Michael Marinaccio, Land Use and Public Works Director Todd Rolland, Assistant Land Use Director of Human Services Matthew Cox, Board of Education Director of Business Services Director Stephanie Levin, Bradley Pellissier, Chairman of the Planning Commission, David Pinney, Chairman of the Housing Authority, Paul Hart, Board of Finance and Mark Schweitzer Colliers Representative.

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public Comment: None

C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

First Selectman Tim Keeney Presented the following items:

- The Fire Ban is still in place.
- Regarding the November Election, the question regarding absentee ballot voting was defeated at the local level; however, it passed statewide.
- The Road Bond has successfully passed with a vote of 2-1.
- Congratulations to the Registrar and Voters, Town Clerk and Poll workers, everyone did a great job.
- Monday November 11th Veterans Day, Town offices will be closed.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations: None

E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS

F.) FINANCE

- a) Transfers and Appropriations- Transfer Request in the amount of \$3,348.00.

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Transfer Request in the amount of \$3,348.00 from State Police line item to School Resource Officer Shift premium, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

- b) CFO Finance Report/Updates:

Mr. Wissinger provided an update on the following items:

The Road Bond has successfully passed with a vote of 2-1. Mr. Wissinger has communicated this development to both the Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel. They will now proceed with the planning of the issuance calendar for the Road Bond, which is scheduled for May.

Mr. Wissinger provided handouts of the monthly expenditure Report and Quarterly Revenue Report.

- c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the scheduled payments in the amount of \$350,813.89, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

G.) **UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION:** None

H.) **PENDING BUSINESS**

1. Overview of the Affordable Housing Plan and to take Public Comment. Tim Keeney
Mr. Keeney provided an overview of the Affordable Housing Plan. A discussion followed. There were no public comments.
2. Board of Selectmen to adopt the Affordable Housing Plan.
Mr. Meier made a motion to adopt the Affordable Housing Plan, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

I.) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and Possible Action on the proposed contract amendment for Collier's Project leaders and authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract amendment.
Charles Warrington
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the proposed contract amendment for Collier's Project Leaders and authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract amendment, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
2. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Settlement agreement between the Town of Somers and Kevin Koropatkin and authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement. Matthew Cox
Mr. Meier made a motion the Board of Selectmen approve the Settlement Agreement between the Town of Somers and Keven Koropatkin as amended and authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
3. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Release of Claim for Kevin Koropatkin. Matthew Cox
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Release of Claim for Kevin Koropatkin, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
4. Public Works Staffing Request – Request to hire Luke Bolduc for the Fulltime Highway Maintainer position, with an hourly rate of \$23.60 and a start date of November 18, 2024. Todd Rolland
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the request to hire Luke Bolduc for the Full-time Maintainer position, with an hourly rate of \$23.60, with a start date of November 18, 2024, and to acquire a CDL License within 18 months, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
5. Approval of the proposed 2025 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting schedule.
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the proposed 2024 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting schedule, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
6. Approval of the proposed 2025 Holiday Schedule.
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the proposed 2025 Holiday Schedule as presented, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

J.) Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.
The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from October 17, 2024, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2024, as presented, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

Approval of Minutes of October 31, 2024, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from October 31, 2024, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of October 31, 2024, as presented, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

K.) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.