

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 3, 2022
6:00pm
Town Hall Lower Level Auditorium**

A.) CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Tim Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:12pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance – All members participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: First Selectman Tim Keeney, Selectmen Bill Meier. CFO Michael Marinaccio, DPW Director Todd Rolland, Recreation and Leisure Director Maureen Parsell and Social Services Director Allison Maynard. Selectman Bob Schmidt was not available.

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public Comment: Ralph Williams of 42 Springfield Road, Somers, CT.

Mr. Williams commented on the boards decision last month to formally adopt a policy about communications between the Selectmen and the Town employees or specifically to the Directors, he thinks it's a great policy. He did not agree with the Town employees not being able to access the Selectmen except through the department heads, he believes that all employees should be able to communicate freely with the Board of Selectmen. There should be open accessibility.

C.) EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

D.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

Mr. Keeney announced the Town ordered a Ukraine Flag which will be placed in the Town Hall to show support for the Country of Ukraine and their people.

ARPA Grant applications went live on Tuesday March 1, 2022. 32 applications have been submitted as of close of business today.

Directors monthly reports will now be submitted quarterly with the exception of Fire and Public Works.

Somers reached an agreement with the Town of Stafford with regards to having the Stafford building Official for 21 hours a week in Somers, in addition to keep the cost down Somers will provide 10 hours of Fire Marshall services on a weekly basis. The agreement is currently being drafted and will be brought to the Board of Selectmen to review and authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement.

E.) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations - NONE

F.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS – None

G.) FINANCE REPORT

1. Transfers/Amendments – None
2. CFO Finance Report/Updates:

Mr. Marninaccio was pleased to announce that today we successfully migrated all tax information to the cloud with (QDS) Quality Data Systems – files are now being hosted offsite and the testing was successful.

Library Hazel NeelanTrust Account information: The only thing the Town needs to do is disclose it in the financials every year. He explained that the Town has no ownership, it's a trust fund and the Town is bequeathed a percentage of the gain.

3. Presentation and approval of scheduled payments:

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$168,281.60, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.

H.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None

I.) PENDING BUSINESS: None

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Cub Scout Pack 83 Requesting to use Camp Aya Po for a Picnic on April 9, 2022:
Matthew Kaszycki is requesting use of Camp Aya Po for a picnic on April 9, 2022. The Board of Selectmen are in favor of the event.
2. Presentation of Youth Services Bureau Advisory Ordinance. Discussion and possible action to accept Ordinance and set a Public Hearing Date. Allison Maynard
Ms. Maynard presented the final ordinance for a Youth Services Bureau Advisory. Mr. Meier requested to amend section D the term of each member should be a two-year term not to coincide with the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Meier made a motion to amend the language to section D of the Youth Services Bureau Advisory Ordinance, to remove the line that states "coinciding with the Board of Selectmen", seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Meier made a motion to Set a Public Hearing for March 17, 2022 at 5:45pm for the Youth Services Bureau Advisory Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.

K.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

L.) ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34pm, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.