

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 2, 2023
Town Hall Auditorium**

- A.) CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Tim Keeney called the meeting to 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, Bob Schmidt, CFO Michael Marinaccio, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, Recreation and Leisure Services Director Maureen Parsell and Public Works Director Todd Rolland.
- B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**
1. Public Comment: None
- C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**
- Monday February 6, 2023 we will be conducting interviews for the Human Services Director Position.
 - The Town Stafford and Somers will be meeting February 8th to discuss EMS Services; the attendees are First Selectman Tim Keeney, First Selectman Sal Titus, Lisa Shelankis and Alex Moore.
- D.) CONSENT AGENDA**
1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations:
 - a. Appointment of Marilyn L. Gaskell to the Senior Advisory Committee with a term expiring on 12.22.23.
Mr. Schmidt make a motion to appoint Marilyn L. Gaskell to the Senior Advisory Committee with a term expiring on 12.22.23, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
 - b. Appointment of Rob Wilson to serve on the IT Governance Committee.
Mr. Meier made a motion to appoint Rob Wilson to the IT Governance Committee, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS**
- F.) FINANCE**
- a) Transfers/Appropriations - none
CFO Finance Report/Updates Mr. Marinaccio provided an update on Tax Collection.
 - b) Presentation of Scheduled Payments
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the scheduled payment in the amount of \$70,161.94, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION - None**
- H.) PENDING BUSINESS - None**
- I.) NEW BUSINESS**
- a) Discussion and Possible Action on Authorizing the First Selectman to execute a Drainage Easement from Laure Goolsby of 455 Billings Road and Kevin and Kimberly Roberts of 449 Billings Road to the Town of Somers.
Mr. Meier made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to execute drainage easements from Laure Goolsby of 455 Billings Road and Kevin and Kimberly Roberts of 449 Billings Road to the Town of Somers as presented, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
 - b) Discussion and Possible Action on adding Interested Residents to the Sidewalk Ad Hoc Committee
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the recommendation to add Dan Thayer and Peter Settevendemie to serve on the Sidewalk Ad Hoc Committee; seconded by Mr. Meier. A discussion followed. The motion unanimously passed.

- c) Accept Resignation of Scott Minguy with Possible Transition to Part Time Status. John Roache

Mr. Meier made a motion to accept the resignation of Scott Minguy FF/Paramedic effective today 2/2/23 full time, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to hire Scott Minguy as a part time FF/paramedic effective 2/2/23, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

- d) Discussion and Possible Action to Waive the Demolition Fee for Property at 118 Whatchaug Road. John Roache

Mr. Meier made a motion to table this item, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously Passed.

- e) Discussion and Possible Action Supporting the following Proposed three Bills. John Roache

- a. Proposed Bill No. 421 – An Act Increasing Medicaid Payment Rates to Not Less Than Ninety Per Cent of Medicare Rates.
- b. Proposed Bill No. 6539 – An Act Concerning the Sharing and Analysis of Emergency Call Response Data.
- c. Proposed Bill No. 553 – An Act Concerning a State Emergency Medical Service Dashboard.

Mr. Schmidt made motion to publicly support the proposed legislative initiatives to improve EMS and Medicaid billing reimbursements and EMS data sharing efforts and to further authorize the first election to send a letter to our legislators and to testify as needed to support of these efforts, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Budget Presentations:

- d. Recreation and Leisure Services Proposed Budget Presentation – Maureen Parsell

Ms. Parsell presented the Recreation and Leisure budget for consideration.

- e. Finance Office Proposed Budget Presentation and Reorganization – Brian Wissinger

Mr. Wissinger presented the Finance, Tax and Assessors budget for consideration.

Mr. Wissinger provided the Finance Department Reorganization strategic plan for consideration.

J.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from January 26, 2023, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the January 26, 2023 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

K.) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.