

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA FOR JANUARY 11, 2016

5:30 P.M – CITY COUNCIL-SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP
At the High School Career Technical Center

7:00 P.M. – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Roll Call of Members
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - A. Minutes of City Council Meeting held on December 7, 2015.
4. Comments by Visitors
5. Announcements by Councilors
6. Communications
7. Presentation of Petitions and Disposal Thereof by Reference or Otherwise
 - A. Update by Mayor's Drug Task Force
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. Mayoral Appointments
 1. Christmas Parade Committee, Terms to expire January 2018
Beth Poulin, Chair
Russ Timmons
Martin P. Dumont Sr.
Chris Smith
Katelyn Rideout
Fred Zinkevich
Liza Coco

2. Mayor's Drug Task Force, Terms to expire January 2018

Steve MacKenzie, Chair

Kenny Vincent

Mark Rideout

Amy Michaels

Dave Kretschmar

Debra Henderickson

David Witham

Mark Sipple

Sarah Flynn

Keith Hoyle

Maureen Jackman

Paul Robidas

B. Mayoral Nominations – Requires Council confirmation vote.

1. Acting Mayor, Term to expire January 2018.

Jennifer Soldati

2. Planning Board Council Representative, Term to expire January 2018.

David Witham

3. Planning Board Council Alternate Rep, Term to expire January 2018.

Nancie Cameron

4. Historic District Commission Council Rep, Term to expire Jan. 2018.

Martin P. Dumont, Sr.

5. Career Technical Center (CTC) Joint Building Committee - City Council Reps.

Martin P. Dumont Sr.

Denis Messier

12. Lay on Table

13. Unfinished Business

Resolutions:

- A. Resolution No. 18-16 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Twenty (20) Year Lease Agreement with the Sober Sisters Recovery to Lease the Building and Approximately 1.41 Acres of Surrounding Property (Formerly the Site of the Malley Farm Boy's Home) Located at 45 Malley Farm Road.

14. New Business

Ordinances:

- A. Ordinance No. 11-16 Amending Chapter 13 Police Offenses

Resolutions:

- A. Resolution No. 19-16 Proclamation Declaring January Diversity Month in the City of Somersworth

Other:

- A. Set hours for February 9, 2016 Presidential Primary Election

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

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Somersworth, NH
December 7, 2015

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WHEREAS, the City issued a Request for Proposals for the reuse of the City-owned building and surrounding property (formerly the site of the Malley Farm Boys Home) and the City received one proposal from the Sober Sisters Recovery, a nonprofit organization with a mailing address of P.O. Box 810, Somersworth, NH, and

WHEREAS, the proposal was reviewed by the City Council's Economic Development Committee,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to engage City Attorney and to take other such action to enter into a twenty (20) year lease agreement for the sum of \$5.00 per year with the Sober Sisters Recovery of Somersworth, NH, the City-owned building and approximately 1.41 acres of surrounding property shown on the attached map titled "Malley Farm Sober Sisters Recovery Lease Area" dated December 7, 2015 to be used and operated for the care and recovery of persons fighting addiction, and additionally to take any and all necessary action to meet the needs and the best interest of the City to complete this purpose.

Introduced by

Jonathan McCallion
Martin P Dumont, Sr.
Dale R. Sprague
Sean Collins
Denis Messier

Approved:

City Attorney

Proposed amendment from City Attorney, Walter Mitchell. 01/06/2016

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ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 16 AMENDING CHAPTER 13 POLICE OFFENSES

January 11, 2015

Somersworth NH

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH
THAT the Ordinances of the City of Somersworth, as amended, be further amended as follows:

Amend Chapter 13.24, Police Offenses, Motor Vehicle Operation, Section G, Left Turns, by adding the following:

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to make a left turn from The Somersworth Rail Station, 400 High Street onto High Street.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage.

Introduced by:

Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Approved:

City Attorney

History: This is the property located at the intersection of High Street and Stackpole Road. There is a small island on the High Street side of the property. The developer had placed a sign on that island prohibiting the left turn. This may have been part of the original planning site agreement. The placement of that sign is flawed as it continues to be destroyed. We now have it placed off the island.

There was never an ordinance submitted to prohibit the left turn. The volume of traffic and the road design make it dangerous to allow a left turn at the merger.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-16 PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY DIVERSITY MONTH IN THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH.

Somersworth, NH
January 11, 2016

WHEREAS, January 15, 2016 will mark the 87th birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the “dream” of equal treatment, dignity and respect of all people is a “dream” worth striving for; and

WHEREAS, our nation has worked towards the goal of fulfillment of this commitment for over 240 years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has modeled itself as a community which embraces and promotes tolerance and diversity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth is committed to the values of equality and liberty stated in the Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution, New Hampshire State Constitution and City charter; and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminded us that freedom, liberty and equality must be protected for all citizens and that “from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire, let freedom ring.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Somersworth encourages all residents, including community groups, schools and institutions to continue to work toward fulfilling Dr. King’s dream of the elimination of all barriers to the fulfillment of equal opportunities and human rights; and

The City of Somersworth calls upon all citizens to reflect during this month on the message of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and commit themselves throughout the year to join the fight for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and disadvantage and to ensure that everyone has the right to live in conditions of dignity, respect and peace; and

The Somersworth Mayor and City Council hereby declare that January, 2016 be Diversity and Tolerance Month in the City of Somersworth and that the City of Somersworth along with all of its citizens hereby recommit itself to the fulfillment of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “Dream.”

Introduced by
Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Councilors:
David Witham
Jennifer Soldati
Jessica Paradis
Denis Messier
Marty P. Dumont, Sr.
Jonathan McCallion
Martin Pepin
Nancie Cameron

Approved:

City Attorney