

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 19, 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, Public Works Director Todd Rolland, Chief Ray Stovall, Deputy Chief Keith Allard, Deputy Emergency Management Director Frank Piorier and interested residents.

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public Comment: Scott Kritzky of Somersville stated that he had no formal comment, but wished to thank the First Selectman for meeting with him to discuss the housing issue.

C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

The First Selectman attended a meeting of the Tolland County Fire Chiefs Association, hosted by the Somers Fire Department, with participation from representatives of more than 20 departments.

The First Selectman announced he will attend an Eagle Scout ceremony for Teddy Dandurand on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall auditorium. Teddy was previously recognized for his project restoring the treasure chest donation shed at the transfer station.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations – None
Appointment of Robert Wheeler to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate member with a term expiring on 12/22/26.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Robert Wheeler to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate 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 provided handouts of the monthly budget report. A discussion followed.

The Town has received the State HVAC Grant for Somers Elementary School equal to 52% of cost. Two mandatory follow-up meetings will be required, and if all proceeds as expected, the project is anticipated to go out to bid by the end of April.

Karen Neal, Town Assessor, submitted testimony on two separate bills, **both in favor** of the proposed legislation. The first was House Bill 5407, concerning State reimbursement for veterans' tax exemptions. The second was House Bill 5442, which involves language modification related to solar farm taxation.

- c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the scheduled payments in the amount of \$257,638.08, and table the amount of \$120,181.54 for the Board of Education pending further information, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously

passed.

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

H.) **OLD BUSINESS: None**

I.) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Fire Department Report regarding Osborn Correctional – Ray Stovall
Fire Chief Ray Stovall reported on a recent complex electrical fire at the Osborne Correction facility in the tunnel. The discussion had was the complexities of managing fire hazards at State facilities and the lack of dedicated state funding for this burden. The Chief also noted ongoing challenges with maintaining the town’s ambulance fleet.
2. Request to transition Derek Wyse FF/EMT to Full time status effective March 22, 2026. Ray Stovall
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to transition Derek Wyse Firefighter/EMT to full time status effective March 22, 2026, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
3. Appointment of Todd Rolland as Emergency Management Director. Todd Rolland
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Todd Rolland as the Emergency Management Director \$14,400. annually and effective March 22, 2026, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
4. Request to Sell the Right-of-Way next to #28 Aspen Ridge adjacent to #24 Aspen Ridge to Joseph Marinaccio and Marissa Camerota for \$1,000 and to set a Public Hearing date for May 21, 2026. Todd Rolland
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the sale of the Right-of-Way next to #28 Aspen Ridge adjacent to #24 Aspen Ridge to Joseph Marinaccio and Marissa Camerota for \$1,000 plus all associated fees and to set a Public Hearing Date for May 21, 2026, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
5. Request to Approve the Payout of Comp Time Accrued Per Union Contract for Chief Ray Stovall. Brian Wissinger
Mr. Meier made a motion to table the item and requested that Mr. Wissinger review the Union contract to clarify the provisions regarding the payout of accrued time, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

J.) Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2026, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from March 5, 2026, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2026, as presented, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

K.) **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.