

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
REGULAR MEETING Minutes
January 13, 2022
6:00pm**

Town Hall Lower Level Auditorium

A.) CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Tim Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

- a. Pledge of Allegiance – All members participated in the Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call- First Selectman Tim Keeney, Selectmen Bill Meier and Bob Schmidt, Director of Public Works, CFO Michael Marinaccio, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger and Tax Collector Lisa Madden, Town Clerk David Marti

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment: First Selectman Keeney encouraged Citizens to attend future Board of Selectmen meetings. Meetings are every Thursday through the end of February then the 1st and 3rd Thursday there after beginning in March.

C.). EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

D.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

E.) CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:**
Stephen Getman, Chairman of the WPCA recommended Emily Getman Dreyer and Tim Vecchiarelli to serve on the WPCA to fill two vacancies.

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the recommendation to appoint Emily Getman Dreyer with a term expiring on 12/22/2024, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion passed

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the recommendation to appoint Tim Vecchiarelli with a term expiring on 12/22/2024, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion passed.

F.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS

G.) FINANCE REPORT

- a. Transfers/Amendments
- b. Presentation and approval of scheduled payments:
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$158,103.33, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion passed.

H.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS- N/A

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action on approving recommended Vendor for Police Body Cameras and other equipment. ***Received Attorney Comments. Contract is with Vendor for revisions.***
- b. Discussion and possible action on Town staffing and reorganization i.e. Sanitarian, Town Engineer/Land Use Department.

Mr. Keeney explained he is working on coverage for a Building Official through the Mutual Aid Agreement with Stafford and Ellington. Mr. Keeney and the First Selectman in Stafford are working towards Appointing Glen Setzler, who is currently the Town of Stafford Building Official as well as Mike Morrison who is a Fire Marshall and Building Official. A lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Meier made a motion to appoint First Selectman Tim Keeney as the interim Building Official effective immediately for the Town of Somers, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion passed. Mr. Keeney accepted the interim Appointment.

Mr. Schmidt questioned whether or not the School had a Medical Advisor. A lengthy discussion followed. The Board of Selectmen will extend and invite to Mr. Luigi Sartori the Town Director of Health to attend a future Selectmen's meeting for a Public Health presentation.

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Recreation Director Salary – Mr. Keeney is recommending a salary increase for Maureen Parsell the Director of Recreation and Leisure Services from \$65,000.00 to \$75,000.00. A lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Meier made a motion to increase Maureen Parsell the Director of Recreation and Leisure salary to \$75,000.00, the salary will be pro-rated and retroactive to January 1, 2022, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion passed.

2. Budget Workshop

1. Tax Collector – Lisa Madden, Tax Collector presented the FY 2022/23 Tax Budget for consideration. A discussion followed.
2. Town Clerk- David Marti, Town Clerk presented the FY 2022/23 Town Clerk's Budget for consideration. A discussion followed.
3. Finance Department - Brian Wissinger and Michael Marinaccio presented the Fy 2022/23 Finance Budget for consideration. A discussion followed.

K.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES- N/A

L.) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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