

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMAN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 15, 2022  
6:00pm  
Town Hall 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, CFO Michael Marinaccio, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, Fire Chief John Roache, Director of Public Works Todd Rolland, Human Services Director Allison Maynard and Chairman of the Economic Development Committee Beth Frechette.

**B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Public Comment: none

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

- First Selectman Tim Keeney announced the Four Town Fair opens their gates this evening Thursday 9/15/22 and runs through 9/18/22 Sunday afternoon.
- Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> there is an All Grade and Faculty Somers High School Class Reunion at the Knights of Columbus.
- September 8, 2022 Mr. Keeney, John Roache and Brian Wissinger met with the First Selectman Sal Titus in Stafford along with Alex Moore, Chief of Stafford Ambulance to discuss a proposed agreement with Stafford for Advanced Life Support services. The Agreement is under review by both Town Attorneys.
- 9/22/22 There will be a Somers Award Ceremony at 6pm at Town Hall. The recipient of the 2022 Adolph P. Anderson Quality Employee Award will be presented to Todd Rolland Director of Public Works. The 2022 Robert B. Percoski Community Service Award will be presented to David McCaffrey Director of Veterans Affairs and Sherri Marquis, Deputy Director of Veterans Affairs.

**D.) CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations

**E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Mr. Keeney requested to add 2 agenda items**

1. Boards and Commissions- Request to Appoint David Morgan to the Cemetery Committee  
*Mr. Meier made a motion to add to the agenda the Appointment of David Morgan to the Cemetery Committee, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.*
2. Chief Roache is requesting to hire Zackary Briggs as a Part time FF/EMT.  
*Mr. Meier made a motion to add to the agenda a request to hire Zachary Briggs as a part time FF/EMT, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.*

*Mr. Meier made a motion to appoint David Morgan to the Cemetery Committee with a term expiring on 12/22/2023, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.*

*Mr. Meier made a motion to hire Zachary Brigg with a start date of 9/19/2022, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.*

**F.) FINANCE**

a) Transfers/Appropriations

*Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the transfers as presented, seconded by Mr. Keeney, Mr. Meier opposed the motion. The motion passed.*

- b) CFO Finance Report/Updates – Mr. Marinaccio provided year to date budget analysis of Expenditures and Revenues.
- c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments  
*Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Schedule Payments in the amount of \$239,103.39, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.*

**G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Economic Development - Presentation of online Business Directory and Update on Small Business Saturday - Beth Frechette, Chairman of Economic Development  
**Ms. Frechette provided an overview of the online Business Directory and Small Business Saturday planned for November 26, 2022.**

**H.) PENDING BUSINESS**

**I.) NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Accept Resignation from Christopher Rutola, FF/EMT – John Roache  
*Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Christopher Rutola, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.*
- b) Discussion and Possible Action on Fire Watch Rate Increase from \$50 to \$65 an hour –John Roache  
*Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the fire watch increase from \$50 to \$65 an hour, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.*
- c) Discussion and Possible Action Approval on New Job Description for The Substance Use Prevention Coordinator – Allison Maynard  
*Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Substance Use Prevention Coordinator Job Description, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.*
- d) Discussion and Possible Approval on the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Town of Somers and the Somers Little League Association concerning an irrigation system for the Fields behind Town Hall and to Authorize the First Selectman to sign the Agreement – Kim LaFleur  
*Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Town of Somers and the Somers Little League Association and to Authorize the First Selectman to sign the Agreement, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.*
- e) Human Resources Consultant Progress Report – Kim LaFleur  
*Ms. LaFleur provided an update on the progress of the Human Resources consultant and will follow up in a month.*
- f) Local Traffic Authority Approval – The Great Escape Road Race – Todd Rolland  
*Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Great Escape Road Race as presented, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.*
- g) Request to Plant a Commemorative Tree Celebrating the Somers Women’s Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in front of the Historical Museum– Todd Rolland  
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the planting on a tree celebrating the Somers *Women’s Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in front of the Historical Museum, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.*
- h) Community Center Update – Todd Rolland  
Mr. Rolland provided an update on the Community Center progress.

- i) Discussion and Possible Adoption of the Financial Policies – Michael Marinaccio  
Mr. Marinaccio proposed that the Financial Policies document be adopted by the Board of Selectmen.  
***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adopt the Financial Policies as presented, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

**J.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Minutes of September 1, 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 September 1, 2022 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.  
***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the September 1, 2022 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

**K.) ADJOURNMENT**

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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