

TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 5:00pm
Town Hall Auditorium

- A.) **CALL TO ORDER:** First Selectman Tim Keeney called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
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, Assistant Finance Director Michael Marinaccio, Public Works and Land Use Director Todd Rolland, Assistant Land Use Director/Zoning Enforcement Officer Jennifer Roy and Town Sanitarian Andrea Vitrano, Chief David Lenart, Firefighter/EMT Ray Stovall and Volunteer Firefighter/EMT Heidi Pfeifer.
- B.) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
1. Public Comment: None
- C.) **PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN**
First Selectman Tim Keeney presented the following items:
- The last day to pay home and auto taxes without interest is August 1, 2024.
 - National Night Out will be held on August 6, 2024, from 5-8 pm at Field Road Park. This is a free community event.
 - Mr. Keeney arranged for a Special Board of Selectmen next Thursday August 1, 2024, at 5:00pm to meet in Executive Session to discuss Pending Claims and Litigation AFL-HBAN v Town of Somers with the Town Counsel.
- D.) **CONSENT AGENDA**
1. Boards and Commissions: Appointments/Resignations: none
- E.) **FINANCE**
- a) Transfers and Appropriations - None
 - b) CFO Finance Report/Updates – Mr. Wissinger commented that the Board of Finance cancelled their meeting on Tuesday 7/23/24 as there were no actionable items. The Board of Finance will meet for a special meeting on August 6, 2024, at 7:00pm to act on the resolution for bonding assuming the Board of Selectmen pass the resolution this evening.
 - c) Presentation of Scheduled Payments
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$856,673.00, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
- F.) **UPDATES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSION – None**
- G.) **PENDING BUSINESS**
1. Discussion and Possible Action on the Revision of Vendors Hawkers Ordinance in section 196-2 adding the following language “Food vendors, including food trucks, serving or selling food from private property where the property has a permit from the Somers Zoning Commission allowing such service or sales are also exempt from the terms of this Ordinance.” **Jennifer Roy**

Mr. Keeney made a motion to take the agenda item off the table after being tabled at the last Board of Selectmen meeting held on July 3, 2024, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Keeney made a motion to adopt the revision of Vendors Hawkers Ordinance in section 196-2 adding the following language "Food vendors, including food trucks, serving or selling food from private property where the property has a permit from the Somers Zoning Commission allowing such service or sales are also exempt from the terms of this Ordinance" and to be effective 15 days after publication, the publication will be published in summary form, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.

H.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request to adopt the new state-mandated Food Handling Regulations. Todd Rolland/Andrea Vitrano**
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to set a public hearing for the proposed Food Handling Ordinance on August 15, 2024, at 7:00pm, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- 2. Request to the DOT for an Engineering Study for improvements to the intersection of Main Street and Turnpike and Gulf Roads. Todd Rolland**
Mr. Meier made a motion as Local Traffic Authority the Board of Selectmen request that the Connecticut Department of Transportation conduct an engineering study that produces actionable findings for the intersection improvements to reduce or prevent crashes at the intersection of Main Street, Turnpike Road and Gulf Road, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. The motion unanimously passed.
- 3. Request to adopt the CRCOG Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Todd Rolland**
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adopt the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan (HMCAP) update and authorize the First Selectman to execute the Municipal Resolution, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- 4. Request to allow Morning Star Roofing, LLC, to replace the Park Pavilion roof at no cost to the Town in exchange for a sign to be placed on the pavilion. Todd Rolland**
Mr. Schmidt made a motion to allow Morning Star Roofing, LLC to replace the Park Pavilion roof at no cost to the Town in exchange for a sign to be placed on the pavilion, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.
- 5. Request to Authorize the First Selectman to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Stafford for Building Inspection Services for the Town of Somers. Todd Rolland**
Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Stafford for Building Inspection services as presented and authorize the First Selectmen to execute any documents related such agreement, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.
- 6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000 FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS and THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A REFERENDUM. Brian Wissinger**

Mr. Schmidt made a motion approving the Resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$2,000,000. for road improvements and financing of said appropriation by the issuance of general obligations bonds and notes in anticipation of such bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000., as well as establishing a date for a referendum November 5, 2024, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Cost of Lots Proposal for Center Cemetery. **Brian Wissinger**

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to increase the grave fees from \$800. To \$1,000. Per grave, seconded by Mr. Meier. The motion unanimously passed.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Logo for Somers Cemeteries Website/Portal. **Brian Wissinger**

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the Somers Cemetery logo as presented, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

- I.) Approval of Minutes of July 3, 2024, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen waives the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting from July 3, 2024, and that minutes of said meeting be approved.

Mr. Meier made a motion to approve the July 3, 2024, special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

- J.) **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02pm, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.