

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 2, 2026, 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, Public Works Director Todd Rolland, Chief Ray Stovall, Deputy Management Director Frank Poirier, Economic Development Chairman Shawn Curtis and Board of Finance member Paul Hart

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public Comment: Scott Kritzky and his son William Kritzky of Somersville - declined to provide his address. Mr. Kritzky made a statement regarding the high cost of rental housing and desire to engage the Town in pursuing improving local rental housing by forming a Fair Housing Commission.

C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

First Selectman Keeney presented the following items:

1. Senator John Kissel and State Representative Kurt Vail held a public community meeting on March 31 at the Somers Public Library. During the event, they addressed and answered questions regarding current issues in Connecticut.
2. Selectman Keeney and Senator John Kissel provided testimony regarding a three-acre parcel on Biton Road that is currently state property and part of Osborne Prison. The Town of Somers is seeking to have the property transferred to the town at minimal cost for the construction of a two-way radio tower to enhance public safety and emergency response capabilities.
3. At the Board of Finance meeting, Selectman Keeney stated that a proposed apartment building to be constructed on the Somersville Mill Site by Winn Development, was terminated after the Connecticut Department of Housing indicated it was too costly for them to support. As a result, the project is no longer considered viable. The Town is now working with Somers Housing Authority Director David Pinney to explore a potential Woodcrest Phase III development that would be located adjacent to Woodcrest Phases I and II, rather than at the Somersville Mill site.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations – None
 - a. Appointment of Frank Poirier, Deputy Emergency Management Director to the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (EPAC) with a term expiring on 12/22/26.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Frank Poirier to the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (EPAC) with a term expiring 12.22.26, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

- E.) **OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. Meier made a motion to add an agenda item “Possible Action on Memorandum of Agreement Between the Town of Somers and Somers Fire Fighters, Local 4284 IAFF and Mr. Derek Wyse, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed. “**
- F.) **FINANCE**
- a) Transfers and Appropriations- None
 - b) CFO Finance Report/Updates:
Mr. Wissinger provided an update on the issuance of a \$2 million Bond Anticipation Note for road paving. He reported that four bids were received, with Fidelity Capital Markets submitting the lowest bid at an interest rate of 2.73%. A discussion followed.
 - c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$272,409.28 and table the \$71, 791.92 portion of the payments, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- G.) **UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION: None**
- H.) **OLD BUSINESS: None**
- I.) **NEW BUSINESS**
1. Accept the resignation of Derek Wyse from the Full-Time Firefighter/EMT position, effective April 19, 2026, and approve his return to Part-Time Firefighter/EMT status effective the same date. Ray Stovall
Mr. Meier made a motion to accept the resignation of Derek Wyse from the Full-Time Firefighter/EMT position, effective April 19, 2026, and approve his return to Part-Time Firefighter/EMT status effective the same date contingent on Mr. Wyse signing the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Town of Somers and Somers Fire Fighters, Local 4284 IAFF and Mr. Derek Wyse, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
 2. Possible Action on Memorandum of Agreement Between the Town of Somers and Somers Fire Fighters, Local 4284 IAFF and Mr. Derek Wyse.
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Town of Somers and Somers Fire Fighters, Local 4284 IAFF and Mr. Derek Wyse, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
 3. Request to hire Sean Kodzis to the full time Firefighter position effective May 3, 2026. Ray Stovall
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve request to hire Sean Dodzis to the full-time Firefighter/EMT effective May 3, 2026, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
 4. Request to hire Courtney Spazzarini as the Part time Assistant Town Clerk with a Start date of May 4, 2026. David Marti
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to hire Courtney Spazzarini as the Part-time Assistant Town Clerk with a Start date of May 4, 2026, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

5. Approve updates to the Building Use Policy. Todd Rolland
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the updates to the building use policy, contingent on Town Attorney review, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
 6. Accept the resignation of Luke Bolduc, Maintainer with the Public Works Department, effective April 10, 2026. Todd Rolland
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Luke Bolduc, Maintainer with the Public Works Department, effective April 10, 2026, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
 7. Accept the resignation of Maureen Parsell, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services effective April 17, 2026.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Maureen Parsell, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services, effective April 17, 2026, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
 8. Request to Approve the Payout of Comp Time Accrued Per Union Contract in the amount of \$2,432.26 for Chief Ray Stovall. Brian Wissinger
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Payout of Comp Time Accrued Per Union Contract in the amount of \$2,432.26 for Chief Ray Stovall, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
- J.) Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2026, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.
The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from March 19, 2026, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2026, with one correction, spelling of Teddy Dandurand last name, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
- K.) **ADJOURNMENT**
Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.