

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMAN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 20, 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 - Roll Call – First Selectman Tim Keeney, Selectmen Bill Meier and Bob Schmidt, CFO Michael Marinaccio, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, Allison Maynard Human Services Director, Todd Rolland Director of Public Works.
- B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**
1. Public Comment: None
- C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**
- First Selectman Keeney announced the Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 10am to 1pm at Kibbe Fuller 619 Main Street in Somers.
  - Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022, the polls are open 6am to 8pm. Absentee Ballots are available in the Town Clerks office and need to be received by November 8, 2022 by 8pm.
  - The Town received over 700 responses for the Community Center Survey. The Committee will review the responses to get a better understanding of the what the community needs. The Committee recently visited the Windham Community Center in Willimantic to tour the facility and to get feedback from their Recreation Director and Town Manager about lesson learned and what they would do different.
- D.) CONSENT AGENDA**
1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations - None
- E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS - None**
- F.) FINANCE**
- a) Transfers/Appropriations  
Mr. Wissinger presented the Appropriation for \$62,522.75 to provide in Stafford 40 hours/week as discussed in the contract agreement between Towns. The Board will address this item under pending business.
  - b) CFO Finance Report/Updates
    - Mr. Marinaccio provided an update on the Volunteer and Town pension plan and noted the committee amended the existing investment policy.
    - Mahoney and Sabol the Auditors are done onsite and will complete the remainder of the audit remotely.
  - c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments  
***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the authorization of schedule payments in the amount of \$370,266.41, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***
- G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - None**
- H.) PENDING BUSINESS**
- a) Discussion and Possible Action on Stafford Paramedic Proposal. The Board had a lengthy discussion with regards to EMS Services.  
Mr. Meier commented his is in favor of the proposal but not in favor of the Appropriation because he believes they Department can staff the needs with the current staffing model.

**Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the proposal as presented, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.**

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**Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Appropriation in the amount of \$62,522.75, seconded by Mr. Keeney. Mr. Meier opposed the motion and stated he feels we can provide the services with the current staff.**

- b) Discussion on Elimination of Services at Trinity Health Care.  
Mr. Keeney stated Stafford Deputy Chief+ Bill Morrison hosted a meeting with the Stafford Board of Selectmen and other local officials with Trinity Health Care. The purpose for the meeting was for Trinity Health Care to explain why they are proposing to eliminate specific categories of services. At this time Somers will postpone a similar meeting with Trinity Health Care.

#### **I.) NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Request to Hire Erin Gately for the part-time Clinician, 10 hours a week with an hourly rate of \$50.00. Allison Maynard  
**Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the request to hire Erin Gately for the part time Clinician at 10 hours a week with an hourly rate of \$50. Seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.**
- b) Human Services Department Update. Allison Maynard  
Ms. Maynard provided an overview of the Human Services Department and updated the Board of Selectmen on the funding sources for each division of the department.
- c) Request to Hire Clinton Thomas for the Part-time Firefighter/EMT with an Hourly Rate of \$22.06.  
**Mr. Meier made a motion to hire Clinton Thomas for the part time Firefighter/EMT with an hourly rate of \$22.06 and a start date of 11/7/22. Seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed**
- d) Camp Aya Po Ad-Hoc Final Report Recommendations. Todd Rolland  
Mr. Rolland provided the recommendations from the Camp Aya Po Ad-Hoc Committee. A discussion followed.
- e) Request to Hire Richard Gauvreau for the On-Call Plow Operator/Maintainer Position with an Hourly Rate \$25.00. Todd Rolland  
**Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the hire of Richard Gauvreau for the On-call Plow Operator/Maintainer Position with an Hourly Rate \$25.00. Seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.**
- f) Request to Sell the 2006 F350 DPW Truck and The 2014 Ford Police Cruiser. Todd Rolland  
Mr. Rolland amended the request to sell only the 2006 F350 DPW truck. Leaving the 2014 Ford Police Cruiser for use at Town Hall.  
**Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the request to sell the 2006 D350 DPW Truck, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.**
- g) Local Traffic Authority Request: Request to Change the Passing Zone into a No-Passing Zone on Springfield Road. Todd Rolland and Kim Littig  
Ms. Littig provided a traffic report and the conclusion of the report indicated an average speed of 41.92 in a posted 40 mph zone and the historical crash data did not show any traffic accidents related to the passing zone. No action needed.

#### **J.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Minutes of October 6, 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 October 6, 2022 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.  
**Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2022 as presented, seconded**

*by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.*

**K.) ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn at 7:34pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.*

Respectfully

Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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