

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMAN  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
August 25, 2022  
6:00 pm  
Selectmen's Conference Room**

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

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, CFO Michael Marinaccio, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger and the Senior Center Supervisor Donna Richardson

**B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Public Comment: - none

**C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**

- Mr. Keeney met with the Superintendent Paul Gagliarducci the acting Superintendent, primary purpose is to conduct a search for the future Superintendent provide support and recommendations during the transition. Mr. Keeney would like to invite him to a Board meeting and hear some of his ideas.
- Town Clerks office received a \$3000 Grant from the Secretary of State's office for handling absentee ballots for Elections.
- Active Shooter Training: In April the Police participated in an Active shooter training that took place at the school during school vacation. August 23 the Fire Department and Police participated in an Active Shooter Training. Today there was an Active Shooter training online presented by an insurance company USI. There will also be Active Shooter training in the fall for Town Hall put on by the Police Department.
- On August 23, 2022 Mr. Keeney and Land Use Director Dan Parisi attended a Brownfields Informational Summit hosted by Congressman Joe Courtney at Eastern CT University. The main reason for which Mr. Keeney attended is because of the 19 Field Road Brownfield; the Town has been challenged with this property for years. Mr. Keeney was introduced to Wayne Bugden who is president of the Eastern Connecticut Land Bank, these regional land banks are authorized to represent communities to be applicants for State and Federal grants, therefore Somers would not have to be the owner of this site in order to qualify for grants like the Somerville Mill grant. The Land Use Department will be working with Mr. Bugden to put together the necessary documents to get things started.

**D.) FINANCE**

a) CFO Finance Update

Mr. Marinaccio provided an update on the following items:

- Mr. Marinaccio met with the Interim Superintendent of schools their discussion centered on relations with the Board of Finance and financial issues, upgrading the financial software and bonding.
- The Board of Finance filled the vacancy of Jim Persano with Bruce Devlin the former Chairman of the Board of Education. Ralph Williams was appointed by the Board of Finance to be on the subcommittee of the Board of Education regarding negotiations.

- The Board of Finance voted to approve the Somers Financial policies. The final version was filed in the Town Clerks office.

b) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$461,619.96, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

**E.) NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Discussion and Action on Senior Center Staffing Recommendations for 2- part time Senior Dial A Ride bus drivers, Pat Perry and Scott Sfredo and 1 per diem Dial A Ride bus driver, Renee Mullett all with an hourly rate of \$18. Presenter is Donna Richardson, Senior Center Supervisor

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Pat Perry as a part time Dial A Ride bus driver at \$18.00 an hour, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Scott Sfredo as a part time Dial A Ride bus driver at \$18.00 an hour, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Renee Mullett as a Per Diem Dial A Ride bus driver at \$18.00 an hour, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

**F.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Minutes of August 4, 2022 Special 5:00 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.  
The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special 5:00 pm Meeting from August 4, 2022 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.  
***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special 5:00 pm Meeting from August 4, 2022, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***
- b. Approval of Minutes of August 4, 2022 Regular 6:00 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.  
The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular 6:00 pm Meeting from August 4, 2022 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.  
***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular 6:00 pm Meeting from August 4, 2022, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***
- c. Approval of Minutes of August 11, 2022 Special 5:00 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.  
The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special 5:00 pm Meeting from August 11, 2022 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.  
***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special 5:00 pm Meeting from August 11, 2022, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

**G.) ADJOURNMENT**

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27pm, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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