

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 4, 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, Kim LaFleur Operations Director, Director of Recreation and Leisure Samantha Charette and several members of the Economic Development Commission.

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public Comment:

Robert Thiesing of 12 High Meadow Crossing, Somers, CT commented on the town's budget failing at referendum. He suggested that the town needs to either increase revenue or decrease expenses, specifically proposing changes to the operation of the transfer station to ensure it is used only by residents.

Scott Kritzky of Main Street, Somersville, CT requested the establishment of a fair rent commission and a landlord registry.

Kevin Barbeau of 66 Handog Lane, Somers, CT Expressed concerns regarding zoning enforcement and the oversight of commercial earthwork permits on Old Hampton Road.

Shawn Curtis of 36 Lovers Lane, Somers, CT Expressed the same of Mr. Barbeau concerns regarding zoning enforcement and the oversight of commercial earthwork permits on Old Hampton Road

C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

First Selectman Tim Keeney presented the following items:

June is Dog Licensing Month: Residents are encouraged to license dogs; a vet clinic is scheduled for June 6th (9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) at the DPW garage.

Town Budget will go to referendum for the 3rd time on June 16, 2026, 6am – 8pm Town Hall .

Shred Day will take place on June 13, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Town Hall parking lot.

Economic Development and the Board of Selectmen presented Business of the Month to Pleasant View Farms as the featured business for May 2026, citing their 100-year history and dedication to the town's agricultural heritage.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations

Resignations

- a. Accept the Resignation of Ann Levesque of the Cultural Commission effective immediately.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Ann Levesque of the

Cultural Commission effective immediately, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Appointments

- b. Appointment of Sebastian Rider-Bezerra to the Cultural Commission with a term date of 12.22.2027

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Sebastian Rider-Bezerra to the Cultural Commission with a term date of 12.22.2027, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

- c. Appointment to the Special Projects Committee

- Board of Selectmen, Timothy Keeney
- Board of Finance, Joe Tolisano
- Board of Education, Sharon Goulet
- Library Board, Bob Socha
- CFO, Brian Wissinger
- DPW Director, Todd Rolland
- Member skilled in construction, Paul Bohonowicz,
- At Large Member, Karen Murdoch (also a member of EDC).

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint the following members to the Special Projects Committee, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed

- ***Board of Selectmen, Timothy Keeney***
- ***Board of Finance, Joe Tolisano***
- ***Board of Education, Sharon Goulet***
- ***Library Board, Bob Socha***
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E.) OPPORTUNITY TO ADD URGENT AGENDA ITEMS

F.) FINANCE

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

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$217,639.29, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION: None

H.) OLD BUSINESS: None

I.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action on the FY 2027 Budget Amendments.

During the discussion on budget adjustments CFO Brian Wissinger presented a series of proposed cuts totaling \$272,731 to achieve a flat (zero-increase) budget. The specific cuts identified include:

- Transfer Station: Closing the facility on Mondays, effective August 1st
- Human Services: Reduction of one full-time equivalent (FTE) position

- Town Personnel: Elimination of all Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) adjustments for town employees
- Commissions: Elimination of the annual grant to the *Cultural Commission* and the *Economic Development Commission*
- Senior Center: Closing the center on Fridays
- Library: A \$10,000 reduction in the materials budget
- Emergency Management: Elimination of the Deputy Emergency Management Director position
- Fire Department: Later in the meeting, the board also voted to eliminate a newly proposed position intended for ambulance funding in fiscal year 2027 to prevent long-term cost impacts

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the recommended cuts to the FY27 budget proposed by Mr. Wissinger \$272,731, seconded by Mr. Keeney. Mr. Meier voted no. The motion passed.

Mr. Meier made a motion to eliminate the new position that was proposed for the Fire Department for Ambulance funding for fiscal year 27, seconded by Mr. Keeney. Mr. Schmidt voted no. The motion passed.

1. Request for Approval of Separation Payout for Kyle Young Maintainer.

Mr. Meier made a motion to Approve the Separation Payout in the amount of \$145.01 and authorize the First Selectmen to sign the form, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

J.) Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2026, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from May 21, 2026, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of May 21, 2026, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

K.) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting