

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 6:30 pm  
Town Hall Auditorium**

**A.) CALL TO ORDER:** First Selectman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

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, Fire Chief Ray Stovall, Director of Land Use and Public Health Director Jeff Catlett, Resident Trooper Matthew Burdzak, Police Administrator Kim Littig, Public Works Director Todd Rolland, Assistant Director of Land Use/Zoning Enforcement Officer Jennifer Roy and some concerned residents.

**B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Public Comment: None

**C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**

The First Selectman reported that the Budget Referendum held on May 19, 2026, failed by 26 votes, with a total of 803 residents voting. A second referendum is scheduled for June 2, 2026, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Keeney also reported that a structure fire occurred at approximately 4:00 a.m. 5/21/26 this morning at 29 Maple Street. He has contacted the family and is coordinating with the Director of Social Services to determine how the Town can assist. Fire Chief Ray Stovall was present to provide a brief report on the incident.

**D.) CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Board and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations

Resignations

- a. Accept Resignation of Michael Murdza from the Veterans Memorial Park Ad Hoc Committee.

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Michael Murdza from the Veterans Memorial Park Ad Hoc Committee, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

**Appointments**

- a. Request the appointment of David Morgan to the Veterans Memorial Park Ad Hoc Committee.

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint David Morgan to the Veterans Memorial Park Ad Hoc Committee, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

- b. Request appointment of Holly Bonasera to the Economic Development Commission as an alternate member with a term expiring on 12.22.28.

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Holly Bonasera to the Economic Development Commission as an alternate member with a term expiring on 12.22.28, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

**E.) FINANCE**

- a) Transfers and Appropriations – None

CFO Finance Report/Updates – Mr. Wissinger reported as did Mr. Keeney that the Budget Referendum held on May 19, 2026, failed by 26 votes, with a total of 803 residents voting. A second referendum is scheduled for June 2, 2026, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Auditors Mahoney and Sabol will be in the first week in June.

b) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the scheduled payments in the amount of \$406,024.15, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

F.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION: None

G.) OLD BUSINESS: None

H.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Action to Amend the FY 2026/27 Town Government Budget.

***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the reduction of \$125,000. As presented and to present the new budget in the amount of \$9,508,708. For FY2026/27 Town Government Budget, resulting in a revised Budget with a 2.36% increase, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.***

2. Set Budget Referendum dates for Tuesday, June 2, 2026, and June 16, 2026, both will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium from 6am to 8pm.

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion Set Budget Referendum dates for Tuesday, June 2, 2026, and June 16, 2026, both will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium from 6am to 8pm, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

3. Staffing Request Police Department. Request to hire Kevin Cook as a part time day shift police officer with an hourly salary of \$33.73 and a start date of July 1, 2026.

Trooper Matthew Burzdak and Kim Littig

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to hire Kevin Cook as a part time day shift police officer with an hourly salary of \$33.73 and a start date of July 1, 2026, contingent on successful completion of CT Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC), seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

***Chairman Tim Keeney recessed the meeting at 6:59 to hold a Public Hearing regarding the Sale of a Town Right of Way immediately followed by a Town Meeting to vote on the sale.***

***The Board of Selectmen meeting was reconvened at 7:12pm.***

4. Land Use Services Update. Jeff Catlett

Mr. Catlett and Jennifer Roy provided an update on Land use services and moving toward more formalized, documented procedures for zoning enforcement and health inspections to enhance transparency and efficiency. A discussion followed.

5. Public Works Staffing Requests – Todd Rolland

a. Request to hire Sam Corriveau as a Full time Maintainer with an hourly rate of \$27.00 and a Start date to be determined.

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to hire Sam Corriveau as a Full time Maintainer with an hourly rate of \$27.00 and a Start date to be determined, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

b. Request to hire Gary Bilka as a full-time Maintainer with an hourly rate of \$27.00 and a start date to be determined.

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to hire Gary Bilka as a full-time Maintainer with an hourly rate of \$27.00 and a start date to be determined, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

6. Accept Resignation of Town Attorney Carl Landolina effective May 21, 2026.  
***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Town Attorney Carl Landolina effective May 21, 2026, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***
7. Appointment of Ken Slater of Halloran and Sage to fill the vacancy of Town Attorney Landolina with a term expiring on 12.22.2027 and authorize the First Selectman to sign the engagement letter.  
***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Ken Slater of Halloran and Sage to fill the vacancy of Attorney Landolina with a term expiring on 12.22.2027 and authorize the First Selectman to sign the engagement letter, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

- I.) Approval of Minutes of April 30, 2026, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.  
The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from April 30, 2026, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.  
***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of April 30, 2026, with one amendment, (adding the word recommendation to the statement about appointing Ken Later of Halloran and Sage as the new Town Attorney at a later meeting), seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.***

J.) **ADJOURNMENT**

***Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

*Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting*