

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 17, 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, Library Director Joanne Nichting, members of the Library Board and Town Attorney Carl Landolina.

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public Comment: None

C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

First Selectman Tim Keeney announced the following events:

1. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2025, commencing at 10:00 AM at Field Road Park.
2. The Board of Finance will conduct a Budget Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium.
3. The Annual Fishing Derby will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2025, beginning at 9:30 AM at the Blake Center for Faith and Freedom. Parking is available behind the Monticello building. This event is sponsored by the Rotary Club.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations

E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS – None

F.) FINANCE

- a) Transfers and Appropriations- none
- b) CFO Finance Report/Updates – none
- c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Scheduled Payments in the amount of \$349,490.84, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION: None

H.) PENDING BUSINESS - None

I.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion Regarding School Building Committee. **Board of Selectmen/Town Attorney**
A discussion was conducted regarding the legal opinion issued by the Town Attorney on April 14, 2025, which stated the current School Building Committee was not properly created and has no authority to act. Further, the Board of Selectmen controls the formation of and appointments of any future school building committee subject to Town meeting approval. Attorney Landolina's recommendation was to have the Board of Selectmen disband the current School building committee and have him draft a Resolution to form a School Building Committee and set a Town Meeting date at the next Board of Selectmen meeting. A discussion followed.

Mr. Meier made a motion to disband the current HVAC School Building Committee as recommended by the Town Attorney, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

2. Library Gazebo Presentation. **Bob Socha/Joanne Nichting**
Bob Socha, a member of the Library Board, presented a proposal for an outside Gazebo that would be funded by the Library Endowment Fund. A discussion followed.
 3. Recreation and Leisure Staffing Request: Request to hire Darlene McCray as a Part time Senior Center Coordinator at an hourly rate of \$18 with a start date of April 21st.
Maureen Parsell
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the request to hire Darlen McCray as the part time Senior Center Coordinator at an hourly rate of 18 with a start date of April 21, 2025, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
 4. Authorize the First Selectman to execute an amendment to an employment agreement pertaining to a six-month extension for Chief David Lenart. This extension will allow Chief Lenart the necessary time to secure suitable housing in Somers.
Mr. Meier made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to execute an amendment to an employment agreement with a 6-month extension for Chief David Lenart, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
 5. Authorize the First Selectman to proceed with the execution of Brian Wissinger's employment contract, which includes the proposed salary increases specified in the employment agreement.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to proceed with the execution of Brian Wissinger's employment contract, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- J.) Approval of Minutes of April 3, 2025, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.
The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from April 3, 2025, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Special April 3,2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- K.) **ADJOURNMENT**
Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.