

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMAN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, August 3, 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 and Bob Schmidt, CFO Brian Wissinger, and Director of Land Use Services and Public Works Todd Rolland.

**B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Public Comment: None

**C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**

1. On July 27, members of the Town government met at Town Hall with WinnCo and GEI Officials to talk about the potential development of the Somersville Mill Site. 80 to 100 apartment units are being proposed. The main topic was environmental pollution in the groundwater. The Town has agreed to seek additional brownfield remediation relief from the Department of Economic Community Development (DECD) prior to WINNCo Development negotiations with the Town to develop the site.
2. On August 1, 2023, Mr. Schmidt attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the small business Big Y Express in the center of Town at 190 and 83.

**D.) CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations:
  - a. Accept the resignation of Ray Wolters from the Economic Development Commission.  
***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Ray Wolters from the Economic Development Commission, seconded by Bill Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***
  - b. Appoint Melissa Zelek as a member of the Economic Development Commission to fill the vacancy with a term expiring 12.22.23.  
***Mr. Meier made a motion to Appoint Melissa Zelek as a member of the Economic Development Commission to fill the vacancy of Ray Wolters with a term expiring 12.22.23. The motion unanimously passed.***

**E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS**

***Mr. Meier made a motion to add to the agenda a Local Traffic Authority Request, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

Mr. Rolland presented the Local Traffic Authority Request for the Four Town Fair Association to utilize local and State Roadways on Saturday, September 16, 2023, for their annual Four Town Fair Parade.

***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Local Traffic Authority Request for the Four Town Fair Association to utilize local and State Roadways on Saturday, September 16, 2023, for their annual Four Town Fair Parade. Seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

**F.) FINANCE**

- a) Transfers and Appropriations – None

b) CFO Finance Report/Updates- Mr. Wissinger provided the following updates.

1. Finance compiled the data for January 1 through June 30, 2023, for Emergency Medical Intercept Services to Stafford. The invoice was for \$25,000 and was sent out today. Attached to the invoice was a letter detailing how finance determined that number. A discussion followed.
2. Finance received the lease packaging quotes for a new Public Works plow truck and the Board of Education pickup truck. Finance received four Bids. TD Bank was the winning bidder and was notified today. Mr. Wissinger anticipates having the lease agreement at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.
3. Webster Bank had global outages on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. This was an IT issue that affected payroll. Employees should see their direct deposits this evening.

**G.) Presentation of Scheduled Payments**

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Scheduled Payments in the amount of \$374,334.45, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

**H.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION - None**

**I.) PENDING BUSINESS - None**

**J.) NEW BUSINESS**

1. Staffing Request for Land Use Department - Request to hire Mary Mitta Per Diem with an hourly rate of \$25.00, not exceeding 20 hours per week. – **Todd Rolland**  
***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the request to hire Mary Mitta Per Diem as the Land Use Technician with an hourly rate of \$25.00, not exceeding 20 hours per week, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***
2. Separation Payout Request – Request to pay out the remaining sick and vacation time for Cecelia Becker at her determined hourly \$31.30/hour, based on her retirement date of 8/1/23, in the amount of \$2,644.85. **Brian Wissinger**  
***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Request to pay out the remaining sick and vacation time for Cecelia Becker at her determined hourly \$31.30/hour, based on her retirement date of 8/1/23, in the amount of \$2,644.85. Seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

**K.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes of July 20, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from July 20, 2023, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

***Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting from July 20, 2023, as presented. The motion unanimously passed.***

**L.) ADJOURNMENT**

***Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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