

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 4, 2021
6:00pm
Town Hall
Selectmen's Conference Room**

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

Members Present: First Selectman Bud Knorr, Selectmen Tim Potrikus and Tim Keeney, CFO Michael Marinaccio, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, DPW Director Todd Rolland. Also in attendance Robert Schmidt.

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

WPCA Member Discussion:

WPCA Member Steven Getman explained that 2 members are leaving the Commission with a great deal of experience and Steve Jacobs the Town Sanitarian is leaving with over 30 years of experience, this is a great loss to the Town. Mr. Getman asked for assistance from the Selectmen to get the word out that WPCA needs volunteers. A lengthy discussion followed.

Resignations:

Mr. Knorr announced the following resignations: Marie Caron, Finance Department, Richard Brooke Morrill, Jr., Library Dept., Fran Bugden, DPW Dept., and Tim Potrikus Chairman of the IT Governance Committee.

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to accept all the resignations with regrets and thank you for your service, seconded by Mr. Keeney, the motion passed.

Mr. Keeney made a motion to accept the resignation of Tim Potrikus from the IT Governance Committee, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion passed

Mr. Keeney explained he received a correspondence from the Town Clerk, Charles Colby resigning from the Prison Liaison Committee and the WPCA.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to accept the resignation of Charles Colby with regrets and thanked him for his service, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Finance – Accounting Associate Job Description and Salary range approval:

Mr. Wissinger presented the Accounting Associate Job Description and Salary range for discussion and approval.

Mr. Keeney Made a motion to approve the Job Description and Salary range, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

2022 Observance of Holidays:

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to accept the Holiday Schedule as presented with one change, Lincolns Birthday be a floating Holiday, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion passed.

DPW Requests

Request to fill two open seasonal plow operator positions.

Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Shain Baker and John Thompson for seasonal plow operators, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Request from Eagle Scout candidate Patrick Connors to install an outdoor bench in front of the Library. *The Library Board approved, and the Public Works Department is in favor of this project.*

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to approve the request to install an outdoor bench in the front of the Library, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion passed.

Request from Debra Romano to join the Open Space and Trail Committee, which has one unfilled seat. *Debra attended the last OSTC meeting and met the other members. The OSTC is in favor of adding Debra to the committee.*

Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the appointment of Debra Romano to Open Space and Trails Committee, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Request from Somers Little League for Town Hall field improvements. Somers Little League will fully fund the attached improvements. *Both the Recreation Departments and Public Works Departments are in favor of them.*

Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the improvements to the Town Hall Little League Fields, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Request for lighting upgrades at the Fire and Public Works Departments. *These improvements are through the Small Business Advantage program. Somers has successfully used this program in the past.*

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to authorize the First Selectmen to sign the agreement letter with Green Leaf, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion passed.

Scheduled Payments:

Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$201,278.12, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. the motion passed.

Public Comments:

Selectman Tim Potrikus read aloud a statement thanking staff, citizens boards and commissions for all that they do for the community, Mr. Potrikus explained he is pleased to be a part of this community and it was his pleasure to serve as Selectman.

Minutes for Approval:

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to accept as presented, the Minutes of 9/16/2021 Regular Minutes, 10/7/2021 Regular Minutes and 10/21/2021 Special Minutes, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to adjourn at 6:40pm, 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>