

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, June 3, 2021  
6:00pm**

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Knorr called the meeting to order at 6pm.

**Members Present:** First Selectman Bud Knorr, Selectmen Tim Potrikus and Tim Keeney.  
Also in attendance many concerned citizens.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Community Q&A on the Creation of COO Position – open to citizen comments – Motions made at the 5/20/21 BOS Meeting are attached to this Agenda:**

- Mr. Potrikus provided a brief introduction of the motions, timeline, and outcome.

**Citizens who commented during the Q & A**

<b>Ed Kasche Dan Thayer James Radziewicz Steve Krasinski Bob Garlick Bill Meier Eva Broud Tom Skypek William Shapiro Gary Schiessl Pat Banach Ed Fedorwich Dean Hill Barbar O’boyle Kathy Nashing Steve Getman</b>	<b>Roger Barbosa Ann Levesque Mike Dowd Tim Percoski Diane Georgantis Rick Cheney Jeff Golden Dick Thomas Jim Formica Erica Thiesing George Schober Tim Simoes Sarah Bollinger Jim Barila Ralph Williams Peter kaflik</b>
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*Mr. Keeney made a motion to reconsider and rescind the following motions made by Mr. Potrikus and Mr. Knorr on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting, seconded by Mr. Knorr for purposes of discussion. The motion passed.*

**Four motions made at the May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting.**

*Mr. Potrikus made a motion that effective July 1, 2021 that the town eliminate the position of CFO while preserving the Charter requirement of a Treasurer, and that there is the establishment on that date of a Somers Chief Operating Officer (COO) who shall report to the Somers Board of Selectman (BOS); and that the BOS shall establish an advisory committee to create no later than October 1, 2021 job description(s) and compensation structure(s) that achieve three primary objectives:*

- *Defines the essential, administrative and non-essential duties of the COO without diminishing those duties specifically required of a Chief Executive for the town in the form of a First Selectman and Board of Selectmen as currently provided for by Connecticut State Statute and Somers Town Charter.*
- *Establishes an employment contract of for the permanent COO effective on the date immediately following the swearing in of those individuals elected by vote on November*

*3, 2021 as First Selectman and Board of Selectmen (“Start Date”) and running through June 30, 2024; and which shall also establish an annual salary for the COO not to exceed 130% of the salary of the town’s CFO; and which shall allow for an annual review by the BOS of the COO to be conducted not sooner than May 1 of each calendar year nor later than June 1 of each year; and which shall provide for annual extensions of one (1) single year by majority vote of the BOS following such annual review and prior to July 1 of each calendar year.*

- *Determine whether or not there is a need to establish a position of Finance Director who shall, effective on the Start Date then serve as Treasurer pursuant to the definitions then in place by State Statute and Town Charter; and which shall then establish a salary not to exceed 120% of the salary for the then current Assistant Finance Director.*

*Mr. Knorr seconded by the motion. The motion passed.*

2. *Mr. Potrikus made a motion to appoint Mr. Michael Marinaccio as the Town of Somers COO effective on the Start Date defined more thoroughly in the previous motion. Mr. Knorr seconded the motion. The motion passed.*
3. *Mr. Potrikus made a motion that effective with the conclusion of the current Term for the First Selectman and the Board of Selectman that the Salary of the First Selectman be reduced to an annual stipend of \$24,000 paid monthly or by other cadence as may be recommended by the Treasurer and suitable to the First Selectman; and that neither the First Selectman nor the Board of Selectman shall be eligible for any increase in an annual salary, cash or non-cash benefit, stipend, or other good and valuable consideration for their services under the Town Charter until after the 2023 municipal election for such offices.*
4. *Recommend to the Board of Selectmen consideration of adoption of an Ordinance pursuant to the process outlined in the Charter that substantially defines by ordinance the aforementioned limitation on compensation increases for those elected as First Selectman or members of the Board of Selectmen in all subsequent municipal election cycles. Mr. Knorr seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

#### **Scheduled Payments:**

*Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$113,116.87, seconded by Mr. Potrikus for purposes of discussion. The motion passed.*

#### **Minutes for Approval:**

*Mr. Potrikus made a motion to approve the minutes as proposed, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed*

#### **Opportunity to Add Agenda Items: NA**

**Adjournment: Mr. Potrikus made a motion to adjourn at 8:50pm, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim LaFleur

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Video of this meeting can be found at

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