

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
April 1, 2024**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Members Present**

In attendance were Michael Parker, Joe Tolisano, Kathy Devlin, Bill Salka, and Paul Hart. Also, in attendance were Brian Wissinger, Sam Galloway, Stephanie Levin, Mike Marinaccio, Tim Keeney, and members of the Board of Education.

**3. Budget Discussions and Possible Action**

The Board of Selectmen presented \$73,821 in reductions to their originally proposed budget. The new proposed Board of Selectmen budget is \$8,939,357. The Board of Finance had no questions.

The Board of Education offered \$215,000 in reductions to their originally proposed budget bringing their proposal to \$28,973,833. The Board of Finance asked additional questions about additional cuts.

*Joe Tolisano made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen's budget for \$8,939,357, cut an additional \$135,000 from the Board of Education budget with a new total of \$28,838,833, and reduce the transfer request for capital expenditures by \$50,000 with a new transfer total of \$350,000 for a total Town of Somers budget of \$39,826,728, seconded by Bill Salka. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

*Joe Tolisano made a motion under Section 6-8, paragraphs c, d, and e of the Town Charter to propose a regulation, through the Town Treasurer, effective May 1, 2024, for the Board of Education to provide monthly actual fund expenditures year to date, by budget category, and a listing of all fund transfers within and between budget categories, seconded by Bill Salka.*

A discussion ensued to review the proposed regulation.

*Bill Salka made a motion to table the proposed regulation, seconded by Kathy Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

*Joe Tolisano made a motion to approve the Capital Fund Budget as presented in the amount of \$804,868, seconded by Bill Salka. There was a no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

*Joe Tolisano made a motion to propose the FY2024-2025 budget include a 0.65 mill rate increase and use \$420,000 from fund balance, seconded by Bill Salka. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

**4. FY2024/2025 Budget Flyer Approval**

*Bill Salka made a motion to approve the format of the annual budget flyer, pending review of the numbers by the Board of Finance, seconded by Joe Tolisano. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**a. 3/26/2024 Regular BOF Minutes**

*Bill Salka made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Paul Hart. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision allowed.*

**6. Adjournment**

*Joe Tolisano made a motion to adjourn at 7:42pm, seconded by Bill Salka. 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>