

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
REGULAR MEETING NINUTES
Thursday, December 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 and Chief John Roache.
- B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**
1. Public Comment: Colleen Reidy of 1116 Enfield Street, Enfield Ct. Stated she does not think Ms. Loftus should be reappointed to the Cemetery Committee based on her own experience before the committee.
- C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**
- Mr. Keeney announced a dozen men and women, including David McCaffrey was elected to the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame, which recognizes distinguished veterans who have made significant contributions to their communities after leaving military service. Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz and Commission Tom Saadi will be joined by leaders of the state’s veterans community at the induction ceremony, which is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 5pm at the CT National Guard Armory Drill Shed. Each inductee will receive a commemorative medallion and certificate recognizing their induction.
 - Part time Fire Union Contract negotiations were held on December 13, we reached a tentative agreement; next steps, Attorney Pat McHale will be drafting the final contract for Union ratification then Board of Selectmen approval.
 - The Holiday Festival and tree lighting held on Saturday, December 10th was a great success and doubled in attendance from last years turnout. Mr. Keeney thanked all those who participated. Selectman Meier echoed Mr. Keeney’s comments.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations:

Commission	Members	Term Expiration
Adv Comm for Seniors	Ailene I. Henry	12.22.2023
	Beverly Guimond	12.22.2023
	Carol Sarrantonio-Sec	12.22.2023
	Joan Sizer	12.22.2023
	Katherine Toohey	12.22.2023
	Patricia M. Bachetti-VChrm	12.22.2023
	Phyllis Gwilliam	12.22.2023
	Steve Getman	12.22.2023
Chairman	Allison Marynard	
Board of Assessment Appls	Francis W. Devlin Jr	12.22.2025
Cemetery Comm	Patricia Loftus- Chair	12.22.2026
Cultural Comm	Ann Levesque-Chair	12.22.2023
	David Marti	12.22.2024
	Eileen Fedorowich	12.22.2023

	Gail Tishler	12.22.2024
	Giselle Genece	12.22.2024
	Theresa Schmidt	12.22.2023
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council	Anne Cournoyer	12.22.2024
	Superintendent Paul Gagliarducci	12.22.2024
	Charles Daniel Thayer Jr	12.22.2024
	John Roache	12.22.2024
	Karen J. Hocking	12.22.2024
	Peter DeBrino	12.22.2024
	T.Rolland-Highways	12.22.2024
	Trooper Justin Preuse	12.22.2024
Housing Authority	MaryLou Hastings	12.22.2027
Open Space/Trails	Ann Moses, Chair Horse Comm	12.22.2023
	Barbara Anderson	12.22.2023
	Brad Dolben	12.22.2023
	Chuck Carson	12.22.2023
	Debbie Romano	12.22.2023
	Dominic Wilson	12.22.2023
	Eileen Blouin- Vice Chair	12.22.2023
	Joan Sears	12.22.2023
	M. Parsell - Recreation	12.22.2023
	Michael Blouin	12.22.2023
	Michael Maynard	12.22.2023
	Patrice Carson, Land Trust	12.22.2023
	Richard Bailey, Land Trust- Sec	12.22.2023
	Todd Rolland, PW Dir	12.22.2023
Planning Comm Alt	Pat Pio	12.22.2023
Town Counsel	Fahey Landolina & Assoc	12.22.2024
WPCA	Mark Folsom- Vice Chair	12.22.2025
	Mark V. Marschall	12.22.2025
Zoning Brd of Appeals	Dan Thayer	12.22.2026
Zoning Brd of Appeals Alt	BJ Ferro III	12.22.2023
	Ralph Williams	12.22.2023
	Susan Peck	12.22.2023

Mr. Meier made motion that the Board of selectman reappoint the individuals listed in the consent agenda as proposed for the term stated in the consent agenda except for Pat Loftus as presented. Seconded by Mr.

Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

Pat Loftus reappointment to the Cemetery Committee – Mr. Meier tabled this item to the next Board of Selectmen meeting and invite Ms. Loftus to discuss.

E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Meier made a motion to add an appointment to the Zoning Commission to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Meier made a motion to appoint Shane Manning to a full term on the Zoning Commission with a term expiring on 12/22/26, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

F.) FINANCE

a) Transfers/Appropriations

b) CFO Finance Report/Updates – Mr. Wissinger provided the Budget Calendar which lays out the next 5 months and anticipated meeting dates with all the departments. A lengthy discussion followed.

c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the scheduled payments in the amount of \$483,532.96, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

H.) PENDING BUSINESS - None

I.) NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Local EMS Plan – John Roache Chief Roache presented the Proposed Local EMS Plan for approval and requested authorization to have the First Selectman sign off on the plan

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the proposed Local EMS Plan, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

b) Fire Department Staffing – Recommendation to Hire Michael Clynch as a Full time FF/Paramedic and Christopher Uyar as a Part Time FF/EMT – John Roache

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to authorize the hiring of Michael Clynch as a Full time FF/Paramedic effective January 2, 2023, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Meier made a motion to authorize the hiring of Christopher Uyar a Part time FF/EMT effective December 19, 2022, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

J.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes of December 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 December 1, 2022, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2022, as presented, with one spelling correction of Mr. Meier's name on the third page, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

K.) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.