

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 23 at 5:00 pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

A.) CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Tim Keeney called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

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, Chief Keith Allard and Deputy Chief Gary Schiessl.

B.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public Comment: None

C.) "Executive Session Pending Claims and Litigation Discussion with Town Counsel: AFL-HBAN Solar Trust v Town of Somers HHB-CV21-6076300-S, AFL-HBAN Solar Trust v Town of Somers HHB-CV22-6076309-S"

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to go into Executive Session regarding Pending Claims and Litigation Discussion with Town Counsel: AFL-HBAN Solar Trust v Town of Somers HHB-CV21-6076300-S, AFL-HBAN Solar Trust v Town of Somers HHB-CV22-6076309-S" and invite CFO Brian Wissinger and Carl Landolina, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Executive Session ended at 5:40pm. No votes were taken.

D.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN

First Selectman Tim Keeney presented the following items:

- Budget Referendum on May 21, 2024, Passed Yes: 201 - No: 088. The Total voter turnout was 4.56%. Total eligible voters 6339.
- The Somers High School Memorial Day Ceremony will be on Saturday May 25th at 10:00am in the Somers High School Auditorium.
- The American Legion Buck Dubiel Post 101 will be conducting their annual Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday 27, May from 9:00-12:00. There will be 7 separate ceremonies at Town Memorials. The first ceremony will begin at 9:00am at the Somers School Flagpole. Each ceremony is approximately 10 minutes long.
- Shred Day is Saturday, June 8, 2024, 9am- 12 noon in the Town Hall parking lot
- Rabies Clinic is Saturday, June 8, 2024, 10am-12noon at the Public Works Department on 95 Egypt Road.
- Economic Development and Mr. Keeney presented the Business of the Month to Somersville Gifts for the month of May.

E.) FINANCE

a) Transfers and Appropriations – Appropriation Request for Separation Payout for John Roache.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Appropriation Request for Separation Payout in the amount of \$ 62,001.33, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

b) CFO Finance Report/Updates:

Mr. Wissinger provided the following items:

- The Board of Finance met after the closing of the referendum and set a new mil rate of 28.96.
- Mr. Wissinger has been importing budgets into the new software for

the fiscal year 2025.

- The Auditors (Mahoney and Sabol) will be on site June 3, 2024.
- Back in April the Town of Stafford requested to execute the cancellation clause in the intercept agreement. The Town of Somers has engaged an attorney to explore all options for July 1, 2024.

c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments

Mr. Meier made a motion to authorize the scheduled payments in the amount of \$212,546.18, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

F.) PENDING BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Revision of Volunteer Firefighter Pension Plan Monthly Multiplier. **Brian Wissinger**

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the revision of the Volunteer Firefighter Pension Plan Monthly Multiplier, seconded by Mr. Keeney. Mr. Meier abstained from the motion due to be a participant in the plan. The motion passed.

G.) NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department Staffing Request: Request to Hire Kyle Botteron as a part-time FF/EMT. **Chief Keith Allard**

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the staffing request to hire Kyle Botteron as a part time Firefighter/EMT seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

2. Authorize the First Selectman to enter into an agreement with All Funeral Services for cemetery software. **Brian Wissinger**

Mr. Meier made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to enter into an agreement with All Funeral Services for cemetery software, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

3. FY2024 End of Year Budget Projections. **Brian Wissinger**

Mr. Wissinger presented the FY2024 end of Year Budget projections. A discussion followed.

H.) Approval of Minutes of May 8, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from May 8, 2024, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Special May 8, 2024, meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

I.) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28pm, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.