

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMAN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 26, 2023  
Town Hall Auditorium**

**A.) CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Tim Keeney called the meeting order at 6pm.**

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, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, CFO Michael Marinaccio, Director of Public Works Todd Rolland, Land Use Director Dan Parisi, Human Services Director Allison Maynard, and Knights of Columbus members.

**B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Public Comment:
  - a) Knights of Columbus – Somers Refuse Collection facility  
John Pellegrino presented the concerns of the Knights of Columbus to the Board of Selectman  
Mr. Rolland suggested having a Memorandum of Understanding between the Knights of Columbus and the Town of Somers that outlines the expectations managing waste and recycling coming out of the Knights of Columbus.

**C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**

- The Town of Somers Police applied for and has been awarded the ARPA Rural Roads Speed Enforcement Grant with funding up to \$50,000. This grant award will be utilized to fund overtime for a speed enforcement initiative to be conducted by officers within the Town of Somers Police Department. The enforcement will begin immediately. The Town of Somers has a fleet of both marked and unmarked vehicles with lasers and radars. With a direct correlation between speeding and accidents, this initiative will focus on specific areas of complaints in efforts to reduce traffic accidents and improve overall public safety. This grant will help our officers commit the time and effort necessary to enforce motor vehicle laws.
- Mr. Keeney will be the guest speaker at the Somers Veteran Coffeehouse on Saturday, January 28, 2023, sharing the highlights of his participation in the Apollo XVII recovery mission and shared unknown facts in recognition of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Mr. Meier requested adding EMS services to Stafford to the next BOS agenda. Mr. Schmidt commented the Town Attorney sent an email that addressed the issues Mr. Meier was concerned about.

**D.) CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations:
  - a) Accept resignation of Beverly Guimond of the Senior Advisory Committee  
***Mr Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Beverly Guimond from the Senior Advisory Committee, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

**E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**F.) FINANCE**

- a) Transfers/Appropriations - Request Separation Payout for Walter Topliff  
***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the separation payout to Walter Topliff in the amount of \$8,230.54, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***
- b) CFO Finance Report/Updates – Mr. Marinaccio provided handouts for EMS costs- cost for calls; the document was provided to the Board of Finance at their regular meeting on January 24, 2023. A discussion followed.  
Mr. Wissinger provided an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects.
- c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments  
***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the scheduled payments in the amount of \$250,131.72, 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 - Request to authorize the First Selectman to execute an option agreement with Loadstar energy, LLC, for the purpose of installing a solar photovoltaic system on top of the old landfill. – Todd Rolland potential benefits. Mr. Rolland and Erik Ness presented the agreement with Loadstar Energy, LLC.  
**Mr. Schmidt made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to execute an option agreement with Loadstar energy, LLC for the purpose of installing a solar photovoltaic system on top of the old landfill, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.**
- b) CIP Request – Camp Aya Po Improvements – Todd Rolland  
**Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the CIP Request for Camp Aya Po Improvements, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.**
- c) Accept Resignation of Human Services Director Allison Maynard  
**Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Allison Maynard, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously Passed.**
- d) Budget Presentations – Town Hall Offices, Human Services Department.  
The following budgets were presented for consideration: Town Clerk, Selectmen’s Budget, Information Technology, Land Use Services and Human Services Department.

J.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2023, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from January 19, 2023, at 5:15pm and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

**Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the special minutes of January 19, 2023, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.**

Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from January 19, 2023, 6pm and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

**Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the regular minutes of January 19, 2023, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.**

K.) ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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