

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2022**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Members Present

In attendance were Michael Parker, Ralph Williams, Joe Tolisano, Bill Salka, and Kathy Devlin. Also, in attendance was CFO Michael Marinaccio and Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, First Selectman Tim Keeney, Superintendent Brian Czapla, and School Business Manager Stephanie Levin.

3. Budget Presentations

- Board of Education
Superintendent Czapla presented the approved Board of Education budget to the Board of Finance. This year's proposed budget is \$26,744,772, a \$1,505,030 increase over FY 2022, or 5.96%. The Board asked if any of the items in the BOE budget were able to be paid for by ARPA funds. Czapla said he would review and let them know.
- Board of Selectmen
First Selectman Tim Keeney presented the approved Board of Selectmen budget to the Board of Finance. This year's proposed budget is \$8,821,488, a \$558,173 increase over FY 2022, or 6.75%.
- Revenue
CFO Mike Marinaccio presented the revenue picture at the current mill rate. The total proposed expense budget is \$37,554,098 leaving a funding gap of \$1,646,310. This gap is equivalent to 1.74 mills.
- Funding Scenarios
Marinaccio presented a schedule with various funding scenarios for the proposed budget and what each scenario would do to the fund balance reserves.

4. CIP Recommendations – Capital Project Approval

Brian Wissinger presented a request that was approved by the CIP Committee at their March 10 meeting. The request is to convert the old Emergency Operations Center into a Youth Services Office and to convert a small meeting room at the front of the Senior Center into an office and welcome center. The total request is \$35,000 and ARPA funds were requested for use.

The Board of Finance tabled this item until they have a full picture of the ARPA funds.

5. Opportunity to Add Agenda Items

No items were added to the agenda, however, Chairman Michael Parker did speak about a mailer he received at his house. The Somers Connects magazine had a cover story about the small-business initiative. Within the cover story was a line stating “The Board of Finance unanimously voted to fund the program.” Michael Parker requested that for the record, the Board of Finance has not voted or taken any position on this program.

6. Adjournment

Joe Tolisano made a motion to adjourn at 8:12pm, seconded by Ralph Williams. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

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