

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 8, 2021
6:00pm**

Call to Order: First Selectman Knorr called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Bud Knorr, Selectmen Tim Potrikus and Tim Keeney, CFO Mike Marinaccio, Chief John Roache, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger.

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

Fire Department Staffing Issues: Chief Roache gave a summary of the department needs and requested to make a conditional offer to Cody Lemire the full time position of Paramedic/FF, with a tentative start date of the week of July 26th.

Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the recommendation to offer Cody Lemire the full time position of paramedic/FF, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Brownfield Grant and Potential Vote on Authorizing the First Selectman to act on and or sign any Necessary Documents to secure the Grant Funding.
Mr. Knorr read aloud the Grant award and requested authorization to sign the associated documents to secure the grant funding.

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the necessary documentation to secure the grant funding in the amount of \$65,730.00. Seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion passed.

EMPG Grant Resolution Approval: Item tabled

Planning Commission Recommendation to Accept Bridle Path Drive as a Town Road:
Mr. Knorr read aloud the recommendation from the Planning Commission to accept Bridle Path Drive as a Town Road.
Mr. Potrikus made a motion to accept and approve the recommendation made by the Planning Commission to accept Bridle Path Drive as a Town Road, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion passed.

Enfield Regional Public Safety complex:

Mr. Keeney provided information to the Board of Selectmen, a unique opportunity to join surrounding towns in support of the Enfield Regional Public Safety Complex. Mr. Keeney explained that the proposed complex would host regional training classes, including those offered by the state, federal and private providers. Those trainings will include Firearms training in the region, Internal Affairs, Police Ethics, Police-Community Relations, De-Escalations strategies, Regional Social Services, etc. A lengthy discussion followed. Mr. Knorr will follow up with the State Police Lieutenant/Legal to see if there is any conflict with the State Contract.

Boards and Commissions – Cultural Commission Appointments:

Mr. Knorr read aloud Victoria Oliver’s letter resigning from the Cultural Commission. Mr. Knorr accepted with regrets, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Mr. Knorr read aloud the 3 requests to serve on the Cultural Commission. The three citizens requesting to serve are Giselle Genece, Theresa Schmidt and Elaine Friedman.

Mr. Potrikus Made a motion to appoint Giselle Genece to the Cultural Commission with a term expiring on 12.22.22, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion passed.

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to appoint Theresa Schmidt to the Cultural Commission with a term expiring on 12.22.21, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion passed.

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to appoint Elaine Friedman to the Cultural Commission with a term expiring on 12.22.24, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion passed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$1,156,772.19, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to adjourn at 6:45pm, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. 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>