

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMAN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 29, 2024, 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, CFO Brian Wissinger, Assistant Treasurer Michael Marinaccio, Director of Land Use and Public Works Todd Rolland and Town Clerk David Marti

**B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Public Comment: None

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

**D.) CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations: - None

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

**F.) FINANCE**

- a) Transfers and Appropriations - None
- b) CFO Finance Report/Updates – Mr. Wissinger reported Somers continues to have discussions with the Town of Stafford about EMS Services.
- c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the scheduled payments in the amount of \$278,776.33, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

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

**H.) PENDING BUSINESS - None**

**I.) NEW BUSINESS**

1. Rotary Club request to waive Pavilion fees at Field Road for Easter Egg Hunt: David Marti

***Mr. Meier made a motion to grant a permanent waiver to the Rotary Club for the Easter Egg Hunt for use of the Pavilion at Field Road Park for this year subsequent years. This year's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on March 30, 2024, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

2. Provide update on Property Check Service to launch Monitoring Property Recordings: David Marti

Mr. Marti provided an update on Monitoring property recordings and explained there will be no monthly fees for the next 5 years.

3. Request to Hire Dayna Carpenter as the Part time Human Resources Generalist with an hourly rate of \$36.00 and to be reconsidered for an increase in six (6) months based upon performance and a start date of March 5, 2024.

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the request to hire Dayna Carpenter as the part time Human Resources Generalist with an hourly rate of \$36.00 and to be reconsidered for an increase in six (6) months based upon performance with a start date of March 5, 2024, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.***

4. Proposed Referendum Schedule: Brian Wissinger
  - a. Board of Finance Public Hearing: **(Board of Finance set this date)** proposed date is April 23, 2024
  - b. Annual Town Meeting: May 7, 2024
  - c. Referendum Date: May 21, 2024

**Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the proposed Referendum Schedule and set the Annual Town Meeting for May 7, 2024, and the Referendum Date for May 21, 2024, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.**

5. Request and Discussion to create a new position a Recycling Center Operator at the Transfer Station: Todd Rolland  
Mr. Rolland presented his request for a new position of a Recycling Center Operator at the Transfer Station for 23 hours with an hourly rate of \$18.50. A discussion followed.

6. Recycling Center Fees Request and Discussion – Todd Rolland  
**Mr. Meier made a motion to adopt the proposed fee schedule for fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027. The increase is \$15 per year and subject to review by a future Board to assess the 2027 increase, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.**

7. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Review and Discussion, possible approval  
**Mr. Meier made a motion to approve The Board of Selectmen Budget in the amount of \$9,013,178. which is a 3.4 % increase over the fiscal 2024 budget as discussed, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.**

- J.) Approval of Minutes of February 15, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.  
The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from February 15, 2024, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.  
**Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2024, as presented, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.**

- K.) **ADJOURNMENT**  
**Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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