

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 9, 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, Town Clerk Dave Marti, Police Administrator Kim Littig, Trooper Justin Preuss, Library Director Joanne Nichting and members of the Library Board.
- B.) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
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- C.) **PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**
- Mr. Keeney mentioned an item that was tabled at the Board of Selectmen meeting on 2/2/23. 118 Watchaug Road was seeking permits to demolish two buildings on their property. The property owners were going to make them available to the Fire department for training purposes. The owners precipitously removed the buildings without a permit. Subsequently the Zoning Enforcement Officer and the First Selectmen notified them of the violation.
 - Mr. Keeney and Mr. Marinaccio met with First Selectman Sal Titus, CFO Lynn Nenni, Chief of Stafford Ambulance Alex Moore and Lisa Shelankis who is the EMS Billing Agent for both towns. They discussed the cost analysis that was done months ago for EMS Services provided to Stafford. An agreement concerning Somers EMS cost recovery was reach subject to review by Stafford and Somers Board of Selectmen and Finance.
- D.) **CONSENT AGENDA**
1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations:
 - a. Appointment of Howie Coro as an Alternate Member of the Zoning and Planning Commissions with a term expiring on 12/22/23
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Howie Coro as an Alternate member of the Zoning Commission with a term expiring on 12.22.23, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Howie Coro as an Alternate member of the Planning Commission with a term expiring 12.22.23, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
 - b. Appointment of Shane Manning as the Zoning Commission representative on the Conservation Commission with a term expiring on 12/22/25.
Mr. Meier made a motion to appoint Shane Manning as the Zoning Commission representative on the Conservation Commission with a term expiring on 12.22.25, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- E.) **OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS – none**
- F.) **FINANCE**
- a) Transfers/Appropriations – None
 - b) CFO Finance Report/Updates – Mr. Marinaccio announced the appointment panel met for the reappointment of the Tax Collector and Assessor this item will be addressed under new business.
CIP Committee met this week, and, as the First Selectman mentioned both he and the CFO met with Stafford to discuss EMS services to Stafford.
Mr. Wissinger mentioned the Governors original proposal has been released for State Aid. Mr. Wissinger provided a handout with the information. A discussion followed.
 - c) presentation of Scheduled Payments
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$231,053.02, seconded by Mr. Meier. the motion unanimously passed.

G.) **UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION – None.**

H.) **PENDING BUSINESS**

- a. Town Clerk Budget- David Marti – Mr. Marti explained the details of his proposed budget. A discussion followed.

I.) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Recommendation to Hire Matthew B. Cox for the Human Services Director Position with an Annual Salary of \$82,000. and a start date of February 15, 2023.
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Matthew B. Cox for the Human Services Director Position with an Annual Salary of \$82,000. and a start date of February 15, 2023, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- b) Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Cemetery Buy Back Policy (effective Date, 7/1/2023). - Brian Wissinger
Mr. Meier made a motion to table this item, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- c) Discussion and Possible authorization of the Resolution to Open Investment Accounts with TD Bank. – Brian Wissinger
Mr. Meier made a motion to authorize the resolution to open investment accounts with TD Bank, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- d) Discussion and Possible Action - Recommendation to Appoint Lisa Madden, Tax Collector effective 4/1/23.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the recommendation to Appoint Lisa Madden, Tax Collector effective 4/1/23, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- e) Discussion and Possible Action – Recommendation to Appoint Karen Neal, Assessor effective 4/1/23.
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the recommendation to appoint Karen Neal, Assessor effective 4/1/23, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- f) Budget Presentations:
 - a. Library Budget presentation – Joanne Nichting
Ms. Nichting presented the proposed Library budget for consideration. A discussion followed.
 - b. Police Budget Presentation – Kim Littig
Ms. Littig presented the proposed Police budget for consideration. A discussion followed.

J.) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes of February 2, 2023, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from February 2, 2023, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2023 as presented, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

K.) **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.