

**TOWN OF SOMERS**  
**BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING**  
**June 28, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

Michael Parker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Members Present**

In attendance were Michael Parker, Bill Meier, Joe Tolisano, Kathy Devlin, and Bill Salka. Also, in attendance was CFO Michael Marinaccio and Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger.

**3. BOE Update**

There was no BOE update.

**4. Selectmen's Update**

Brian Wissinger informed the Board that the Town had received another grant from the Department of Economic Development (DECD) to fund the Phase 3 environmental assessment at the Somersville Mill site. The grant was awarded on June 24, 2021 in the amount of \$65,730.

**5. Overview of 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding to Somers**

Michael Marinaccio presented the Interim Final Rule, set by the United States Treasury, to the Board. There was a lengthy presentation and discussion.

**6. FY 2021 Budget Status and Year End Projections**

Brian Wissinger updated the Board on the current budget status and compared the update to the information given to them at their last meeting, based on May 13, 2021 numbers.

Wissinger explained that while the expense return has shrunk, revenue projections have increased and therefore have given us a favorable return projected at \$425,000.

Bill Meier asked if there was any impact to the FY 2022 budget based on the prison closure that has been in the media recently.

Mr. Wissinger explained that the State ultimately changed the PILOT funds formula and created a tiered system with the recent budget passing. The Town will now receive a \$1.2 million PILOT instead of the \$715,000 PILOT that we had budgeted for. This gives us a favorable return in our FY 2022 budget and a revenue increase in our FY 2023 budget planning.

**7. Discussion and Approval of Draft Financial Policies**

Michael Parker requested this item not be discussed.

**8. Approval of Minutes**

**a. 4/26/21 Regular BOF Meeting Minutes**

*Joe Tolisano made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bill Salka. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed. Bill Meier abstained.*

**b. 5/11/21 Special BOF Meeting Minutes**

*Kathy Devlin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Joe Tolisano. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed. Bill Meier abstained.*

**c. 6/08/21 Special BOF Meeting Minutes**

*Joe Tolisano made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bill Meier. There was no further discussion and unanimous decision followed. Kathy Devin abstained.*

**9. Other Business**

*Joe Tolisano made a motion to add an agenda item to direct the Board of Selectmen to operate within the FY 2022 budget, seconded by Bill Meier. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

*Joe Tolisano made a motion to direct the Board of Selectmen to operate in the FY 2022-line item budget. The Board of Finance, under section 6-8 (d)(e), directs the Board of Selectmen to maintain and operate within the current FY 2022-line item budget and refrain from entering into any employee labor contracts or salary adjustment or reductions not specified in the FY 2022 budget without consultation with the Board of Finance. The Chief Financial Officer will monitor and provide updates to the Board of Finance as needed. Under the charter, this motion is sent to the Board of Selectmen for comment and the further reviewed by the Board of Finance after they consider the Selectmen's comments. If no changes by the Board of Finance, the procedure will be filed with the Town Clerk. This motion was seconded by Bill Meier.*

Mr. Tolisano explained his motion and the need for it to maintain continuity of government. There was a lengthy discussion that followed, all in support of Mr. Tolisano's motion.

*Michael Parker called for a vote and a unanimous decision followed.*

**10. Adjournment**

*Joe Tolisano made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 pm, seconded by Kathy Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FIU4XoiAQ0>