

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 19, 2023
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 Director of Public Works Todd Rolland.
- B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**
1. Public Comment: None
- C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**
Congressmen Courtney visited Town Hall on January 18th to recognize the Federal Grant awarded to the Town of Somers in the amount of \$954,000. The grant monies is for upgrades at the Wastewater Treatment Facility in Somersville. These monies came from the Omnibus Appropriations Bill signed by the President on the 29th of December 2022. A question-and-answer session was held at the end of the meeting, Congress Courtney stated that there may be more Community project funding in the coming years, the House Majority members i.e., Republicans voted 150 in support of continuing the concept of Community funding. There is potential for future funding for the proposed Senior/Community Center.
- D.) CONSENT AGENDA**
1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations:
 - a) Appointment Request to add Timothy Simoes as a full member to the Cultural Commission with a term expiring on 12/22/24.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Timothy Simoes as a full member to the Cultural Commission with a term expiring on 12/22/24, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
 - b) Appointment Request to add Lianette Sheehan as a full member to the Cultural Commission with a term expiring on 12/22/24.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the appointment of Lianette Sheehan as a full member to the Cultural Commission with a term expiring on 12/22/24, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS - None**
- F.) FINANCE**
- a) Transfers/Appropriations – Transfer to cover mid-year salary adjustment for First Selectman
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the transfer to cover the mid-year salary adjustment for the First Selectman in the amount of \$2,152.62, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
 - b) CFO Finance Report/Updates – Mr. Marinaccio provided an update on Connecticut Partnership Plan medical benefits, there is a potential for a 8-10% increase.
 - c) 2022 Grand List Totals - Michael Marinaccio – provided an update on the 2022 Grand List Totals.
 - d) Presentation of Scheduled Payments
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the scheduled payments in the amount of \$41,373.65, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - None**
- H.) PENDING BUSINESS - None**

I.) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and Possible Action on naming Karen Neal the Interim Assessor – Brian Wissinger
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to name Karen Neal as the Interim Assessor, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- b) Discussion and Possible Action on Salary Increase for the Interim Assessor – Brian Wissinger
Mr. Meier made a motion to adjust the salary to \$78,000. for Karen Neal the Interim Assessor with an effective date of January 15, 2023, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- c) Discussion and Possible Action on new Assessment/Tax Clerk Job Description – Brian Wissinger
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Assessment/Tax Clerk job description as proposed, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed. Mr. Meier commented on the great job by Mr. Wissinger.
- d) Discussion and Possible Action on Request for Reorganization of the Assessment and Tax Office – Brian Wissinger
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the request for the reorganization of the Assessment and Tax Office and increase Patricia Thomas hours to 30 hours a week with hourly rate of \$23.06 effective January 29, 2023, seconded by Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- e) Staffing Discussion and Possible Action – Request to Hire Kristina Owren for the Full-time position of Department of Public Works Administrative Assistant/Recycling Coordinator with an Annual Salary of \$50,000. and a start date of January 30, 2023. – Todd Rolland
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to hire Kristina Owren for the full-time position of Public Works Administrative Assistant/Recycling Coordinator with an Annual Salary of \$50,000. and a start date of January 30, 2023, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- f) Department of Public Works Budget Presentation – Todd Rolland
Mr. Rolland presented the Department of Public Works Budget for review and consideration. A lengthy discussion followed.

J.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of November 30, 2022, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from November 30, 2022 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the special Meeting minutes from November 30, 2022, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from January 12, 2023 and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 12, 2023, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

K.) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Keeney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm, seconded by Mr.Meier. the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.