

TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 9, 2023
6:00 pm
Town Hall Auditorium

- A.) **CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Tim Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.**
1. Pledge of Allegiance – All members participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 2. Roll Call – First Selectman Tim Keeney, Selectman Bill Meier, Selectman Bob Schmidt was not available. Also, in attendance CFO Michael Marinaccio, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, Public Works Director Todd Rolland, Recreation and Leisure Director Maureen Parsell, and Chairman of the Cemetery Committee Pat Loftus.
- B.) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
1. Public Comment: none.
- C.) **PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**
- Mr. Keeney publicly apologized to the Leadership and citizens of Stafford for the offensive remarks made by another elected official.
- Mr. Keeney stated the Town received a signed Agreement from the Stafford Ambulance Association for Paramedic Intercept Services. The Board of Selectmen will hold a special meeting next week to authorize Mr. Keeney to sign the agreement. This agreement allows the Town of Somers to invoice the Town of Stafford for services.
- D.) **CONSENT AGENDA**
1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations: None
- E.) **OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS**
- F.) **FINANCE**
- a) Transfers/Appropriations - none
 - b) CFO Finance Report/Updates -none
- G.) **UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION**
- H.) **PENDING BUSINESS**
- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Cemetery Buy Back Policy – Brian Wissinger
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Cemetery Buy Back Policy as presented, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.
- I.) **NEW BUSINESS**
- a. Discussion and Possible Action – Request the use of the Somers Fire Station by Boy Scout Troop 387 for a pasta dinner fundraiser. – John Roache
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the request for the Boy Scout Troop to use the Somers Fire Station for an event on Thursday, April 13th from 5 pm – 9 pm and Board waive all fees associated with such use of the building, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.
 - b. Presentation of an Ordinance Prohibiting the Spreading of Ashes on Public Land and possible action to accept the Ordinance and set a Public Hearing Date.
Ms. Loftus presented the need for an Ordinance prohibiting the spreading Ashes on Public land. A discussion followed.
Mr. Meier made a motion to set a public hearing date of April 20th at 7:00 pm, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.
 - c. Presentation for Senior/Community Center. – Todd Rolland

d. CIP Request – Senior/Community Center. – Todd Rolland

Mr. Rolland presented the CIP request for the proposed Senior/Community Center. A lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the CIP request not to exceed \$12,500,000. seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.

J.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from February 23, 2023, and that minutes of the said meeting be approved.

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the regular minutes of February 23, 2023, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.

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

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

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the special minutes of February 23, 2023, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.

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

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

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the March 2, 2023, regular meeting minutes with one amendment under new business, item 1 Discussion on Settlements: The motion should read “to authorize Carl Landolina to sign the settlement agreements for a global settlement of all pending State, Federal, and Citation case, seconded by Mr. Keeney.

K.) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.