

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 5:00 pm
Town Hall Auditorium**

A.) CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Tim Keeney called the meeting to order at 5pm.

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, Trooper Matthew Burzdak, Police Administrator Kim Littig, Fire Chief Ray Stovall, Library Director Joanne Nichting, Recreation and Leisure Director Samantha Charette, Human Services Director Matthew Cox, Public Works Director Todd Rolland and many residents.

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Scott Kritzky of Main Street in Somersville shared his concerns regarding the lack of zoning regulations for commercial apartments and the need for housing and development in Somers.

C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

First Selectman Keeney remarked the Somers America250 Celebration was a tremendous success, bringing in residents and visitors to Field Road Park for a memorable weekend of community spirit and entertainment. The event featured a variety of food trucks, live musical performances, children's games, and a spectacular drone show.

The First Selectman commended the Somers 250th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee for its months of planning and dedication to organizing the celebration. Appreciation was also extended to the many town departments whose efforts were essential to the event's success, including the Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, and the Somers Public Library.

In recognition of the committee's outstanding work and commitment to the community, the Board of Selectmen announced that the Robert B. Percoski Community Service Award will be presented to the America250 Ad Hoc Planning Committee at its meeting on September 17, 2026.

First Selectman Keeney asked Resident Trooper Matthew Burzdak to provide a brief update on a homicide investigation that occurred early in the morning in Somers on August 18, 2026.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations - None

E.) FINANCE

- a) Transfers and Appropriations

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the budget transfers in the amount of \$12,764.00 as presented, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

- b) CFO Finance Report/Updates

- c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Scheduled Payments in the amount to \$1,077,628.82, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

F.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION: None

G.) OLD BUSINESS:
H.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Local Traffic Authority Approval. Request approval of the Four Town Fair Parade to utilize local and state roadways on Saturday, September 19, 2026. Trooper Matthew Burzdak and Kim Littig
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Local Traffic Authority request for the Four Town Fair Parade to utilize local and state roadways on Saturday, September 19, 2026, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
2. Request to hire Peter Leacu to fill the open position of part-time day shift Police Officer with an hourly rate of \$33.73, start date to be determined. Trooper Matthew Burzdak and Kim Littig.
Mr. Meier made a motion to hire Peter Leacu for the part-time day shift Police Officer with an hourly rate of \$33.73, with a start date to be determined, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
3. Request to hire Scott Minguy as a part-time Paramedic with a tentative start date of 8/23/26. Ray Stovall
Mr Schmidt made a motion to hire Scott Minguy as a part-time Paramedic with a tentative start date of 8/23/26, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
4. Request authorization from the Board of Selectmen to sign and authorize on a cash bequest from a trust established for the Somers Public Library by S. Prestley Blake in the amount of \$500,000. Joanne Nichting
Mr. Meier made a motion to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign the and authorize the cash bequest from a trust established for the Somers Public Library by S. Prestley Blake in the amount of \$500,000., seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
5. Request approval to proceed with the Community Funds Common Grant Application for a Senior Center Raised Garden Beds. Samantha Charette
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve with the Community Funds Common Grant Application for a Senior Center Raised Garden Beds, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
6. Recommendation to Move Jen Griger from the Youth Services Coordinator position to the Prevention Coordinator with an annual salary of \$62,000. Effective August 24, 2026. Matthew Cox
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the recommendation to move Jen Griger from the Youth Services Coordinator position to the Prevention Coordinator with an annual salary of \$62,500. Effective August 24, 2026, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
7. Capital Improvement Project (CIP) request for the Library Blake Room painting and floor resurfacing. Todd Rolland
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the CIP request for the Library Blake room painting and floor resurfacing, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

8. A request to participate in the Tire Stewardship program at the Transfer Station. Todd Rolland
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the request to participate in the Tire Stewardship program at the Transfer Station, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
9. A request to create and fund a Safety line item in the DPW budget and transfer funds into it from the contingency fund. Todd Rolland
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the request to create and fund a Safety line item in the DPW budget and transfer funds into it from the contingency fund, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- I.) Approval of Minutes of August 6, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.
The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from August 6, 2026, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve August 6, 2026, Minutes with the following corrections, 1. Remove the word “concerned” in Roll Call. 2. Spelling correction to Joe Tolisano’s last name. 3. Items 1.2 and 1.3 replace negotiations with “enter into a contract”, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- J.) **ADJOURNMENT**
Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:49pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting