

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, July 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, Selectman Bob Schmidt, Selectman Meier was not available, CFO Brian Wissinger, Recreation and Leisure Director Samantha Charette, Fire Chief Ray Stovall.

**B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Public Comment:  
The following residents expressed concern about the recent failed budget referendums.  
Steve Bercume 35 Rye Hill Circle, Mr. Bercume  
Neil Abramson of 192 Scully Road

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

Presentation – Economic Development Business of the Month Eastwoods Auto Machine  
The Board of Selectmen and the Economic Development Commission presented Eastwoods Auto Machine with Business of the Month.

**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

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the scheduled payments in the amount of \$428,262,48, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.***

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

**H.) OLD BUSINESS: None**

**I.) NEW BUSINESS**

1. Accept the Resignation of Shannon Belcher, Police Officer effective July 1, 2026.  
***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Shannon Belcher effective July 1, 2026, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.***
2. Set a Budget Referendum date for July 28, 2026, to be held at the Somers Town Hall 6am-8pm.  
***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to set a Budget Referendum date for July 28, 2026, to be held at Somers Town Hall 6am-8pm. The motion unanimously passed.***
3. Discussion and Action on Budget and Spending Freeze.  
***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to initiate an immediate Town wide spending freeze for all non-essential expenditures until a budget passes, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.***

The Board then discussed a proposed \$350,000 in further cuts to the FY 2026-2027 budget. The Board voted to endorse these reductions, contingent upon the Board of Finance requesting such cuts. The proposed cuts for this budget Referendum are as follows:

Dismissal of 1.5 FTEs at the Library as well as closing the Library on Saturdays Reduction of 1 FTE in Public Works to PT status and termination of their health benefits Dismissal of 1 FTE in Recreation & Leisure Services and Transfer of Liability of Remaining FTE to the Recreation Fund Transfer of Liability for FD Employee from the General Fund to the Ambulance Fund Adjustments in Vehicle Fuel, Veteran's Outreach, FD Building Maintenance, and FD Gasoline.

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Reduction of \$350,000. Cuts to the FY 2026/2027 Town Budget contingent on upon the Board of Finance approval, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.***

4. Discussion and possible action on establishing a Rent Stabilization Committee. Mr. Wissinger presented the information on the research he did regarding Rent Stabilization in Connecticut. A discussion followed. The Board of Selectmen tabled this item for further discussion.

J.) Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from June 18, 2026, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the regular minutes of June 18, 2026, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.***

Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2026, 5:15pm Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from June 18, 2026, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes from June 18, 2026, at 5:15pm seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.***

K.) **ADJOURNMENT**

***Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm, seconded by Mr. Shmidt. The motion unanimously passed.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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