

TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 8, 2026, 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, Human Services Director Matthew Cox, Land Use and Public Works Director Todd Rolland and members of the Fire Department.

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public Comment: None

C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

First Selectman Tim Keeney presented the following items:

1. The Fire Chief position was posted internally and will remain open until January 9, 2026. Two applications have been received, one from Ray Stovall and one from Scott Fine. Interviews will be held within the next couple of weeks.

The interview committee will consist of:

- Bill Meier, Selectman
- Brian Wissinger, CFO
- Todd Rolland, Land Use & Public Works Director
- Deputy Chief Keith Allard
- Police Administrator Kim Littig

2. The America250 Planning Committee continues to make strong progress in preparing for the upcoming celebration. The committee is evaluating potential entertainment options, coordinating fundraising activities, and expanding community outreach through the Towns website, Facebook, Somers Connects, and various mailings. Chairman David Pinney will provide an update to the Board of Finance on January 27th, including the committee's fundraising progress and a proposed budget.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations

America250 Ad hoc Planning Committee

- Resignation of Donna Hanks of the Ad Hoc America250 Planning Committee.
- Appointment of Christine Nesarella to the Ad Hoc America250 Planning Committee.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Donna Hanks from the Ad Hoc America250 Planning Committee and appoint Christine Nesarella, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Veterans Memorial Park Ad hoc Committee

- Resignation of Stephen Marquis from the Somers Veterans Memorial Park & Healing Garden Ad-Hoc Committee.

- Appointment of Gary Prior to the Somers Veterans Memorial Park & Healing Garden Ad-Hoc Committee.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Stephen Marquis from the Somers Veterans Memorial Park & Healing Garden Committee and appoint Gary Prior, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Zoning Board of Appeals

- Appointment of Tara Moody as a full member to the Zoning Board of Appeals filling the vacancy of Dean Hills with a term expiring on 12.22.29

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Tara Moody as a full member to the Zoning Board of Appeals filling the vacancy of Dean Hills with a term expiring on 12.22.29, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Reappointments

- Reappoint Doug Stebbins to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiring on 12.22.29.
- Reappoint BJ Ferro to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiring on 12.22.26.
- Reappointment of Lise Wood to the Conservation Commission with a term expiring on 12.22.26

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to reappoint Doug Stebbins to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiring on 12.22.29; Reappoint BJ Ferro to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiring on 12.22.26; Reappointment Lise Wood to the Conservation Commission with a term expiring on 12.22.26, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS: None

F.) FINANCE

- a) Transfers and Appropriations: None
- b) CFO Finance Report/Updates: Mr. Wissinger reported that the finance department uploaded the annual reports to the State of Connecticut and submitted the financial statements to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).
- c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the scheduled payments in the amount of \$368,098.30, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION: None

H.) PENDING BUSINESS – None

I.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding an MOA between the Town of Somers and Somers Fire Fighters, Local 4284, IAFF. David Lenart

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the MOA between the Town of Somers and Somers Fire Fighters, Local 4284, IAFF, seconded by Mr Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

2. Budget Presentation - Human Services – Matthew Cox
Director Cox presented the Human Services budget for consideration. A discussion followed.
3. Budget Presentation - Land Use and Public Works – Todd Rolland
Director Rolland presented the Land use and Public Works budget for consideration. A discussion followed.

J.) Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.
The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from December 18, 2025, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the December 18, 2026, meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

K.) **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.

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