

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 20, 2025, 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, Land Use and Public Works Director Todd Rolland and Bill Lavin of Where Angels Play.
- B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**
1. Public Comment: None
- C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**
First Selectman Tim Keeney announced the Ellington Board of Selectmen approved the proposal to enter into an agreement with the Town of Somers for reimbursement of Advanced Life Support services. This proposal is scheduled for consideration and approval at this evening's meeting.
- D.) CONSENT AGENDA**
1. Board and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations – None
- 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 - None
- G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION:** None
- H.) PENDING BUSINESS** - None
- I.) NEW BUSINESS**
1. Presentation and overview of the Process and Fundraising efforts to build a playground in memory of the four children who died in the Quality Ave fire. **Bill Lavin of Where Angels Play**
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the request from Mr. Lavin of Where the Angels Play to build a playground and Fishing Dock in memory of the four children who died in the Quality Ave fire, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
 2. Authorize First Selectman to sign the Town of Somers and Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps Intercept Agreement. **Brian Wissinger**
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Town of Somers and Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps Intercept Agreement, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
 3. Discussion and possible action of Paid Sick Leave Policy Amendments to the Employee Handbook as proposed by Labor Attorney. **Brian Wissinger/Kim LaFleur**
This item was tabled.

4. Proposed Referendum Schedule.

- a. Annual Town Meeting – May 6, 2025, at 7:00PM
- b. Referendum Date – May 20, 2025, 600:AM- 8:00PM

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the proposed Referendum Schedule, seconded by Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

5. FY26 Budget Discussion. **All**

Mr. Meier made a motion to adopt the FY26 Budget in the amount of \$9,359,798.00, which is a 4.69% increase, seconded by Mr. Keeney. Mr. Schmidt abstained. the motion passed.

6. Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from February 13, 2025, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2025 as presented, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.