

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 23, 2023
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, Selectmen Bill Meier, Bob Schmidt, CFO Michael Marinaccio, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, Public Works Director Todd Rolland, Chairman of the Cemetery Pat Loftus and Matt Kaszycki Cub Master, Somers Pack 83.
- B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**
1. Public Comment: None
- C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**
- The Somers Historical Society and the Town of Somers Board of Selectmen recognize Miss Corey Haynes, a Historical Society member, and an Enfield resident, for her exceptional work on researching and mapping the headstones in the Old West Cemetery on Route 190 at her own expense. Miss Haynes could not attend the meeting this evening; Mr. Keeney signed a Certificate of Appreciation that will be mailed to her home.
 - First Selectman Keeney and Selectman Schmidt, along with members of the Economic Development Commission and the North Central Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, visited four new local businesses for ribbon-cutting ceremonies. The four local businesses are KK's This and That, Haven Yoga, The Daily Grind, and a Dog grooming business, yet to be named.
- D.) CONSENT AGENDA**
1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations:
 - a. Recommendation to appoint Yvonne Cormier Besse to the Somers Cultural Commission with a term expiring on 12.22.23
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Yvonne Cormier Besse to the Somers Cultural Commission with a term expiring on 12.22.23, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS**
- F.) FINANCE**
- a) Transfers/Appropriations
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$30,874.88 for the separation payout for Captain Glen Reynolds of the Somers Fire Department, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
Mr. Wissinger stated that the appropriation will be presented to the Board of Finance for approval, and then the Board of Selectmen can set a Town Meeting date at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.
Mr. made a motion to approve the transfer of \$9,849.26 within the Fire Department budget, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
 - b) CFO Finance Report/Updates:
Mr. Marinaccio provided an update on the Board of Finance meeting held on Tuesday, March 21st. The following items were discussed:
 - The transfer for Allison Maynard's separation payout of \$15, 354.12 was approved.
 - The Town budget was discussed, and no reductions were requested.
 - Discussion of the ambulance fund.
 - Bonding was discussed.
 - The Board of Finance will meet on March 28, 2023, to include a final discussion on the FY 2024 Budget.
 - The Board of Finance set their Public Hearing for April 18th at 7 pm.

c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the payments of \$820,952.27, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The Motion unanimously passed.

G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION – None

H.) PENDING BUSINESS - None

I.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to use Camp Aya Po and Waive any associated fees for the Cub Scouts to hold their Annual Picnic on April 29, 2023, and fish.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to authorize the Cub Scouts to hold their annual picnic on April 29, 2023, and waive any associated fees, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

2. Set Annual Town Meeting to be held at the Somers Town Hall Auditorium, 600 Main Street, Somers, Connecticut, on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Meier made a motion to set the Annual Town Meeting to be held at the Somers Town Hall Auditorium, 600 Main Street, Somers, Connecticut, on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 7:00 pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

3. Set a Referendum date at Somers Town Hall Auditorium, 600 Main Street, Somers, Connecticut on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to set a referendum date at Somers Town Hall Auditorium, 600 Main Street, Somers, Connecticut, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

4. Appropriation and Bonding Resolution

- a. Discussion and vote to adopt, and recommend to the Board of Finance and to the electors and citizens eligible to vote at town meetings of the Town, the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$12,500,000 FOR THE SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500,000, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A REFERENDUM

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing an Appropriation of \$12,500,000, for the Senior/Community Center project and the financing of said appropriation by the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in anticipation of such bonds in an amount not to exceed \$12,500,000, as well as establishing date for a referendum, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

5. Notice of Special Town Meeting and Referendum

- a. Provisionally call for a Special Town Meeting to be held at the Somers Town Hall Auditorium, 600 Main Street, Somers, Connecticut on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., to consider and discuss (but not vote on) the resolution.
- b. Remove the resolution from the agenda of the Town Meeting and approve vote by voting machine and set the date for referendum on May 16, 2023.
- c. Authorize the preparation and printing of explanatory text and other materials in accordance with section 9-369b.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to call for a Special Town Meeting to be held at the Somers Town Hall Auditorium, 600 Main Street, Somers, Connecticut on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., to consider and discuss (but not vote on) the resolution, and Remove the resolution from the agenda of the Town Meeting and approve vote by voting machine and set the date for referendum on May 16, 2023, and Authorize the preparation and printing of explanatory text

and other materials in accordance with section 9-369b, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

6. Request for Separation Payout Payment for Allison Maynard in the amount of \$15,354.12.
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the separation payout for Allison Maynard in the amount of \$15,354.12, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
7. Approve new rates and agreement from Buckley Cemetery Services for Foundations
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the new rates and agreement and authorize the First Selectman to enter into a contract for Buckley Cemetery Services for Foundations, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
8. Approve new rates for Town of Somers Charge for Foundations in Somers Cemeteries.
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the new rates for the Town of Somers charge for Foundations in Somers Cemeteries, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

J.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2023, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from March 9, 2023, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

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

Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2023, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from March 16, 2023, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the March 16, 2023, special meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

K.) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.