

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Town Hall Auditorium**

A.) CALL TO ORDER- Mr. 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, Fire Department members Glen Reynolds, Keith Allard, Clint Thomas, Ray Stovall and Chief David Lenart.

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

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C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

First Selectman Tim Keeney presented the following items:

- The library has been closed since Tuesday due to a malfunctioning heating system. Public Works is working with Fahrenheit Mechanical Services to address the issue and anticipates that the facility will reopen by Saturday.
- Mr. Keeney, along with the Somers Team, convened with the attorneys from Pullman & Comely, LLC, to explore options for tax abatement proposals that could support the project in collaboration with Winn Development. During this meeting, Mr. Keeney was informed that the process is extensive, and it is anticipated that the administrative phase will not be completed for approximately one year.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations - None

E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS - None

F.) FINANCE

- a) Transfers and Appropriations - None
- b) CFO Finance Report/Updates:
Mr. Wissinger provided updates on the employee health benefits. The anticipated increase to employee health benefits for July 1 is 10% -12%.
- c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments - none

G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION: None

H.) PENDING BUSINESS - None

I.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department Budget Presentation – Chief David Lenart
Chief Lenart presented the Fire Department Budget for consideration. A discussion followed.

2. Approval of Separation Payout of Remaining Sick time accrued at Retirement for Martin Smith in the amount of \$8,508.00.

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the separation payout of the remaining sick time accrued at retirement for Martin Smith in the amount of \$8,508.00, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

J.) Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from January 16, 2025, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2025, regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

K.) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.