

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA FOR MARCH 3, 2014

5:30 P.M. City Council Workshop – What it would Mean to become an Eco-municipality

6:45 P.M. Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 11-14, Supplemental Appropriation for Additional Improvements as Part of the Downtown Improvement Project

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

1. Roll Call of Members
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - A. City Council Workshop – VHB, Inc., held on 2/19/14 (minutes were distributed to your mailboxes earlier in the week)
 - B. Minutes of Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 8-14, Water Ordinance, held on 2/20/14.
 - C. Minutes of City Council Meeting held on 2/20/14.
4. Comments by Visitors
5. Announcements by Councilors
6. Communications
7. Presentation of Petitions and Disposal Thereof by Reference or Otherwise
8. Mayor's Report
9. Reports of Standing Committees
10. Reports of Special Committees, City Officers and City Manager
11. Nominations, Appointments and Elections

A. Nomination to Planning Board:

- Harold Guptill as an Alternate Member, Term to Expire 4/2017.

12. Lay on Table

13. Unfinished Business

Nominations, Appointments and Elections:

B. Nominations to Zoning Board of Adjustment:

- Matt Keiser as a Regular Member, Term to Expire 03/2017.
- Paul Drager, Alternate, Term to Expire 03/2017.

C. Nomination to Planning Board:

- Aaron Fournier, Alternate, Term to Expire 03/2017.

D. Nomination to Conservation Commission:

- Angela Ficco, Term to Expire 03/2017.

Ordinances:

- A. Ordinance No. 11-14 Supplemental Appropriation for Additional Improvements as Part of the Downtown Improvement Project.

Resolutions:

- A. Resolution No. 28-14 Authorize the City Manager to Purchase Ipads to be Used by the Mayor and City Council.
- B. Resolution No. 29-14 To Demolish the Former Police Station and Establish a City Park.
- C. Resolution No. 30-14 To Authorize the City Manager to Order One Police Cruiser which will be Funded in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget.
- D. Resolution No. 31-14 To Authorize the City Manager to Contract with Severino Trucking Company Inc. of Candia, NH for Improvements to Station Street.

- E. Resolution No. 32-14 To Authorize the City Manager to Contract with Severino Trucking Company Inc. of Candia, NH for Improvements to the Prospect Street Stairs.
- F. Resolution No. 33-14 To Authorize the City Manager to Contract with Severino Trucking Company Inc. of Candia, NH to Replace Certain Water Services under Sidewalks in Conjunction with the Downtown Improvement Project.
- G. Resolution No. 34-14 To Authorize the City Manager to Contract with Severino Trucking Company Inc. of Candia, NH for the Replacement of the Exterior Stairs near the Somersworth City Hall.

14. New Business

Ordinances:

- A. Ordinance No. 12-14 Amending Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 3.4.B, Speeds.
- B. Ordinance No. 13-14 Amending Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, Tables 4.A.3.9, 4.A.3.10 and 4.A.3 to Permit Chickens in All Residential Districts Provided that Certain Minimum Criteria have been Met.

Resolutions:

- A. Resolution No. 35-14 Amending Resolution No. 17-11 Establishing the Sustainability Committee.

15. Comments by Visitors

16. Closing Comments by Council Members

17. Future Agenda Items

18. Nonpublic Session (as necessary, pending roll call vote by Council)

19. Adjournment

ORDINANCE NO. 12-14 AMENDING CHAPTER 13, POLICE OFFENSES, SECTION 3.4.B, SPEEDS.

Somersworth, NH

March 3, 2014

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH HEREBY ORDAINS THAT the ordinances of the City of Somersworth, as amended, be further amended as follows:

- Amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 3.4.B, Speeds, by adding the following:
 - When signs are posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle on Main Street between Franklin Street and Market Street at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
 - When signs are posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle on High Street between West High Street and the Berwick Bridge at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Introduced by Councilors

Jennifer G. Soldati

David Witham

Approved:

City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 13-14 AMENDING CHAPTER 19, ZONING ORDINANCE, TABLES 4.A.3.9, 4.A.3.10 AND 4.A.3, TO PERMIT CHICKENS IN ALL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS PROVIDED THAT CERTAIN MINIMUM CRITERIA HAVE BEEN MET.

Somersworth NH
March 3, 2014

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERWORTH HEREBY ORDAINS THAT the ordinances of the City of Somersworth, as amended, be further amended as follows:

Amend Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, in the following manner:

- Table 4.A.3.9 Keeping of livestock, poultry or swine:
DELETE poultry
- Table 4.A.3.10
ADD new use "Backyard Chickens" with corresponding Note #14
ADD A, R-1, R-2, R-2A, R-3, R/O, R/B, HMD and MY to the Permitted Column
ADD C/I, I, CN, R/C, MH, and B to the Prohibited Column
RENUMBER the remaining uses as needed.
- Table 4.A.3 Table of Uses
ADD Note #14 which shall state:

"This use is allowed on the portion of the lot fully behind the principal structure, provided the following standards are met: maximum of six (6) chickens and no roosters, and three (3) square feet of chicken coop and twenty (20) square feet of fenced enclosure yard per chicken. All coops and enclosures shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet from any property line. Chickens must be kept in a coop or enclosure at all times. These provisions shall not apply to lots located in the Agricultural (A) district."

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Introduced by Councilors

Jennifer G. Soldati
Denis Messier

Approved:

City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 35-14 AMENDING RESOLUTION 17-11 ESTABLISHING THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE.

Somersworth, NH

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WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth is dedicated to civic engagement in local government; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 17-11 establishes that two members of the community are appointed at large by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth is committed to becoming a sustainable community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT Resolution No. 17-11 be amended to include the following succeeding "the Committee shall be comprised of the following members":

- One member of the community at large appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

Introduced by

Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Approved:

City Attorney