

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 24, 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, Fire Chief Ray Stovall, Human Services Director Matthew Cox and many residents.

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public Comment: Scott Kritzky of Main Street in Somersville. Mr. Kritzky expressed frustration about not receiving responses to emails sent to town staff. He also critiqued the town's affordable housing plan.

C.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

First Selectman Tim Keeney read aloud the Proclamation for National Senior Month (September) recognizing the importance of seniors and impact of Somers Senior Center.

Mr. Keeney asked Emergency Management Director Todd Rolland to provide an update on the upcoming storm this weekend.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations

E.) FINANCE

a) Transfers and Appropriations

b) CFO Finance Report/Updates:

Mr. Wissinger presented the following items:

Insurance & Risk Management Update: The Town met with its CIRMA representative and was advised that no member share check will be issued for FY2027, as CIRMA is reinvesting profits to strengthen its financial position. Staff are also working with the Fire Chief to review and update insurance valuations for all fire and EMS apparatus to ensure adequate replacement-cost coverage.

HVAC Project Insurance: Discussions continue regarding builder's risk insurance coverage for the HVAC project. A resolution is expected early next week, allowing the Town to move forward with the contract with Gilbane.

Finance Department Recognition: The Finance Department was again recognized for excellence in financial reporting, receiving the GFOA Award for Financial Reporting Achievement, reflecting the Town's ongoing commitment to high financial reporting standards.

c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the scheduled payments in the amount of \$508,595.75, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

F.) UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION: None

G.) OLD BUSINESS:

H.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department Capital Improvement Request (CIP) for Radios. Chief Stovall
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Request (CIP), seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
2. Request to sell Ambulance 546. Chief Stovall
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the request to sell Ambulance 546, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
3. Accept the resignation of Kevin Dowe, Police Officer/School Resource Officer effective October 5, 2026.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Kevin Dowe effective October 5, 2026, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
4. Request to hire Ellen D'Angelo as the Youth Services Coordinator at 18 hours a week \$25 an hour. Matthew Cox
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the hiring of Ellen D'Angelo as the Youth Service Coordinator as the Youth Services Coordinator at 18 hours a week, \$25 an hour, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
5. Accept the Resignation of Monty Moses, Public Works Loader Operator effective October 8, 2026. Todd Rolland
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Monty Moses, Public Works Loader Operator effective October 8, 2026, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
6. Request to install a Plaque at the Firehouse Athletic Fields to Honor Lee Pinney. Todd Rolland
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to install a plaque at the Firehouse Athletic Field to honor Lee Pinney, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
7. Provide update on the Somersville Mill Site. Todd Rolland
Mr. Rolland provided an update on the Somersville Mill Site. A discussion followed.
8. Separation Payout Requests: Brian Wissinger
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the separation payout to Donna Richardson in the amount of \$2,192.51, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the separation payout to Allison Rief in the amount of \$26,374.27, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the separation payout to Kristina Owren in the amount of \$446.42, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the separation payout to Jessica Johnston in the amount of \$416.13, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the separation payout to Arianna Flagg in the amount of \$869.72, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the separation payout to Kevin Wood in the amount of \$1,430.63, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

9. Authorize First Selectman to enter into lease agreement 50002083 with TD Bank for Capital Financing and to sign all related documents. Brian Wissinger
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to enter into lease agreement 50002083 with TD Bank for Capital Financing and sign all associated documents, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- I.) Approval of Minutes of September 3, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.
The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting from September 3, 2026, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve September 3, 2026, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- J.) **ADJOURNMENT**
Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting