

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 16, 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, Public Works Director Todd Rolland and several members of the American Legion Post 101.
- B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**
1. Public Comment: none
- C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**
- First Selectman Tim Keeney mentioned he is working with Mr. Marinaccio on a solution for the EMS cost to provide ALS services to the Town of Stafford.
- Mr. Keeney received notification that Trinity was awarded an ALS License the effective date is unknown.
- D.) CONSENT AGENDA**
1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations:
- E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS**
- F.) FINANCE**
- a) Transfers/Appropriations
 - b) CFO Finance Report/Updates – Mr. Marinaccio provided an update on the Tax Sale and the Community Center.
 - c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the scheduled payments in the amount of \$180,888.61, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION**
- H.) PENDING BUSINESS**
- I.) NEW BUSINESS**
- a) Discussion and Possible Action on request to install locks with limited authorized access for local residents on the County Road gates. Todd Rolland
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the request to install locks with limited public access on the County Road gates through the request of the Public Works Director for Weekends only and subject to the approval of the Public Works Director, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
 - b) Discussion and Possible Action on request to install a low flying aircraft sign on Watchaug Road. Todd Rolland
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the request to install low flying aircraft signs on Watchaug Road, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
 - c) Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendation to hire Nicholas Noto for the fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic position. John Roache
Mr. Meier made a motion to hire Nicholas Noto as fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic with a start date to be determined in March of 2023, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- Firs Selectman Keeney requested to reorder the budget presentations to start with Veteran Affairs, Registrar of Voters then Fire Department.*
- d) Budget Presentations and Discussion:

- a. Veteran Affairs Department Budget Presentation - David McCaffrey
Mr. McCaffrey presented the Veteran Affairs Budget for consideration. Mr. Keeney introduced Frank Poirer, Commander of the American Legion Post 101. Mr. Keeney commented that Mr. McCaffrey is the most knowledgeable person about where Veterans are buried in Somers. He requested Mr. McCaffrey Share this information with the Commander and other organizations. A discussion followed.
- b. Registrar of Voters Budget Presentation – David McCaffrey
Mr. McCaffrey presented the Registrar of Voters Budget for consideration. Mr. McCaffrey was directed by the Board of Selectmen to get his budget in on time for next year. Arrival date this year was the morning of the Board of Selectmen budget review meeting.
- c. Fire Department Budget Presentation – John Roache
Chief Roache presented the Fire Department Budget for consideration. A discussion followed.
- d. Overall Budget Discussion – The Selectmen discussed details of the overall budget.

J.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

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

Approval of Minutes of February 9, 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 9, 2023, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of February 9, 2023 as presented, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

K.) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.