

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
December 17, 2018  
7:00 PM  
SELCTMEN'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

**1. Call To Order**

Jim Persano called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Members Present**

In attendance were Jim Persano, Joe Tolisano, Tim Geib, Tom Mazzoli, Bill Salka, and Michael Parker. Also in attendance was First Selectman Bud Knorr, Superintendent Brian Czapla, Business Manager Bill Boutwell, and members of the Board of Education.

**3. BOE Update**

Brian Czapla gave the Board an overview of the BoE budget process. This included other Town's early estimates of their education cost increases.

Tim Geib asked if we were seeing improvement since implementing the full day kindergarten program.

Czapla responded that the social skills and the learning skills both are increased for Grade 1 with the full-day kindergarten program. He also anticipates an increase in test scores as the full-day kindergarten student's progress their education careers.

Geib asked about the SRO program and the status.

Czapla responded that we have 2 part-time SRO's, with at least 1 on campus every day.

**4. Selectmen's Update**

First Selectman Bud Knorr updated the Board on the changes in the budget process. The departmental budgets will all be submitted to finance for early review, scrutinized, and then put into a large Town budget document. The CAO position has been found null and void and will not be pursued any further. The Town received a proposal from a developer to construct a new building in place of the Mill. It would contain 66 residential swellings and a first floor commercial dwelling.

Geib asked if the CAO position was review for legal opinion.

Knorr responded that the attorney reviewed the process and state statute was not followed and was determined to find the election results null and void.

Geib asked what the next steps were for the development of the mill.

Michael Parker asked what developer proposed this building.

KCG is the development company.

**5. CFO Update**

Mike Marinaccio updated the Board on current software processes. The Town, along with the BoE, moved their accounting software to a cloud-based server with a seamless transition.

Marinaccio gave the Board a current year budget to actual comparison. All departments are trending on-point or under.

Geib asked about State Funding and what we have received to date.

Marinaccio responded that we have received PILOT and Municipal Stabilization in full, and have received a small portion of the ECS funding.

Brian Wissinger gave the Board an overview of the new budget process to streamline the process and allow for more transparency. Wissinger will meet with the BoE on January 15 to get the Superintendent's proposed budget and work it into the total budget and see how the overall growth is looking.

Joe Tolisano asked when the contract negotiations will begin.

January 1, contract negotiations can begin but there is no guaranteed finalization date.

**6. Appropriations and Transfers**

There were no appropriations or transfers.

**7. Approval of Minutes**

**a. 11/26/18 Regular BOF Meeting Minutes**

*Tim Geib made a motion to accept the minutes of November 26, 2018 as presented, seconded by Joe Tolisano. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

**8. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**9. Adjournment**

*Joe Tolisano made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm, seconded by Michael Parker. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

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*Video of this meeting can be found at*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCitLJypaGg5rGsVVbsUYK8A>