

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 27, 2025, 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, Recreation and Leisure Director Maureen Parsell, Land Use and Public Works Director Todd Rolland.

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public Comment:
Selectman Bob Schmidt provided an explanation for his decision to abstain from voting on the budget. Following a review of the relevant documents, he expressed his support for the budget that was approved during the Board of Selectmen meeting on February 20th. He also recognized Chief Financial Officer Mr. Wissinger for his significant contributions in the preparation of the budget and commended his ongoing commitment to the Town of Somers.

C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

First Selectman Tim Keeney mentioned the Legislative action that occurred earlier this week. Mr. Wissinger will report on that under the CFO Finance Report/Update.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations: None

E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS: None

F.) FINANCE

- a) Transfers and Appropriations: None
- b) CFO Finance Report/Updates:

Mr. Wissinger reported on the following Legislative Action that occurred earlier this week. A letter writing campaign was conducted several weeks ago addressed to the House concerning last year's Public Act that pertained to motor vehicle assessments and Veterans property tax exemptions. Recently, House Bill 7067 was introduced to the House on Sunday, successfully passing on Monday evening and subsequently in the Senate on Tuesday. The bill presents municipalities with the option to vote on increasing the depreciation schedule for motor vehicles by five percentage points for each year, commencing with the FY 26 Grand List. House Bill 7067 is currently awaiting the Governor's signature. Should the Governor endorse the bill, it will become law, thereby allowing for adjustments to our Grand List.

- c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Scheduled Payments in the amount of \$278,316.42, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION: None

H.) PENDING BUSINESS - None

I.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Temporary Staffing Request: Request to hire Monica Newcity as the Temporary Part-time Senior Center Program Coordinator with an hourly rate of \$18 and a start date of March 10, 2025. **Maureen Parsell**
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the temporary staffing request to hire Monica Newcity as the Temporary Part-time Senior Center Program Coordinator, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
2. Land Use Staffing Request: **Todd Rolland**
 - a. Accept the Resignation of Glenn Setzler as the Town of Somers Appointed Building Official effective 2/25/25 and Terminate the Building Official Services Agreement between the Town of Somers and the Town of Stafford.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Glenn Setzler as the Town of Somers Appointed Building Official effective 2/25/25 and terminate the Building Official Services Agreement between the Town of Somers and Town of Stafford, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
 - b. Request to Appoint Michael Anthony as the Town of Somers Building Official with annual Salary of \$95,000. Effective 2/27/25.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to Appoint Michael Anthony as the Town of Somers Building Official with annual Salary of \$95,000 effective 2/27/25, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
3. Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.
The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from February 20, 2025, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2025 with two amendments:
 - 1. Under New Business, item No. 1 add the fishing dock to the motion.***
 - 2. Under New business, item No. 5 Mr. Meier and Mr. Keeney approved the motion and Mr. Schmidt abstained.******Seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.***
4. **ADJOURNMENT**
Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.