

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMAN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 12, 2023, 6:00pm  
Selectmen's Conference Room**

- 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, Director of Public Works Todd Rolland, Chief John Roache, Director of Land Use Dan Parisi and other members of the Fire Department
- B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**
1. Public Comment: None
- C.) EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**
- D.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN:**
- The Town will hold 2 Community Center Informational meetings:
    - Friday January 14, 2023, at 9:00am at the Senior Center on Battle Street.
    - January 17, 2023, at 6:00pm at the Town Hall Auditorium, 600 Main Street.
  - The Town received a check in the amount of \$5,000. From USA Hauling. The Town uses these funds to publish the Somers Connects quarterly Newsletter.
  - The position for the Full-time Building Official was posted.
  - U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney will be at Town Hall on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 to meet with Dan Parisi, Director of Land Use Services and other. Dan and Stephen Getman were instrumental in getting this STAG Grant in the amount of \$954,000 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility on Quality Ave.
  - Mr. Keeney attended the COST Conference (Council of Small Towns) on January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Aqua Turf, where Governor Lamont announce budget priorities for Education Cost Sharing and Special Education .
- E.) CONSENT AGENDA**
1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations
    - a) Accept Resignation of Elaine F. Friedman Cultural Commission Member  
***Mr. Meier made a motion to accept the resignation of Elaine F. Friedman, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***
    - b) Accept Resignation of Carol Sarrantonio Senior Advisory Committee  
***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Carol Sarrantonio, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***
    - c) Appointment of Eileen Fedorwich to the Senior Advisory Committee with a Term Expiring on 12/22/23  
***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Eileen Fedorwich to the Senior Advisory Committee with a term expiring on 12/22/23, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***
- F.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS – None**
- G.) FINANCE REPORT**
- Transfers/Amendments – Separation Payouts for Town Assessor Walter Topliff and DPW Administrative Assistant Paula LaFrance.
- Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Transfer from regular salaries to separation payout in the amount of \$13,336.53, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***
- Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the separation payout of \$5,105.89 for Paula LaFrance as presented contingent upon the approval of the board of finance budget transfer, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

CFO Finance Report/Updates – Mr. Marinaccio presented the quarterly report from the tax office.

Presentation and approval of scheduled payments

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the scheduled payments in the amount of \$386,419.63, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

**H.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - None**

**I.) PENDING BUSINESS**

a) Discussion and Possible Action on Salary Increase for First Selectman

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion that the first selectman salary be raised from \$93,280 with a 5% increase it would then become \$97,944. Seconded by Mr. Meier with a contingency, going forward the first selectman salary be separated in the budget to have it's own separate line item, the motion unanimously passed.***

**J.) NEW BUSINESS**

a) Discussion and Possible Action on Request to Create a Sidewalk Ad Hoc Committee – Todd Rolland

***Mr. Meier made a motion that the board selectman create a Sidewalk Ad Hoc Committee as presented by Director of Public Works Todd Rolland. The committee will consist of seven voting members and two staff liaisons, the committee charges are outlined in the supporting documents created by Director Roland (See attached), second by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

***Mr. Meier made a motion to appoint Five voting members to the Sidewalk Ad Hoc Committee; Stephen Getman, Jim O’Hearn, Patrice Carson, Brad Pellissier and Karl Walton, their term will expire on 12/22/23, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

***Mr. Meier made for the motion to appoint two non-voting member staff liaisons to sit on the Ad Hoc Committee, Dan Parisi the Director of Land Use and Todd Rolland the Director of Public Works, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

***(The remaining two voting members will be local residents yet to be determined)***

b) CIP Request for an Ambulance for Spring/Summer 2024 – John Roache

***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the CIP request for an ambulance in the amount of \$425,000. for the spring/summer 2024, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

c) Accept Resignation of FF/Paramedic Michael Clynych

***Mr. Meier made a motion to accept the resignation of FF/Paramedic Michael Clynych, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

d) For Review and Possible Discussion – Salary Survey/Ranges provided by Kathy Lamkin, Human Resources Consultant. **Handout for later review and discussion.**

e) Discussion and Possible Action on the Ratified Somers Fire Fighters, Local 4284, IAFF Union Contract.

***Mr. Meier made to approve the Somers firefighter Local 4284 Union contract as presented and authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously Passed.***

**K.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from December 12, 2022, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2022, as presented, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

Approval of Minutes of January 5, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from January 5, 2023 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2023, as presented, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

**L.) ADJOURNMENT**

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44pm, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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