

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 18, 2021
6:00pm
Live Streamed**

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Call to Order: Mr. Knorr called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Members Present: First Selectman Knorr, Selectmen Tim Potrikus and Tim Keeney. CFO Mike Marinaccio, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, Todd Rolland, John Roache, Allison Maynard Dr. Paul Salva, David Marti and Anne Cournoyer.

Long Term Recovery Committee Discussion –

Chief Roache, members of the Long Term Recovery Committee and the Board of Selectmen had a lengthy discussion on the many options that are available to identify stress, how to manage the stress and what would be the best approach to get things implemented, whether it be training, educational, mandatory or voluntary self-assessments.

Mr. Potrikus recommended that Mr. Keeney take this back to the committee and come up with a formal recommendation to Board of Selectman.

Somers Little League Requests – Todd Rolland

Mr. Rolland presented the 3 request made by the Somers Little League, Mr. Rolland expressed that DPW is in favor of all 3 requests.

1. Removing the two flag poles that we currently have which are in poor condition and replacing them with one newer flag pole in a better location.
2. Installation of “warning tracks” along the outfield fences of both ball fields. Warning tracks are clay surfaces that “warn” players running after hit balls that they are nearing the fences and allows them to stop before they crash into the outfield fences.
3. Installation of fencing between the parking lots of the Italian Villa and the Lord Somers Center. This fencing will prevent pedestrians from walking through the fields. Little League has had problems with people walking through the fields while games were in progress. The cost is \$3,500.00. Little League has agreed to pay \$3,00.00 for the installation of the fencing and the rec fund will provide \$500.00 for the installations of a gate for emergency and maintenance access.

Mr. Potrikus Made a motion to approve the 3 request made by the Somers Little League as presented, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion passed.

Cemetery Landscaping Contract Approval – Brian Wissinger

Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the Cemetery Landscaping Contract with John Guzzi for a three-year extension, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Transfers – Brian Wissinger

Tax Collector – transfer \$1,898.00 from Tax Salaries to IT Supplies. The purchase is a laptop for the tax collector.

Assessor – transfer \$3,796.00 from Assessors to IT supplies. The purchase is for 2 laptops.

Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the above transfer, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed. Mr. Potrikus opposed the motion.

Scheduled Payments – Brian Wissinger –

Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$242,110.53, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Minutes for approval:

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Keeney with the following amendments. The motion passed.

Under section Long Term Recovery Committee Presentation: Mr. Keeney was not aware that the committee charged Dr. Salva to do research since he had already reported on it at the meeting.

Under section Minutes for approval:

*Mr. Keeney made a motion February 18th regular BOS minutes it should read the following:
Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the February 18th regular BOS minutes.*

Under section Mr. Keeney added the appointment of CFO – remove “how the charter reads is s not very clear”.

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Cultural Commission Appointments:

Mr. Keeney made a motion to appoint Victoria Oliver to the Cultural Commission with a term expiring on 12/22/2022, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Mr. Keeney made a motion to appoint Eileen Fedorwich to the Cultural Commission with a term expiring on 12/22/2022, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

CFO Appointment Panel Discussion. A lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to appoint Mr. Knorr to serve on the CFO appointment panel, seconded by Mr. Knorr. Mr. Keeney opposed the motion. The motion passed.

Public Access Policy:

Mr. Potrikus made a request to table this item for further review.

Mr. Potrikus voiced his concern about policy management. Mr. Knorr explained policies will be kept in the Town Clerks office.

Adjournment:

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to adjourn at 7:25pm, seconded by Keeney. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim LaFleur

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWqywN77sMI>