

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 28, 2023**

**1. Call to Order**

Michael Parker called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**2. Members Present**

In attendance were Michael Parker, Kathy Devlin, Joe Tolisano, Bruce Devlin, and Bill Salka. Ralph Williams attended via Microsoft Teams. Also, in attendance was First Selectman Tim Keeney, Superintendent Paul Gagliarducci, Business Manager Stephanie Levin, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger and CFO Mike Marinaccio.

**3. Board of Education Update**

Superintendent Gagliarducci updated the Board on the state of the current budget. The Superintendent was posed a series of questions on the status of an HVAC project for the schools. A lengthy discussion ensued.

**4. Board of Selectmen Update**

First Selectman Keeney requested the CFO discuss the Community Center Project with the Board of Finance. A lengthy discussion ensued. CFO Marinaccio requested that this project be given to the public and allow them to vote on it. First Selectman Keeney informed the Board that a meeting between the Town and Winn Companies on a potential development of the old mill site has occurred.

**5. CFO/Finance Department Update**

There was no additional update.

**6. FY2024 Budget Discussion and Action**

Michael Parker asked about the Ambulance Fund Budget. Brian Wissinger had updated the budget proposal to include vehicle fuel and billing costs as requested. Some discussion was had regarding the capital costs of the ambulances.

*Ralph Williams made a motion to approve the FY2023-24 General Fund Budget with expenses of \$38,048,558 with matching revenues requiring a 0.75 mill increase and use of fund balance of \$493,880, and to approve all special revenue fund budgets as proposed, seconded by Bruce Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

**7. FY2024 Budget Flyer Approval**

Brian Wissinger presented the budget flyer for the Fiscal Year 2023-24/ This flyer has been reworked to be a tri-fold mailer to all households, a change from the postcard that has been sent in the past.

*Bruce Devlin made a motion to approve the flyer as presented, seconded by Bill Salka. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

**8. Set Budget Public Hearing Date**

*Joe Tolisano made a motion to set the Annual Budget Public Hearing date for April 18, 2023 at Town Hall Auditorium, 600 Main Street at 7:00pm, seconded by Bruce Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

**9. Appropriation and Bonding Resolution**

*Bill Salka made a motion to set a referendum date for the bonding in November to coincide with the general election, seconded by Ralph Williams.*

Discussion revolved around the impacts of delaying the vote on this project.

*Michael Parker, Ralph Williams, and Bill Salka voted yes; Joe Tolisano and Kathy Devlin voted no; Bruce Devlin abstained from voting.*

The Board was informed they do not have the authority to set referendum dates and this date was strictly for their own feelings.

*Ralph Williams made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Joe Tolisano. There was no further discussion. Joe Tolisano voted yes; Bill Salka, Kathy Devlin, Ralph Williams, Bruce Devlin, and Michael Parker voted no. The motion failed.*

*Joe Tolisano made a motion to amend the previously approved flyer to remove the wording regarding the bonding question, seconded by Bruce Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

**10. Appropriation – Separation Benefits Fund**

*Ralph Williams made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$30,874.88 to payout the accrued sick and vacation time of retiring Captain Glen Reynolds and recommend the Board of Selectmen set a Town Meeting date to approve such appropriation, seconded by Kathy Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

*Bruce Devlin made a motion to approve the fire department transfers of \$9,849.26, seconded by Kathy Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

**11. FY2023 Capital Requests**

*Bill Salka made a motion to approve the purchase of a new ambulance with a not to exceed cost of \$425,000, seconded by Joe Tolisano. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

*Bill Salka made a motion to approve the request of \$40,350 and authorize the use of ARPA funds for the costs associated with improvements at Camp Aya-Po, seconded by Kathy Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

**12. Approval of Minutes**

a. **2/28/2023 Regular BOF Minutes**

b. **3/21/2023 Special BOF Minutes**

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

**13. Adjournment**

*Joe Tolisano made a motion to adjourn at 8:36pm, seconded by Bruce Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

*MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVAL AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING*

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