

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMAN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 17, 2022  
6:00pm  
Town Hall Lower Level Auditorium**

- A.) CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Tim Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:00pm**
1. Pledge of Allegiance – All members participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
  2. Roll Call- First Selectman Tim Keeney, Selectmen Bill Meier and Bob Schmidt, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger,
- B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**
1. Public Comment:
- C.) EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**
- D.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN – None**
- E.) CONSENT AGENDA**
1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations  
**Cemetery Committee Resignation David Morgan**  
*Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of David Morgan from the Cemetery Committee, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.*
- F.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS –**  
*Mr. Meier made a motion to add Public Comment and to discuss the retail sales and growing of recreational cannabis, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.*
- G.) FINANCE REPORT**
1. Transfers/Amendments
  2. CFO Finance Report/Updates
  3. Presentation and approval of scheduled payments
- Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the authorization of Scheduled payments in the amount of \$218,691.18, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.*
- H.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – None**
- I.) PENDING BUSINESS – None**
- J.) NEW BUSINESS**
1. Discussion and Potential action on Appointment of Youth Services Bureau Advisory Board and Term Ordinance:  
*Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adopt the Youth Services Bureau Advisory Board and Term Ordinance with a publication date of March 19, 2022, the Publication will be published in summary form and the effective date is April 3, 2022, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.*
  2. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Amended Building Use Policy.  
Mr. Rolland presented the amended Building Use policy for consideration. A discussion followed. Minor corrections to the policy are Social Services should be Social and Youth Services, page 4 bullet 3 should state Alcohol and Marijuana and include vaping.  
*Mr. Meier made a motion to adopt the Building Use Policy as amended, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously followed.*

3. CIP: Discussion and possible Action on the CIP Requests

3a. Water Pollution Control Authority – Scantic River Water Pollution Abatement Program

Mr. Getman presented the WPCA CIP request for consideration. A discussion followed.

3b. Social and Youth Services – Mental Health Services

Ms. Maynard present the CIP request for Mental Health Services for consideration. A discussion followed.

***Mr. Meier Made a motion to approve the CIP request for Mental Health Service not to exceed 197,688.00, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously followed.***

**K.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes of February 17, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from February 17, 2022 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from February 24, 2022 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from March 3, 2022 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2022 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from March 3, 2022 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2022 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from March 10, 2022 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve of February 17, Regular BOS Minutes, February 24, Regular BOS Minutes, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Regular BOS Minutes, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Special BOS minutes, and March 10<sup>th</sup>, special BOS minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

***Mr. Meier made a motion to add Public Comment and to discuss the retail sales and growing of recreational cannabis, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

*Mr. Keeney opened up the informational meeting and turned it over to Attorney Carl Landolina. Attorney Landolina provided options for the Board of Selectmen to consider with regards to the sale and growing of Cannabis. A Discussion followed and took public comments.*

Dan Thayer 10 Colton Road – no

Josh Benoit 11 Olde Salem Road - no

Steve Krasinski 55 Wells Road – no

Norman Mayette 11 Hall Hill Road – yes

Katherine Mashiak 54 Springfield Road – yes

Joan Formeister - 46 Skyridge Drive - yes

Rick Collins 54 Avery Road - no

Susan Peck 91 Skyridge Drive - no

Roger Barbosa 136 Turnpike Road - no

Dave Marti 50 Springfield Road - no

Attorney Landolina then again explained the options the Board of Selectmen can take going forward. The Informational meeting ended.

**L.) ADJOURNMENT:**

***Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

*Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.*