Town of Somerset
Public Budget Hearing, Special
Town Meeting of the Electors & Special
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 4, 2026
(Not official until approved at next meeting)

6:55 p.m. – 2027 Public Budget Hearing

Chair Plourde called the 2027 Public Budget Hearing to order at 6:55 p.m. Present: Demulling, Witzmann, Germain, Crotty, and Plourde. Residents present: Byron Patterson, Ed Schachtner, and Larry Hecht.

Printed handouts of the proposed 2027 budget were available, as well as a review presented by Plourde. Proposed 2026 Town tax levy of $1,014,657. Proposed mill rate of $1.2112392 per $1000 assessed value. Mill rate decrease of .78% proposed. *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Germain to close the Public Budget Hearing at 7:05 pm. Motion carried.*

7:05 p.m.- Special Town Meeting of the Electors

Chair Plourde called the Special Town Meeting of Electors to order at 7:05 pm. Town Board members present were: Plourde, Germain, Crotty, Demulling, Witzmann and Plourde. Residents present: Byron Patterson, Ed Schachtner, and Larry Hecht.

- Approval of 2027 highway expenditures in the amount of $839,340. *Motion by Ed Schachtner, seconded by Byron Patterson to approve the 2026 highway expenditures of $839,340. Motion carried. 2 yeas, 0 nays.*

- Adopt 2026 Town tax levy to be paid in 2027 in the amount of $1,014,657. *Motion by Byron Patterson, seconded by Ed Schachtner to adopt the 2026 Town tax levy of $1,014,657. Motion carried. 2 yeas, 0 nays.*

- Establish the compensation of the elected Town officials for the terms of office to begin April 2027. *Motion by Ed Schachtner, seconded by Byron Patterson to establish compensation for the elected Town officials for the terms of office (no change). Motion carried. 2 yeas, 0 nays.*

- To authorize the Town Board to hire Town officers as employees of the Town for part-time work (snowplowing) and set the hourly rate of pay. *Motion by Byron Patterson, seconded by Ed Schachtner, to authorize the Town Board to hire Town officers as part-time employees with the rate of pay set at $30 per hour with no benefits. Motion carried. 2 yeas, 0 nays.*

Motion by Ed Schachtner, seconded by Byron Patterson to adjourn the Special Town Meeting of Electors. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk