

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINTUES
Thursday, July 16, 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, Public Works Director Todd Rolland, Public Health and Land Use Director Jeff Catlett, Shawn Curtis EDC Chairman and concern residents.

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public Comment:

Alicia Standcliffe of Woodcrest Housing on Battle Street Apt. 106 Shared her concerns about the recent reduction in employees in the Human Services Department.

Shawn Curtis Old Hamden Road – Shared his concern about the Land Use Department and Land Use Application 25-006 submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

First Selectman Tim Keeney announced that the 5th Budget Referendum passed 807 yes and 608 no.

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 payments in the amount of \$463,839.86, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

G.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION: None

H.) OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action on establishing a Rent Stabilization Committee.
Mr. Keeney invited Mr. Scott Kritzky to participate in the discussion regarding the potential establishment of a Rent Stabilization Committee. Following discussion, the Board reviewed the research and information previously provided by Mr. Wissinger at the prior Board of Selectmen meeting. Based on that information and the discussion held, the Board reached a consensus not to pursue the creation of a Rent Stabilization Committee at this time.

I.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to Disband the Senior Center Ad Hoc Building Committee. Todd Rolland
Mr. Meier made a motion to disband the Senior Center Ad Hoc Building Committee, Seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

2. Request to hire a Temporary Grant Funded Sanitarian for 15 Hours a week at an hourly rate of \$27.00 with an end date of June 30, 2027. Jeff Catlett

Prior to presenting his request, Mr. Catlett made a statement for the record. He noted that the Land Use Department follows established procedures and addresses concerns in a timely and ethical manner. He stated that the department consults with the Town Attorney when necessary, regarding matters before it. Mr. Catlett acknowledged that disputes between opposing parties may result in one party being dissatisfied with the outcome. He further affirmed his support for the Land Use Department, its enforcement practices, and the integrity of its employees.

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Temporary Grant Funded Sanitarian for 15 Hours a week at an hourly rate of \$27.00 with an end date of June 30, 2027, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

3. Request approval of Temporary Sanitarian Job Description and approval to post the position. Jeff Catlett

Mr. Meier made a motion to accept the Temporary Sanitarian Job Description and approval to post the position, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

J.) Approval of Minutes of July 2, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from July 2, 2026, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve July 2, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion unanimously passed.

K.) **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting