

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2022**

1. Call to Order

Michael Parker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Members Present

In attendance were Michael Parker, Kathy Devlin, Joe Tolisano, and Ralph Williams. Also, in attendance was Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, First Selectman Tim Keeney, Selectman Bill Meier, Mike Marinaccio, Fire Chief John Roache, and many members of the Fire Department.

3. EMS Report

First Selectman Tim Keeney delivered opening remarks about the current contract negotiation with the Town of Stafford. Brian Wissinger delivered the report to the Board of Finance. Afterwards, the floor was open to both Boards for discussion.

4. Discussion of Report

Ralph Williams asked how Stafford Ambulance felt when told we would send our ambulance to more calls and take more transports for future calls. Keeney responded that they say they would go out of business.

Joe Tolisano asked how we got to this point. A lengthy discussion followed that question. Selectman Meier and Chairman Parker are concerned with overspending budget items that could hold officials liable for overspending without an appropriation.

Joe Tolisano made a motion to untable the appropriation and dismiss the request from the October 25 meeting for \$62,522.75, seconded by Ralph Williams. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

5. CIP Requests

Joe Tolisano presented a request from the Board of Education to upgrade the phone systems so that 911 location works properly as a matter of school safety.

Ralph Williams made a motion to approve the use of ARPA funds for \$9,343 to upgrade the phone systems at the Board of Education, seconded by Kathy Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

6. **Transfers**

Brian Wissinger presented a transfer request for \$3,500 to cover the costs of a Phase 1 Environmental Study.

Joe Tolisano made a motion to approve the transfer as presented, pending legal opinion if a study can be ordered and completed by the Town without ownership of the property, seconded by Kathy Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

7. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **10/25/2022 Regular BOF Minutes**

Ralph Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Joe Tolisano. Michael Parker stated he had an amendment to change section 7 to read, “Brian Wissinger and the Board of Selectmen presented the breakdown of the appropriation for the costs associated with hiring another paramedic to service the Town of Stafford.”

Ralph Williams amended his motion to reflect the requested amendment, seconded by Kathy Devlin. A unanimous decision followed. The vote was called on the original motion. *There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

8. **Other Business**

There was no other business conducted.

9. **Adjournment**

Joe Tolisano made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm, seconded by Kathy Devlin. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

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