

Chapter 7

BUDGET AND FINANCE

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Somers as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE I

Annual Budget Vote

[Adopted 11-4-1980 by the electorate, effective 1-1-1981]

§ 7-1. Date and time.

It is hereby established that the rules of order for the conduct of the Annual Town Meeting require that the vote on all items on the call for said meeting on the annual budget shall be taken at the adjourned meeting thereof, as submitted to the persons qualified to vote in such meeting not less than seven nor more than 14 days after said Annual Town Meeting, on a day set by said meeting or, if said meeting does not set a date, by the Town Selectmen, for a vote by paper ballots or on the voting machines, during at least eight hours starting not earlier than 6:00 a.m. and finishing not later than 8:00 p.m.

§ 7-2. Powers and duties of Moderator; vacancy in the position of Moderator.

The Moderator of said Annual Town Meeting, after completion of other business and after reasonable discussion, shall adjourn said meeting and order such vote on such items accordingly. If such Moderator resigns or is for any other cause unable to serve as Moderator at such adjourned meeting, the Town Clerk shall serve, or may appoint an elector to serve, as Moderator thereof.

§ 7-3. Ballots.

The Town Clerk shall phrase all items in a form suitable for printing on paper ballots or voting machine ballot labels and shall provide the paper ballots or ballot labels, as the case may be.

ARTICLE II

Local Scholarship Fund

[Adopted 4-14-2004 by the Board of Selectmen, effective 5-7-2004]

§ 7-4. Fund established.

The Town of Somers hereby establishes a Local Scholarship Fund pursuant to § 12-169a of the Connecticut General Statutes. The fund shall provide financial assistance for post-secondary education for residents of the Town of Somers.

§ 7-5. Election to contribute.

The Tax Collector of the Town of Somers is hereby authorized to design and designate a place

on the motor vehicle tax bills so that taxpayers may elect to donate to the fund.

§ 7-6. Donations to be deposited in Fund.

All money donated by motor vehicle taxpayers shall be deposited into the Fund. In addition, the Treasurer of the Town of Somers may accept donations to the Fund from other sources.

§ 7-7. Authority of Somers Education Foundation.

The Town hereby designates the Somers Education Foundation as the Committee with authority to select annual scholarship recipients. The Foundation shall determine eligibility and residency requirements for recipients. All such requirements shall be approved by the Board of Selectmen.