

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMAN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, May 18, 2023  
6:00pm  
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 and Selectmen Bill Meier and Bob Schmidt, CFO Michael Marinaccio, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, Human Services Director Matthew Cox, and members of the Fire Department
- B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**
1. Public Comment: none
- C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**
- Big Y announced they would take over the Gulf Station at 508 Main Street and open an express fuel and convenience store. They are scheduled to open in July.
  - Lt Governor Susan Bysiewicz and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture will attend Worthington Vineyard and Winery on May 19, 2023, introducing them as one of the newest members to the CT Farm Wineries passport program.
  - Results of Town of Somers Budget Referendum – May 16, 2023  
In-Person: 324  
Absentee: 006  
Total Votes Cast: 330  
Yes: 238  
No: 092  
Total Voter Turnout: 5.23%  
Total Eligible Voters: 6310
  - Memorial Day Ceremony at the High School is Saturday, May 27, beginning at 10:00 am.
  - Rotary Fishing Derby is Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 am at the Blake Center.
- D.) CONSENT AGENDA**
1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations:
- E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS**
- F.) FINANCE**
- a) Transfers/Appropriations  
Transfer Request from regular salaries to Separation Payout for \$4,671.74. The transfer covers remaining sick and vacation time to be paid to Lisa Madden upon her resignation.  
***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Separation payout for Lisa Madden in the amount of \$4,671.71, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***
  - b) CFO Finance Report/Updates - Mr. Wissinger provided an update on the Budget Referendum. After the Referendum closed, the Board of Finance voted unanimously to adopt the budget and set the mil rate at 28.31. The Tax Collector and Assessor will begin getting information to (QDS) Quality Data Systems for the Tax Bills to go out on June 8, 2023.  
Finance received the engagement letter from the Audit Firm, this will go to The Board of Finance for approval. The preliminary work is completed for the auditors to come in on June 20<sup>th</sup> to Town Hall and June 21<sup>st</sup> for the Board of Education.
  - c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments  
***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$367,200.50, seconded by Mr. Meir. The motion unanimously passed.***

G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION

H.) PENDING BUSINESS

I.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Separation payout for Lisa Madden for \$4,671.74 pending Board of Finance approval. Brian Wissinger  
**Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Separation payout for Lisa Madden for \$4,671.74, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.**
2. Approval to use Weyland Smith Consulting, LLC for Evaluation and Data Technical Assistance for the Town of Somers Drug-Free Community Grant and Authorize the First Selectmen to sign the contract. Matthew Cox  
**Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the request to use Weyland Smith Consulting, LLC for Evaluation and Data Technical Assistance for the Town of Somers Drug-Free Community Grant and Authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.**
3. Approval of revised job description for Youth Services Coordinator to be changed to Youth Services Social Worker position and Authorizing the Youth Services Social Worker position to go from part-time to full-time effective May 22, 2023. Matthew Cox  
**Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the job description for Youth Services Social Worker, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.**  
  
**Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the request for Aiden Matthews to go from part-time to full-time effective May 22, 2023, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.**
4. Fire Department Staffing, Recommendation to hire John Sarnik as full-time FF/EMT.  
**Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the hiring of John Sarnik with an effective date of June 5, 2023, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.**
5. Authorize the First Selectman to sign the sales contract between Specialty Vehicles, Inc and the Town of Somers for a New Emergency Medical Vehicle  
**Mr. Schmidt made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Sales contract between Specialty Vehicles, Inc. and the Town of Somers for a New Emergency Medical Vehicle, seconded By Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.**
6. Authorize the First Selectman to sign the amended Bundle Billing Agreements with the Town of Enfield Emergency Medical Services (EMS). **This item was tabled.**
7. Approval of the Human Resources job description and authorization to post the part-time position.  
**Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Human Resources Assistant job description as presented and approve the part-time position to be posted, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.**
8. Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance Prohibiting the Spreading of Ashes on Public Land. The Board of Selectmen held a Public Hearing on April 20, 2023, to take public comment on the Spreading of Ashes on Public Land.  
**Mr. Meier motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion failed. 0 votes yes – 3 votes no.**
9. Authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement for Legislative Lobbying Services with Sullivan & LeShane, Inc.  
**Mr. Meier made a motion to authorize the First Selectmen to sign the agreement with Sullivan & LeShan, Inc. for Legislative Lobbying Services. Seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.**

**J.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes of May 3, 2023, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from May 3, 2023, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2023, as presented, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion passed unanimously.***

**K.) ADJOURNMENT**

***Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim LaFleur-Recording

*Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.*