

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 18, 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 Services Director Maureen Parsell, Human Services Director Matthew Cox, Police Administrator Kim Littig, Land Use and Public Works Director Todd Rolland and residents David Pinney and Shawn Curtis.

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public Comment: David Pinney, Chairman of the Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee provided an update and asked about the number of members originally appointed to the committee.

C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

First Selectman Tim Keeney presented the following items:

- Mr. Keeney mentioned the Four Town Fair was last weekend, the weather cooperated and there was a great turnout.
- On September 9, 2025, the Town of Somers participated in a Statewide Emergency Exercise. The exercise was led by Chief David Lenart, serving as the Emergency Management Director, with support from Deputy Emergency Management Director Frank Poirier. Additional attendees included representatives from the Police Department, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Somers Schools, Information Technology (IT), as well as Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). It was a great turnout, and everything ran smoothly, making for a successful day of collaboration and preparedness.
- On Monday, September 15th, the construction of the "Where Angels Play" playground commenced in Somersville. This playground is intended to commemorate the four Koropatkin children who tragically lost their lives in the Quality Avenue fire last year. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled to occur on Sunday, September 21, 2025.
- October 2, 2025, at 7pm there will be a Public Hearing to take public comment on the Revision to Ordinance #179-12-21 Local Tax Relief Program. The proposed revision is to amend the ordinance by changing the tables by which the program is bound and allowing for more flexibility to amend the income tables in the future.
- October 11, 2025, the Town will be hosting a Shred Day here at Town Hall 9am-12.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations

a) Resignations:

- Accept the Resignation of Scott Sutter from the Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee effective immediately.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Scott Sutter from the Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee effective immediately, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

- Accept the Resignation of John Parks from the Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee effective immediately.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the Resignation of John Parks from the Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee effective immediately, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

- b) **Appointments:** The Town has received four letters of interest from residents wishing to serve on the Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee. Currently, there are only three openings available. Discussion and review the letters of interest and consider appointments to fill the available positions.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Jan Martin to the Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Greg Smith to the Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Michael Dieter to the Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS

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 \$578,317.22, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION: None

H.) PENDING BUSINESS - None

I.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department Report was submitted by Chief Lenart. Chief was not available to attend the meeting.
2. Staffing Request: Recommendation to Hire Bill Abbott for the Part-Time Senior Center Bus Driver position at \$18.00 an hour start date to be determined. Maureen Parsell
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the hiring of Bill Abbott for the Part-Time Senior Center Bus Driver position at \$18.00 with a start date of September 29, 2025, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
3. Accept the Resignation of Michael Hevey Somers Police Officer effective 9/29/25.
Mr. Meier made a motion to accept the resignation of Michael Hevey effective 9/29/25, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
4. Authorize the Proposed Scope of Work for the Town of Somers Drug Free Communities, for Evaluation and Data Technical Assistance Services from B. Weyland Smith Consulting, LLC and Authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement.
Matthew Cox

Mr. Meier made a motion to authorize the Proposed Scope of Work for the Town of Somers Drug Free Communities, for Evaluation and Data Technical Assistance Services from B. Weyland Smith Consulting, LLC and Authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

5. Charter Revision: Discussion on correcting the explanatory language for question 4.

Brian Wissinger

Mr. Meier made a motion to correct the explanatory language for question 4, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

6. Discussion, Review and Possible Action on Proposed Salary Survey. **Brian Wissinger**
Mr. Wissinger presented the proposed salary survey for discussion. A discussion followed.

J.) Approval of Minutes of September 4, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from September 4, 2025, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of September 4, 2025, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

K.) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.