

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMAN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 6, 2022  
6:00pm  
Town Hall Auditorium**

- A.) Call to Order** First Selectman Tim Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance – All members participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Public Comment: NONE

- C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**

- Mr. Keeney Announced the Somers part time firefighters petitioned to join the local IAFF 4284 Union, the Town validated the signature cards and the Board of Selectmen agreed not to object to the petition and open up negotiations.
- Dock Installation- A new launch and recovery platform with guard rails for easy access to Mill Pond to assist canoes and kayak. Mr. Keeney thanked the Lyons Club, Rotary and the Director of Recreation and Leisure for their initiatives with coming up with funds for the material and installation.
- Mr. Keeney reminded residents to take the Community Center Survey. The survey is due by October 19, 2022.
- Mr. Keeney provided a report from the Building Official and the number of permits that have been issued and the revenue collected. The report indicates that there is more attention being placed by the Building Official on the value of the work being done.

- D.) CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations

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

***Mr. Keeney made a request to add an agenda item – Appointment of Duane Mason to the WPCA and to accept the resignation of Glen Lemoine.***

***Mr. Meier made a motion to add the discussion and possible action on Appointments and vacancies for the WPCA, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation Glen Lemoine, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Duane Mason to the WPCA to fill the vacancy of Glen Lemoine with a term expiring 12/22/2024, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

- F.) FINANCE**

a) Transfers/Appropriations - None

b) CFO Finance Report/Updates:

- Mr. Marinaccio provided an update on the tax collection and will provide more detail in the Finance quarterly report.
- Annual Audit - Mahoney and Sabol will be on site 10/13/22 to complete the audit.
- Community Center Survey update – The Finance Department received 74 in

person surveys and 300 responses online. The deadline to submit the survey is October 19, 2022

- Selectmen Meier congratulated the Finance Department on receiving the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Achievement Award.

c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$669,051.93, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

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

**H.) PENDING BUSINESS - None**

**I.) NEW BUSINESS**

- a) IT Governance Recommendations. Mr. Wissinger provided an update on upcoming IT projects: Office 365 will be live in 2-3 weeks, Suzor IT is recommending an App for the Multi Factor Authenticator and going to draft a formal policy for Multi Factor Authenticator (MFA). The calendar for the new financial software is being created. In April there will be a 6-month training process on the new software and go live in 2023.
- b) Discussion and Possible Action on Stafford Paramedic Proposal. A lengthy discussion followed. **The Board of Selectmen tabled this item.**
- c) Discussion on EMS Revenue Reporting. Mr. Keeney was concerned about comments that Brian Wissinger stated at a Board of Finance meeting and published in the Journal Inquirer. The quote stated Somers Fire Department responds to 500 – 600 medical calls in Stafford per year and the revenue was \$17, 000.00. Mr. Wissinger for the record stated that the \$17,000.00 in revenue was not the correct number. Somers collected \$118,000.00 to 120,000.00 in revenue. Mr. Keeney asked to table the discussion to the next Board of Selectmen meeting.
- d) Possible need for a Public Hearing with Regards to Trinity Healthcare proposed Elimination of Johnson Memorial Hospital Services: The Board of Selectmen had a brief discussion. ***The Board agreed on scheduling an informational meeting for Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 7:00pm.***
- e) Discussion and Possible Action, Authorize the Posting of the RFP for Landfill Solar Photovoltaic system. Todd Rolland  
***Mr. Meier made a motion to authorize the Director of Public Works to post the RFP for the Photovoltaic system at the Landfill on Egypt Road, seconded by Mr. Schmidt the motion unanimously passed.***
- f) Local Traffic Authority – Discussion and Possible Action on Forwarding a Request to The Department of Transportation to Eliminate the Passing Zoning on Springfield Road (Route 83). Todd Rolland  
***Mr. Meier made a motion for the local traffic authority to request a local traffic study from the Resident Troopers office and the Department of Public Work regarding the resident complaint on Springfield Road for a no passing zone, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***
- g) Pleasant View Road Project STEAP Grant Award Update. Todd Rolland  
Mr. Rolland provided an update on the STEAP Grant. The Town received the award letter in September, DOT is the agency that is administering the project, the Town will be moving forward to go out to bid in February.

**J.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Minutes of September 15, 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 15, 2022 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the minutes with one amendment with regards to the motion to approve the transfers. Mr. Meier opposed the transfer except for the medical supplies transfer in the Fire Department budget which he believed the Town of Stafford should be charged for, Mr. Meier was in favor of all of the other department transfers, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

**K.) ADJOURNMENT**

***Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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