

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 6:00 pm
Town Hall Auditorium**

A.) CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Tim Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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, Director of Land Use and Public Works Todd Rolland, Human Services Director Matthew Cox, Town Sanitarian Andrea Vitrano, Assistant Land Use Director/Zoning Enforcement Officer Jennifer Roy, Town Accountant Danielle Urbon, Town Assessor Karen Neal, Tax Collector Alissa Hanvey and Chairman of the Cemetery Committee Pat Loftus.

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public Comment: None

C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN:

First Selectman Tim Keeney presented the following items:

- First Selectman Keeney presented the 2023 Adolph P. Anderson Employee of the Year Award to Jennifer Roy, Assistant Director of Land Use and Zoning Enforcement Officer.
- The Board of Selectmen will tour Kibbe Fuller at the end of the meeting with Maureen Parsell, Recreation and Leisure Director to look at rooms and building usage.
- The Annual Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting is Saturday, December 9th from 2pm – 7pm. For more information you can go to our website at www.somersct.gov.
- The Connecticut Department of Transportation is holding a Public Informational Meeting on Wednesday, December 13th at 6pm on Intersection Improvements at Route 190 and Route 83. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium and be live streamed for those who cannot attend.
- The Connecticut Siting Council will be holding a Remote Public Hearing on January 11 at 2pm and 6:30 pm regarding Petition 1592. The hearing will be on a petition from Santa Fuel, Inc. for a declaratory ruling for proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 3.85 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at 159 South Road, Somers, CT. Information about this meeting and how to attend remotely is on the Town website at www.somersct.gov.
- Mr. Keeney was notified by our Town Police Administrator Kim Littig; she announced West Point United States Army Academy is running a football from West Point to Gillette Stadium and they will be coming through Somers this evening. Gillette Stadium is hosting the Army/Navy game this year.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations:
 - a. Appointment of John Kelleher to the Advisory Committee for Seniors to fill the vacancy left by Stephen Getman with a term expiring on 12/22/2024.
Mr. Meier made a motion to appoint John Kelleher to the Advisory Committee for Seniors with a term expiring 12/22/24, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

REAPPOINTMENTS:

Board/Comm	Member	Affil	Term	Term Exp
Adv Comm for Seniors	Ailene I. Henry	U	9 Mem/1 Yr Trm	12.22.2024
Town Liaison	Matthew Cox-Chairman	na		01.02.2024
	Marilyn L Gaskell	R		12.22.2024
	Eileen T Fedorwich	U		12.22.2024
	Joan I Sizer	R		12.22.2024
	Katherine M Toohey	U		12.22.2024
	Patricia M. Bachetti-VChrm	D		12.22.2024
	Phyllis A Gwilliam	D		12.22.2024
Assessment Appls	Della J Froment	I	3 Mem/3 Yr Trm	12.22.2027
Bldg Code Brd Appeals	David R Birkenshaw	U		12.22.2027
	Jeffrey M Lipton	R		12.22.2027
Cemetery Comm			5 Mem/4 Yr Trm	
	David P McCaffrey	R		12.22.2027
	David R Morgan	U		12.22.2027
Cultural Comm	Ann M Levesque-Chair	D	1 Yr	12.22.2025
	Yvonne Besse	U	1 Yr	12.22.2025
	Daniel A Fraro	R	2 Yr	12.22.2025
	Lynne P Goss	D	3 Yr	12.22.2026
	Eileen Fedorwich	U	1Yr	12.22.2024
	Theresa K. Schmidt	D	1 Yr	12.22.2024
Economic Dev Comm	Ann M Levesque	D	5 Mem/ 5 Yr Trm	12.22.2028
Ethics Comm	William J McGurk	U	5 Mem/2 Yr Trm	12.22.2025
Open Space/Trails	Ann B Moses, Chair Horse	D		12.22.2024
	Barbara A Anderson	D		12.22.2024
	Bradford A Dolben	D		12.22.2024
	Charles P Carson	R		12.22.2024
	Debra A Romano	U		12.22.2024
Non Voting member	Dominic Wilson	na		12.22.2024
	Joan P Sears	U		12.22.2024
	Maureen Parsell - Recreation	na		12.22.2024
	Michael D Maynard	D		12.22.2024
	Patrice L Carson, Land Trust	R		12.22.2024
	Richard Bailey, Land Trust-Sec	U		12.22.2024
	Todd M Rolland, DPW Dir	na		12.22.2024
Planning Comm	Pasquale H Pio Jr	R	5 Mem/4 Yr Trm	12.22.2027
Recreation Comm	Jeffrey A Jablonski	R	7 Mem/2 YR Trm	12.22.2025
	John T Curran Jr	R		12.22.2025
	Joseph C Radziewicz	U		12.22.2025
	Karen M McGuane	R		12.22.2025

	Scott H Sutter	U		12.22.2025
	Steven F Olearcek	D		12.22.2025
	Stephen P Woicik Jr	R		12.22.2025
Zoning Brd of Appeals	Andrew K Rockett	D	5 Mem/4 Yr Trm	12.22.2027
Zoning Brd of Appeals Alt	Ralph W Williams Jr	U	3 mem/1 Yr Trm	12.22.2024
	Susan A Peck	R		12.22.2023
Zoning Comm	Daniel A Fraro	R	5 mem/4 Yr Trm	12.22.2027
Youth Services Bureau			8 Mem/ 2 year Trm	
	Brian Langan		Fire Department	12.22.25
	Cadence Bidwell		Youth	12.22.25
	Colleen Meier		Somers Schools	12.22.25
	Ed DePeau		Educator/Resident	12.22.25
	Rentat Bowers		Resident/Business Owner	12.22.25
	Craig Jones		Somers Police	12.22.25
	Joe Radziewicz		Resident/youth Sports	12.22.25
	Matthew Cox		Chair	12.22.25

Mr. Meier made a motion to reappoint the members to the respective Boards and Commission as presented on the agenda with the respective terms that were posted on the agenda, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS

F.) FINANCE

- a) Transfers and Appropriations - None
- b) CFO Finance Report/Updates – None
- c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the schedule payments in the amount of \$577,535.93, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION

1. Update from the Cemetery Committee, Chairman Pat Loftus. Chairman Pat Loftus of the Cemetery Committee provide an update.
Ms. Loftus provided an update on the Cemetery Committee. A discussion followed.
2. Update from Sidewalk Ad Hoc Committee, Todd Rolland, Director of Land Use and Public Works Department. Mr. Rolland provided an update on the Sidewalk Ad Hoc Committee.
Mr. Rolland provided an update on the Sidewalk Ad Hoc Committee. A discussion followed.

H.) PENDING BUSINESS - None

I.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to Contract with John Daviau for one-on-one coaching for Arianna Flagg, Substance Use Prevention Coordinator about the Strategic Prevention Framework/DFC Grant. **Matthew Cox.**

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the request to contract with John Daviau for one-on-one coaching for Arianna Flagg, Substance Prevention Coordinator about the Strategic Prevention Framework/DFC Grant, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

2. Request to Contract with Scout Collective to support Somers Comes Together in visioning and goals work. **Matthew Cox.**

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the request to contract with Scout Collective with the contingency that it's four months of work around the coalition activities as described in the amount of \$4,950. Seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

- J.) Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2023, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from November 14, 2023, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14th meeting, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

- K.) **ADJORN at 7:24 to Tour Kibbe Fuller Building with Maureen Parsell, Recreation and Leisure Director.**

The Board of Selectmen toured the Kibbe Fuller Building and adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.