

TOWN OF SOMERS
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2026
6:30 P.M.



HELD IN TOWN HALL LOWER CONERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

(NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING)

Call to order at 6:45 p.m.

Vice Chairman Doug Stebbins presided.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chairman Doug Stebbins; members Shawn Curtis, Tara Moody, and Ralph Williams.

Absent: Alternate BJ Ferro.

Tardy: Member Andy Rockett (arrived at 7:xx p.m.)

Also in attendance was Zoning Enforcement Officer Jennifer Roy.

NEW BUSINESS

- On a motion made by Shawn Curtis and seconded by Doug Stebbins, members in attendance agreed unanimously to move the election of officers to the end of the agenda so that Andy Rockett could participate.
- A schedule of 2026 regular meetings was presented that includes moving the start time of the board's meetings to 6 p.m. On a motion made by Shawn Curtis and seconded by Ralph Williams, members approved the schedule unanimously.
- Zoning Enforcement Officer Jennifer Roy suggested to the board that it adopt its own rules. Zoning Board of Appeals rules are currently spelled out in the Somers Zoning Regulations, the creation and amendment of which is solely the prerogative of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Her discussions with Attorney Michael Zizka found that nearly all other Connecticut towns' ZBAs enact and amend their own rules. One provision she particularly urged would shorten from 30 days to 15 days the time in which the recipient of a zoning order could appeal to the ZBA. She distributed copies of the ZBA-pertinent provisions of the Somers Zoning Regulations and said she would provide members with copies of her correspondence with Attorney Zizka. On a motion made by Mr. Curtis and seconded by Mr. Stebbins, the members in attendance agreed unanimously to take 30 days to consider the subject.

Mr. Rockett arrived at 7:12 p.m.

- A motion to approve the minutes of the board's Aug. 12, 2025 meeting was made by Mr. Curtis and seconded by Mr. Williams. The members approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Mr. Rockett nominated Mr. Williams to serve as the board's chairman, and Mr. Curtis seconded. In the absence of other nominations, the board voted 4-0 to elect Mr. Williams, with Mr. Williams abstaining.
- Mr. Curtis nominated Mr. Rockett to serve as the board's vice chairman, and Mr. Stebbins seconded. In the absence of other nominations, the board voted 4-0 to elect Mr. Rockett, with Mr. Rockett abstaining.
- Mr. Curtis nominated Mrs. Moody to serve as the board's secretary, and Mr. Rockett seconded. In the absence of other nominations, the board voted 4-0 to elect Mrs. Moody, with Mrs. Moody abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Curtis and seconded by Mr. Rockett, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ralph Williams, erstwhile secretary.