

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Somersworth, NH
July 20, 2015
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, by His Honor, the Mayor, and upon roll call the following Council members were present: Pepin, Soldati, Dumont, McCallion, Messier, Tapscott, Witham, Collins and Sprague.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON June 15, 2015.

Councilor Tapscott, seconded by Councilor Pepin, made a motion to accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on June 15, 2015. The motion passed.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS.

Deborah Evans of the Somersworth Housing Authority just wanted to inform the Council that they made the PILOT payment in June, \$36,401, on behalf of the public housing developments. Preservation Park, Smokey Hollow, Maple Street Senior complex and Queensbury Mills are managed by the Somersworth Housing Authority, but are privately owned and pay their own taxes. The Section 8 property owners also pay their own property taxes.

Theresa Tozier, Director and Founder of Seeds of Faith, an organization that has been helping the homeless and low income for 14 years, stated Malley Farm and Seeds of Faith are on the agenda, and she would be happy to answer any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CITY COUNCILORS.

Councilor Witham said the High School and Babe Ruth programs are reconstructing the baseball field at Noble Pines. There will be a Somersworth High School Alumni game on Saturday, August 8th at 12 noon to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Ball Field. They are looking for players, former coaches, etc., to play.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Email from Don Berrios stating he is resigning from the Planning Board.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND DISPOSAL THEREOF BY REFERENCE OR OTHERWISE.

None

MAYOR'S REPORT.

Mayor's Report for City Council Meeting July 20, 2015

- I was honored recently to attend and address the deployment of the 716th Engineering Company of the United States Army Reserve Located in our Hilltop City. The high level of service, commitment and dedication to duty has brought honor to our city, state and nation. I wish well during their deployment and look forward to welcoming each of them home to Somersworth when they return.
- Congratulations to the Somersworth Festival Association for planning another successful Children’s Festival. The Festival continues to represent the uniqueness of our community fostered around the importance of celebrating family and the next generation of Somersworth Citizens. Thank you to all of the volunteers for continuing to believe in the importance of celebrating our Proud Past, living in the moment, and planning for our Bright Future.
- Thank you also goes to the Somersworth PTA associations for the planning of the 2nd annual Hilltop Hustle. The race has become one of my favorites of the summer road race season. I look forward to once again participating in the 3rd annual next year.
- The Community forum held on Thursday, June 25th, by the Mayor’s Drug Task Force was informative, emotional and enlightening. The packed council chambers filled with concerned citizens, parents, health professionals, law enforcement and recovering addicts, helped bring a human face and spirit of how we as a community must find long term sustainable solutions to this crisis. The commission continues to listen, research and study. I look forward to hearing their presentation on findings and solutions this fall.
- The next Mayor’s Community Forum will take place on Saturday, September 12th from 9:00am – 10:30am. Included in this forum will be At-Large City Councilors David Witham and Sean Collins. Also joining the forum will be At-Large School Board Members Joanne Pepin and Don Austin. The purpose of the forums is to foster dialog and ideas in a non-formal setting to continue to move our community forward. All members of the community are welcome regardless of the ward they live in.
- Before the council this evening under “other” is a vote to authorize the City Manager to sign a revised contract with American Ambulance, Inc. Since joining our community and the team of first responders, American Ambulance has proven their high level of professionalism, commitment to high quality service and dedication to Somersworth. It is without hesitation that I urge Council to vote to revise and extend the contract.

Nominations, Appointment and Elections:

- Scott Oezechowski, for appointment to the Sustainability Committee with a term to expire on August 2018.
- John T. Kennedy, for appointment as an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a term to expire on August 2018.

In accordance with Council Rule 17, Appointments, the nomination shall remain open until the August 17th scheduled council meeting.

- Also this evening, I will be confirming a Mayoral Appointment of Jenne Holmes to the Traffic Safety Committee with a term to expire on August 2018.

In accordance with the City Charter Article 3.5 “C”, this appointment does not require confirmation from the Council.

This respectfully concludes my July 20th, 2015 Mayor’s Report.

Dana S. Hilliard, Mayor

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee

Councilor Witham reported that the committee met on July 1 at 3:30pm. They discussed the City Hall server upgrade and purchase of a new server. Back Bay provided a bid that was more than the current budget, but they can provide services for the budgeted amount. There was discussion about combining services with the school department. *There was a motion made, and the committee authorized the purchase of a new server and that passed 4-0.*

There was also discussion about the solar field on the super fund land fill site. Grant funding is integral to this project. The city should prepare grant proposals, and letter of support and be ready to apply for the grant when it comes up. The committee also discussed other sites for solar possibilities.

The committee also discussed tax deeded properties, specifically, 117 Sherwood Glen. This property was deeded as a result of not paying property taxes. The city currently pays \$440 month for lot rent. The home is not inhabitable and it was recommended that the city dispose of the property. City Manager Belmore said he received a verbal quote of \$3100 to remove the unit. City Manager Belmore said they can solicit more bids. This was just to get an idea of the cost. *There was a motion made by Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Soldati to authorize the removal. The motion was approved 3-1.*

There was discussion regarding the renegotiation of the pay-per-bag program with Waste Zero. The cost of the bags has gone up approximately .05 cents, and therefore the resident’s cost for bags will, ultimately increase. Public Works received and distributes the bags at this time. The city has the option to use an integrated management system (IMS) to distribute the bags, but there is an added cost, which would require a .17 cent increase. *Motion by Councilor Pepin to purchase the bags (not implement the IMS) from Waste Zero, seconded by Councilor Soldati. All members in favor. Motion passes 4-0.*

Motion by Councilor Pepin to sponsor an ordinance increasing the bag rates by .05 cents on January 1, 2016 and by an additional .05 cents on January 1, 2017. All members in favor. Motion passes 4-0.

City Manager Belmore informed the committee that the City requested proposals for general engineering services, and planning board/land use engineering services. We received no responses for general engineering, and 7 for planning board/land use. We interviewed a number of firms and are recommending Dubois and King. Absent any objection, we will be moving forward with Dubois and King. The request for proposals for general engineering have been amended, reissued, and is due back on July 23, 2015.

City Manager Belmore informed the committee that the Malley Farm Boys Home will be closing. He received an e-mail from Theresa Tozier of Seeds of Faith that they are interested in purchasing the property to be used as a transitional home. Councilor Witham said he is okay to bring it to the full Council for discussion.

Director Sharples informed the committee that they have identified street lights that may be turned off in accordance with the decision made by Council during the budget deliberations. However, Eversource has informed him the estimated cost to remove that many lights is approximately \$50,000. Eversource will mark the lights selected, and offer an 'adopt a light' program, whereby residents may adopt the light if they wish to keep it on, and will be billed monthly for it.

Government Operations

Councilor Soldati stated they did not meet.

Economic Development

Councilor McCallion said they met on June 22nd at 9:45am. They met with the new code officer, Joe Devine. They discussed a complaint from a resident of their phone calls not being returned. They will look into the possibility of calls being forwarded to cell phones. The committee briefly discussed 117 Sherwood Glen, and referred it to the Finance Committee. The committee also discussed Malley Farm boys home. There was lengthy discussion about the disposal, sale, and marketing of City owned properties, which is an ongoing issue.

Public Safety

Councilor Pepin reported a meeting was held on June 22nd at 8:30am. The committee reviewed ordinance 24-15, and the parking at Somersworth Plaza. Chief Crombie said he understands the wording and committee said they do not want to make any changes to the wording in the ordinance. There has been lengthy discussion about fees for parking, and has been referred back to City Council to make the decision.

American Ambulance renewed their contract for another 4 years. The contract was distributed to councilors. Councilor Pepin discussed the points of the contract, and stated the most important thing is that the communities are served.

There was discussion about the 16-18 public parking spaces at the America Legion. Chief Crombie will meet with Legion to ensure the proper signage is used.

Public Works and Environment

Councilor Sprague stated the committee has not met.

Recreation Committee

Councilor Pepin said the committee met on June 22nd at 8:00am. The committee reviewed Chapter 30, Parks and there was a big discussion about the hours that parks are open. Park hours are currently 7:00am – 9:00pm during the summer months, and 7:00am – 7:00pm through the fall, winter and spring months. It was suggested that the hours be changed to “dawn to dusk” or “sunrise to sunset”. There was discussion to make a change so Code Enforcement also has authority to enforce laws, under land use violations in the parks. *Councilor Tapscott, made a motion to keep the current park hours, seconded by Councilor McCallion. The motion passed, unanimously.*

Staff will look into cameras for the parks.

Councilor Sprague voiced concern about the kids not being able to play basketball in the parks in the evening even if there are lights in the park, because the park may be closed. He said he has fond memories of this, as a child.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, CITY OFFICERS AND CITY MANAGER.

School Board Meeting

Councilor Pepin reported there was a discussion about regular business and on the sexual harassment rules.

COAST Board of Directors

Councilor Pepin reported that the committee met on June 24th at 8:30am in Dover. The committee discussed the changes to the Rt. 7 bus route. There was discussion about the advertising on the COAST Bus shelters in Somersworth. The committee discussed fares. The City of Somersworth does not fund busses; therefore, the cost is increasing by 50 cents. They will be looking into additional funding.

Vision 2020 Committee

Councilor Collins reported the committee will be meeting on July 30th. They will be talking about a community survey and a list of organizations that the committee can help, as well as organizing other activities to help the community.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

TO: Mayor Dana Hilliard and City Council Members

FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

DATE: Friday, July 17, 2015

**SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, July 20, 2015
City Council Agenda**

6:45 p.m. Public Hearing

Re: Resolution No. 38-15 Restrict the Use of Municipal and Transportation Improvement Fund.

6:50 p.m. Public Hearing

Re: Ordinance No. 25-15 Supplemental Appropriation for Rocky Hill Road Water Tank

Lay on the Table (under Section 12 of Agenda)

Ordinances

- A. Ordinance No. 24-15 Amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 3.1.G, Permits and Reserved Parking.** Reminder: this is an amendment to recent legislation passed by the City Council. It is being brought forward by the Public Safety Committee.

Unfinished Business (under Section 13 of Agenda)

Ordinances

- A. Ordinance No. 25-15 Supplemental Appropriation for Rocky Hill Road Water Tank Rehabilitation.** Finance Committee supports the Resolutions and the Supplemental Appropriation to complete the project. The funding would come from the Water Enterprise Fund Balance.

Resolutions

- A. Resolution No. 38-15 To Restrict the Use of Municipal and Transportation Improvement Fund for the Purpose of Funding in Whole or in Part Improvements to the Local or Regional Transportation System Including Roads, Bridges, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities.** Again, this new legislation would restrict the use of these funds and eliminate its use for public transportation and intermodal facilities. State Law required a timeline for holding the Public Hearing; therefore a Public Hearing is scheduled for this Council meeting at 6:45 p.m. After the Hearing, Council should not vote on this legislation until the August 17th Council meeting, again due to specific NH State RSA timelines for both the Hearing and any vote.

- B. Resolution No. 39-15 To Authorize the City Manager to Utilize Excess Funds From Bonds Issued for School HVAC Projects for the Downtown Improvements Project.** The Finance Committee has reviewed this action item with City staff and supports approval. Bond Counsel has approved the ability of Council to take this action with a 2/3 vote. City Attorney Walter Mitchell is requesting the City Council amend the Resolution by adding the underlined shown below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT, pursuant to RSA 33:3-a(II), the City Manager is authorized to utilize the excess funds from the bonds issued for School HVAC projects for the Downtown Improvements Project *which shall not exceed \$78,535 (Seventy Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Five dollars).*

- C. Resolution No. 40-15 To Authorize the City Manager to Contract With Utility Services Company, Inc. of Perry, GA for the Cleaning, Painting and Rehabilitation of the Rocky Hill Road Water Storage Tank.** The Project Engineer recommends this award based on the bids received.

- D. Resolution No. 41-15 To Authorize the City Manager to Contract Tata and Howard of Portland, ME for Contract Administration and Resident Inspection Associated with the Cleaning, Painting, and Rehabilitation of the Rocky Hill Road Water Storage Tank.** Finance Committee supports the Resolutions and the Supplemental Appropriation from the Water Fund Balance.

New Business (under Section 14 of Agenda)

Ordinances

- A. Ordinance No. 1-16 Amending Chapter 4, Personnel Rules & Regulations, Compensation Schedule, FY 2015-2016.** This is a recommendation from the Government Operations Committee. I have attached the projected cost.
- B. Ordinance No. 2-16 Adopt New chapter 13E, the Passing of Items To or From the Occupant of a Motor Vehicle on a Roadway.** City Attorney Walter Mitchell has reviewed the content of this Ordinance, focusing especially on the possible constitutional issues that sometimes arise out of so-called "panhandler" ordinances drafted more broadly than this one. It is his opinion that the City has the legal authority to adopt such an Ordinance and that, if challenged; it will be found by the court to be within constitutional parameters.

City Manager Belmore suggests a scheduling a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2-16 to be held on August 17th at 6:45.

C. Ordinance No. 3-16 Amend Chapter 17, Forest Glade Cemetery, Clerk Salary. This Ordinance change is to eliminate the Trustee Secretary stipend requirement. The former stipend for the Trustee Secretary would then be put into the building maintenance budget for additional work to be done in the cemetery as needed. The Cemetery Trustees have requested this change.

D. Ordinance No. 4-16 Amending Chapter 30 Conduct in Public Parks. The current Ordinance gives the enforcement responsibility to the Somersworth Police Department. The proposed Ordinance allows any other City officials to enforce the provisions of the ordinance in addition to the Police Department. Attached is a memorandum from Director Sharples explaining this change. The Recreation Committee supports this Ordinance change.

City Manager Belmore suggests a scheduling a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 4-16 to be held on August 17th at 6:50.

Resolutions

A. Resolution No. 1-16 Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources for a Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant to Nominate the Forest Glade Cemetery to the National Register of Historic Places. Attached is a memorandum from Director Sharples. The Cemetery Trustees have been working on this item.

B. Resolution No. 2-16 Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP) for a Grant to Complete a Natural Resource Inventory to Guide Short-Term and Long-Term Land Conversion Priorities. Attached is a memorandum form Director Sharples. I had also mentioned this Grant proposal at the last Council meeting.

Other

A. Vote to Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Revised Contract with American Ambulance Inc. The Public Safety Committee supports this action. An Executive Summary of the changes is attached. Please note that under the term and termination clause, either party (City or American Ambulance) may terminate the Agreement without cause with a ninety day notice.

B. Discuss Seed of Faith's Offer to Purchase Malley Farm Property. Attached is a letter from Executive Director/Founder of Seeds of Faith, Theresa Tozier. Theresa has been invited to attend Monday's meeting.

C. Discuss Turning off City Street Lights. This initiative has been discussed at the Traffic Safety Committee. Director of Planning & Development Dave Sharples

stated that his department along with the Police department has identified approximately 165 lights. Of these lights, they also decided that no light will be turned off in the Downtown area. Basically the recommendation will be to turn off every other light. Director Sharples informed the Finance Committee that they have identified street lights that may be turned off in accordance with the decision made by Council during the budget deliberations. However, Eversource has informed us the estimated cost to remove that many lights is approximately \$50,000. Approximate savings per year for lights turned off is \$20,000.

D. Letter to Maine DOT Regarding the Bridge Project. This request comes from Councilor Witham.

City Manager's Items (under section 10 of Agenda)

A. Information Items:

- 1. Gerrish Commons Pump Station.** The residents have given the City the \$12,500 to cover some maintenance items to the pump station. The Public Works Committee had voted to bring the City's acceptance to the full Council once the funding was secured. As such, unless directed otherwise, a Resolution will appear on the August meeting agenda.

B. Attachments:

1. City Attorney Certifications, Seven (7).
2. Department Head Monthly Reports.
3. Landfill Solar Project Presentation to Finance Committee.

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS.

Sustainability Committee – Scott Orzechowski, Term to expire in August 2018

Zoning Board of Adjustment - John T. Kennedy, Alternate; Term to expire in August 2018

Traffic Safety Committee – Jenne Homes, at-large member, Mayoral Appointment, Term to expire in August 2018

LAY ON TABLE.

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 24-15 AMEND CHAPTER 13, POLICE OFFENSES, SECTION 3.G, PERMIT AND RESERVED PARKING. (RE-REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.)

Councilor Witham made a motion to further amend the ordinance by deleting the word “one” and replace with the word “three” and to amend the fee from \$10 to \$30. Seconded by Councilor Sprague.

Councilor Witham says this is a de minimus fee. They are paying for convenience. The value is most obvious in the winter. Resident and business owners do not have to move their cars and get their parking spaces cleared, as well as other maintenance tasks. A person would pay more than \$30 to get their driveway plowed one time in the winter. Unless the fee is increased, Councilor Witham stated he could not support this.

Councilor Dumont said he was previously for the fees, but says they need to consider what other communities do. Veterans and elderly may not pay full price or may even park at no charge. Benefit to servicing country and community. The parking lot and spaces in Somersworth are not always full and not difficult to find. The City should not penalize the elderly and veterans. We are not in a position of having to build a garage.

Councilor Collins agrees with Councilor Dumont and Councilor Witham. The council needs to consider it more. He frequents the shops downtown and, many times, cannot find a parking spot. The City should to take veterans and seniors into consideration.

Councilor Sprague he thinks \$20 is a small fee, and that, according to Chief Crombie, there is a waiting list for parking spots in the Plaza. The city maintains the parking lot in the plaza by continually sweeping, sanding, salting, and returning when people move their cars. These dedicated spots should come with a cost.

Councilor Witham requested a roll call vote on the amendment of Ordinance No. 24-15, and was seconded. The vote failed with 6 nays and 3 yeas. Opposed were Councilors Pepin, Soldati, Dumont, McCallion, Messier, and Tapscott.

Councilor Witham made a motion to table Ordinance 24-15 to research the Veterans and Elderly exemptions for parking. With 8 yeas and 1 no, the ordinance was tabled.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-15 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR ROCKY HILL ROAD WATER TANK REHABILITATION.

Councilor Witham moved for adoption, seconded by Councilor Pepin. Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Ordinance 25-15 passed with 9 yeas.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 38-15 TO RESTRICT THE USE OF MUNICIPAL AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING

IN WHOLE OR IN PART IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LOCAL OR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM INCLUDING ROADS, BRIDGES, BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES. (RE-REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

City Manager Belmore consulted city attorney about timeline for public hearings and the vote. This cannot be legally be voted on tonight. This ordinance is still in committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 39-15 AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO UTILIZE EXCESS FUNDS FROM BOND ISSUED FOR SCHOOL HVAC PROJECTS FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Councilor Tapscott, suggested a further amendment, adding the words “which shall not exceed the amount of \$78,535” to the end of the last paragraph of the resolution. This amendment was seconded by Councilor Witham.

The amendment was adopted with all in favor.

Councilor Witham made a motion to adopt the resolution, as amended, Councilor Pepin seconded. The resolution was adopted on roll call vote, 9-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-15 AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH UTILITY SERVICES COMPANY, INC. OF PERRY, GA. FOR THE CLEANING, PAINTING AND REHABILITATION OF THE ROCKY HILL ROAD WATER STORAGE TANK. (RE-REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.)

Councilor Witham moved to adopt Resolution No. 40-15, seconded by Councilor Collins. The resolution passed on roll call vote, 9-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-15 AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH TATA AND HOWARD OF PORTLAND, ME. FOR CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND RESIDENT INSPECTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLEANING, PAINTING AND REHABILITATION OF THE ROCKY HILL ROAD STORAGE TANK.

Councilor Witham moved to adopt Resolution No. 41-15, seconded by Councilor Collins. The resolution passed on roll call vote, 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS.

ORDINANCES

Councilor Witham made a motion, seconded by Councilor Collins, that Ordinance 1-16 be read by title only. The motion passed, 8-1.

ORDINANCE NO. 1-16 AMENDING CHAPTER 4, PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Somersworth, NH

July 20, 2015

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

Amend Chapter 4 by deleting the Compensation Schedule in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Personnel Rules and Regulations
 FY2015-2016 Compensation Schedule
 (2% Increase effective upon adoption)

GRADE		HIRE	1	2	3	4	5
6	A	21,178.53	22,082.34	22,912.87	23,841.11	24,793.78	25,746.44
	H	10.1820	10.6165	11.0158	11.4621	11.9201	12.3781
7	A	22,204.48	23,035.01	24,060.96	25,013.62	25,917.43	26,234.99
	H	10.6752	11.0745	11.5678	12.0258	12.4603	12.6130
8	A	23,328.13	24,231.95	25,184.61	26,234.99	27,309.79	28,409.03
	H	11.2154	11.6500	12.1080	12.6130	13.1297	13.6582
9	A	24,500.65	25,477.74	26,503.69	27,578.50	28,653.30	29,850.24
	H	11.7792	12.2489	12.7422	13.2589	13.7756	14.3511
10	A	25,697.59	26,723.54	27,749.49	28,922.00	30,021.23	31,315.88
	H	12.3546	12.8479	13.3411	13.9048	14.4333	15.0557
11	A	27,016.67	28,115.90	29,166.27	30,338.79	31,584.58	32,854.81
	H	12.9888	13.5173	14.0222	14.5860	15.1849	15.7956
12	A	28,384.60	29,508.26	30,631.92	31,877.71	33,074.65	34,393.73
	H	13.6464	14.1867	14.7269	15.3258	15.9013	16.5354
13	A	29,801.39	30,973.90	32,244.12	33,563.20	34,857.85	36,323.49
	H	14.3276	14.8913	15.5020	16.1362	16.7586	17.4632

GRADE		HIRE	1	2	3	4	5
14	A	31,218.17	32,463.97	33,758.62	35,175.41	36,567.77	38,008.98
	H	15.0087	15.6077	16.2301	16.9113	17.5807	18.2735
15	A	32,854.81	34,198.31	35,541.82	36,934.18	38,326.54	39,841.03
	H	15.7956	16.4415	17.0874	17.7568	18.4262	19.1543
16	A	34,418.16	35,786.09	37,227.30	38,863.94	40,305.15	41,990.64
	H	16.5472	17.2049	17.8977	18.6846	19.3775	20.1878
17	A	36,201.36	37,667.00	40,207.44	40,720.42	42,332.62	44,018.11
	H	17.4045	18.1091	19.3305	19.5771	20.3522	21.1626
18	A	38,008.98	39,523.48	41,037.97	42,747.89	44,457.81	46,314.28
	H	18.2735	19.0017	19.7298	20.5519	21.3739	22.2665
19	A	39,841.03	41,477.67	43,187.58	44,970.78	46,705.12	48,610.46
	H	19.1543	19.9412	20.7633	21.6206	22.4544	23.3704
20	A	41,966.21	43,676.13	45,312.76	47,144.82	49,025.72	50,931.06
	H	20.1761	20.9981	21.7850	22.6658	23.5701	24.4861
21	A	44,018.11	45,752.46	47,657.79	49,514.27	51,492.89	53,495.93
	H	21.1626	21.9964	22.9124	23.8049	24.7562	25.7192
22	A	46,289.86	48,073.06	50,002.82	51,908.15	54,106.61	56,256.22
	H	22.2547	23.1120	24.0398	24.9558	26.0128	27.0463
23	A	48,561.60	50,515.79	52,421.13	54,595.16	56,769.20	59,065.37
	H	23.3469	24.2864	25.2025	26.2477	27.2929	28.3968
24	A	50,931.06	52,982.96	55,083.71	57,331.03	59,553.92	61,972.23
	H	24.4861	25.4726	26.4826	27.5630	28.6317	29.7943
25	A	53,495.93	55,718.82	57,868.43	60,262.31	62,729.47	65,196.64
	H	25.7192	26.7879	27.8214	28.9723	30.1584	31.3445
26	A	56,231.80	58,869.95	60,677.58	63,144.74	65,782.90	68,250.06
	H	27.0345	28.3029	29.1719	30.3580	31.6264	32.8125

27	A	58,918.81	61,410.40	63,804.28	66,442.43	69,105.02	71,767.60
	H	28.3263	29.5242	30.6751	31.9435	33.2236	34.5037
28	A	61,898.94	64,414.96	66,857.70	69,569.14	72,427.14	75,285.14
	H	29.7591	30.9687	32.1431	33.4467	34.8207	36.1948
29	A	64,976.79	67,614.95	70,253.10	73,037.82	76,115.67	79,095.81
	H	31.2388	32.5072	33.7755	35.1143	36.5941	38.0268

(2% increase of minimum and maximum effective upon adoption)

Grade		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
25	A	54,765.72	69,804.43
	H	26.3297	33.5598
30	A	69,532.00	84,774.68
	H	33.4288	40.7571
31	A	75,959.33	92,419.40
	H	36.5189	44.4324
32	A	76,670.67	93,412.20
	H	36.8609	44.9097
33	A	80,557.54	97,959.60
	H	38.7296	47.0960
34	A	84,622.25	102,938.87
	H	40.6838	49.4898
35	A	88,864.81	108,045.17
	H	42.7235	51.9448
36	A	93,335.99	113,456.32
	H	44.8731	54.5463
37	A	97,908.79	119,045.30
	H	47.0715	57.2333

This Ordinance will take effect upon adoption.

Introduced by Councilors:
Jennifer Soldati
Denis Messier
Brian Tapscott
Sean Collins

Approved:
City Attorney

Ordinance No. 1-16 will remain in first reading until the August 17th, 2015 Council Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2-16 ADOPT NEW CHAPTER 13E, THE PASSING OF ITEMS TO OR FROM THE OCCUPANT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A ROADWAY

Somersworth NH
July 20, 2015

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the Ordinances of the City of Somersworth be amended by adopting Chapter 13E:

CHAPTER 13E

THE PASSING OF ITEMS TO OR FROM THE OCCUPANT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A ROADWAY

- (1) *Intent of Section.* This Section is intended to provide for the free flow of motor vehicle traffic on roadways in the City. The City Council finds that persons who distribute any item to, receive any item from or exchange any item with the occupant of a motor vehicle upon a roadway present a threat to the free and safe flow of motor vehicle traffic. By this Section, the City Council intends to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens traveling by vehicle in the City.
- (2) *Definitions.* For purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:
 - (a) *Pass/Passing.* Distributing any item to, receiving any item from, or exchanging any item with the occupant of a motor vehicle that is located in the roadway.

(b) *Roadway*. All public roads open to motorized vehicles within the City. This definition excludes private roads and private property. This definition also excludes areas in which parking is permitted in the City.

(c) *Item*. Any physical object.

(3) *Prohibition on Roadways*. It shall be unlawful to violate any of the prohibitions set forth below in the City.

(a) No person shall knowingly distribute any item to, receive any item from, or exchange any item with the occupant of any motor vehicle when the vehicle is located in the roadway.

(b) This Section shall not apply to the distribution, receipt or exchange of any item with the occupant of a motor vehicle on private property or in a permitted parking area.

(c) This Section shall not apply to any law enforcement officer acting in the scope of his/her official duty.

(d) This Section shall not apply to the distribution, receipt or exchange of any item with the occupant of a motor vehicle located in the roadway in order to assist the occupant after a motor vehicle accident, with a disabled motor vehicle or where the occupant is experiencing a medical emergency.

(4) *Penalty*. A person found in violation of this Section shall be guilty of a violation and may be fined not more than \$500.00.

(5) *Severability*. If any provision of this section is declared invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall be severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage.

Introduced by:

Councilor Dale R. Sprague
Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Approved:
City Attorney

Ordinance No. 2-16 was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

Councilor Witham would like crash data for the last 24 months involving handing items to and from vehicles from the police department. Soldati has a memo and requests the memo be included in the next packet.

ORDINANCE NO. 3-16 AMEND CHAPTER 17, FOREST GLADE CEMETERY

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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 17, Forest Glade Cemetery, Section 17.2 by removing the following sentence:
 - The member chosen as clerk shall receive an annual salary of six hundred dollars.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage.

Introduced by

Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Approved:
City Attorney

Ordinance No. 3-16 will remain in first reading until the August 17th, 2015 Council Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 4-16 AMENDING CHAPTER 30 CONDUCT IN PUBLIC PARKS

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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 30 City of Somersworth Conduct in Public Parks Section 9 Enforcement by DELETING SECTION 9.1 and REPLACE with the following:

Section 9. Enforcement.

1. **Officials.** Enforcement of this Ordinance will be the responsibility of the Somersworth Police Department or any other City official.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage.

Introduced by Councilors:

Martin Pepin
Brian Tapscott
Jonathan McCallion

Approved:
City Attorney

Ordinance No. 4-16 will remain in first reading until the August 17th, 2015 Council Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1-16 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOR A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) GRANT TO NOMINATE THE FOREST GLADE CEMETERY TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

Somersworth, NH
July 20, 2015

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has applied for a grant to the State of New Hampshire by and through the Division of Historical Resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has received notification of a \$9,000 Grant Award; and

WHEREAS, the Grant will allow the City of Somersworth to hire a Preservation Consultant to survey the site and prepare an application to the National Register of Historic Places;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to execute any documents, agreements and take any and all such actions on behalf of the City, for this State of New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources Certified Local Government Grant to Nominate the Forest Glade Cemetery to the National Register of Historic Places.

Introduced by

Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Approved:
City Attorney

Resolution No. 1-16 will remain in first reading until the August 17th, 2015 Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-16 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE PISCATAQUA REGION ESTUARIES PARTNERSHIP (PREP) FOR A GRANT TO COMPLETE A NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY TO GUIDE SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM LAND CONSERVATION PRIORITIES.

Somersworth, NH
July 20, 2015

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has applied for a grant to the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has received notification of a \$7,200 Grant Award; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth is matching this Award with a cash match from the Conservation Commission funds and in-kind professional services; and

Explanation of Total Project Grant Breakdown

City Match	=	\$5,400 In-Kind Professional Services \$1,800 cash match from Conservation Commission
<u>PREP Grant</u>	=	<u>\$7,200</u>
Total Project Cost	=	\$14,400

WHEREAS, the Grant will allow the City of Somersworth to complete a natural resource inventory to guide short-term and long-term land conservation priorities in accordance with the recommendations from the 2015 Piscataqua Region Environmental Planning Assessment; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to execute any documents, agreements and take any and all such actions on behalf of the City, for this Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP) Grant to complete natural resource inventory to guide short-term and long-term land conservation priorities in accordance with the recommendations from the 2015 Piscataqua Region Environmental Planning Assessment.

Introduced by

Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Approved:
City Attorney

Ordinance No. 2-16 will remain in first reading until the August 17th, 2015 Council Meeting.

OTHER

VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A REVISED CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN AMBULANCE INC.

Councilor Witham stated that American Ambulance has provided stellar service to the city. Contracting with American Ambulance was one of the better decisions that the city has made, and he fully supports moving forward with the agreement.

Item 2 of the contract says American Ambulance must provide and maintain a box vehicle. Concern was voiced about the high mileage of 250,000 miles and 5 years. Belmore suggested that Chief Hoyle speaks on this topic.

Councilor Dumont moved to suspend Council rules, seconded by Councilor Collins, to allow Fire Chief Hoyle to speak on the topic of the American Ambulance Agreement.

Chief Hoyle stated these vehicles are on a truck chassis and are not run hard. The vehicles will be able to run for 5 years without an issue and will probably not reach 250,000 miles before the 5 year mark.

Councilor Witham asked why the identifier was stricken so there would be no reference of City of Somersworth on the ambulance. Chief Hoyle responded saying there are times when the ambulance has to go to other communities, even as far as Boston. There is no problem with this ambulance going out of town. There have been several times when the Berwick ambulance has come in to Somersworth.

There was discussion about the contractor developing procedures to utilize the fire department. Councilor Witham suggested that the procedures be evaluated by the Fire Chief.

Councilor Soldati agrees with Councilor Witham that “City of Somersworth” should remain on the side of the ambulance and she thought it was not an issue when discussed in committee. Chief Hoyle said with the previous vendor, the issue was the Somersworth truck was always used in other communities. Councilor Soldati states she would be proud to have the Somersworth ambulance to assist other communities.

Councilor Pepin said the committee was not suggesting that the name be removed. The writing on the vehicle doesn’t make any difference. What makes the difference is the service that the citizens are getting. It is like the fire department helping other communities. Service does not seem to be a problem and response time has been very good.

Paul Robidas, Chief of EMS for American Ambulance described an incident that occurred about 2 months ago when both crews were present. There was a critical patient on a balloon pump. All other ambulances were tied up and the only box truck available was the Somersworth truck. The patient would have had to wait over an hour for another truck. The crew did not leave, just the truck.

Mileage is not an issue for these trucks; however these trucks will not see 250,000 miles. The Somersworth truck currently has about 50,000 miles and has only been used for two and a half years.

Councilor Witham voiced his concern that the section that states the Fire Department be included in protocol and procedure evaluations was redlined in the contract. Mr. Robidas said that should not be removed from the contract.

City Manager Belmore confirmed that they intend to keep the name on the Ambulance, and that having the Fire Department included was an option included in the agreement.

Mayor Hilliard called for a roll call vote to revise the contract with American Ambulance. The vote passed 9-0.

DISCUSS SEEDS OF FAITH'S OFFER TO PURCHASE MALLEY FARM PROPERTY

Councilor Soldati stated she approached Seeds of Faith, knowing they were looking for a building. Malley Farm Boys Home will be closing in the near future, and this property, being City-owned and a rural setting, would make for a good location for Seeds of Faith. The agreement with Malley Farm boys home was based on the mission of providing housing and counseling for court referred youth. The state is no longer making referrals for the boys, so the home has to shut down. Councilor Soldati suggested to Seeds of Faith that if they did something similar, they could potentially lease the property.

Seeds of Faith sent a letter to the city offering to buy the property. Councilor Soldati is not in favor of this because it is in the middle of 179 city-owned acres. The sale of the building will limit how the city could use the land in the future. Councilor Messier said this is the first he has heard of this. He supports this idea, and what they want to do. He has no problem if they purchase and make PILOT payments, but he wants to see a guideline of their plans, if they will maintain the property, the state of the building and upkeep. There are details that need to be worked out, but he is willing for this process to move on.

Councilor Sprague said he heard about the plans, and he agrees with Councilor Messier. He wants more details and says Councilor Soldati made some good points. He wants to know how many Somersworth residents will be served. Other concerns are the grants for improvements that Malley Farm received, what do the abutters think of this idea, and concern for the safety of the other children and residents at the ballfield. He applauds the theory; he just wants to see the framework. Councilor Collins, applauds the initiative and efforts of Seeds of Faith, but cannot support additional tax exempt properties. Councilor McCallion met with Seeds of Faith and voiced some of the same concerns. He suggests this idea should go to committee for Seeds of Faith to present their plan. Councilor Witham stated the mission is a positive one and he does not want to stand in the way. However, if the City does decide to sell the property, the land should be put out for bid. Councilor Dumont agrees that this should be referred to committee. The property has been a wonderful opportunity for people to grow and get themselves back into the community. A PILOT is not what some would like to see, but that spot is made for helping the needy. Councilor Tapscott said the knowledge will appear, and would like to

continue discussion. Councilor Pepin met with Seeds of Faith several times and agrees they are a great organization. He would also like more details, but they have his support.

Referred to the Economic Development Committee.

DISCUSS TURNING OFF CITY STREET LIGHTS

Councilor Tapscott is all in favor of keeping the lights on, because of the cost to have them turned off and removed, and the long term recoup of monies. Councilor Witham agrees with leaving the lights on, but is concerned because of the reduction in the street light account. A budget reallocation would be required. City Manager Belmore said the city can recommend an end of the year transfer ordinance to cover the difference, if needed. Councilor Witham went on to say he would rather see the City invest in LED lighting or something that upgrades the system and does not eliminate lighting. Councilor Sprague said he is highly against the removal of lights and does not support this. "This is public safety 101." He would like a list of exactly which lights are suggested to be removed. Applauds Councilor Witham for seeing the light! Councilor Messier said the intent was not to spend \$50,000. The intent was for savings. He suggests saving \$20,000-\$30,000 a year in a fund to implement an LED plan. Councilor Pepin said the Planning Board will request for a light to be put in a particular area and he often wondered how they could do that without going to the finance committee first. He suggests they convert to LED in the near future.

This does not require any further action. The decision has been made clear that the City Manager leave the lights on.

LETTER TO MAINE DOT REGARDING THE BRIDGE PROJECT.

There is a section of undone sidewalk between Berwick Bridge and Winter Street. State of NH DOT says the rail signal needs to be moved. State of ME DOT says they are not moving the signal. Somersworth is stuck in the middle. It is suggested the City sends a letter to ME and NH DOT to get this problem resolved and the sidewalk completed.

Councilor Messier agrees a letter needs to be sent, stating leave the signal where it is. Just pour the sidewalk. We don't see this to be a major problem other than an unfinished sidewalk that the City funded.

City Manager is authorized to draft and send a letter to the New Hampshire and Maine Department of Transportation.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS.

Teresa Tozier of Seeds of Faith, stated they have all the details of their programs, business plans, financial cash flow, all residents of the house will have a background check and drug testing. Malley farm will house 5 families. They are excited to have the opportunity to share more with Council.

Real Roseberry, Ward 1. Thank you for letting the ambulance and FD work together again. He was worried when the contract was allowed. There was discussion that American Ambulance would train the Fire Department. Chief should have the authority, and be required to train. Says they have plenty of time during the day in the fire department and he would like to see them get the training they need. They are not doing their duty. They work for the city and they need to do what they are told.

He is happy that the City took his advice and made (Station) Street a one way street, but the city didn't do it the right way. There should be parallel parking along the right hand side. There are about 8 parking spaces for the building. Residents can't use the parking lot (behind the old police station) because the road is going the wrong way. He would also like an update on the old police station.

He also suggested making the street by the bakery (Prospect Street), a one way street coming down, and add 14 more parking spaces, for the event hall and Market Street patrons. He has talked to businesses in the area, and they are all for this idea. He got many complaints in 30 minutes. Cars are parking where there are 'no parking' signs. Residents of upstairs apartments are parking in front of businesses. The bicycle officer can call an officer to issue tickets for parking violations. We don't need an engineer for this; public works can paint parking lines. Save the taxpayer's money.

Ann Ward, 18 Linden Street, spoke of the importance of keeping the lights on. There have been several occurrences of breaking and entering. Her car and several others on her street have been broken into.

Downtown Somersworth now looks "way better" than Portsmouth. It looks very nice, especially when coming in to town from across the bridge.

Tamari Nduaguibe, of Seeds of Faith. Thank you for appreciating what Seeds of Faith does and acknowledging that it is important. She was asking about when to submit proposals and to whom. She appreciates the concerns, but Seeds of Faith is going in a direction to provide services to women and children. They see people who have lost control of their lives and they want to give lives back. Seeds of Faith just wants a small piece of acreage that the City owns, to stop the generations of homelessness. They have a project manager and a capitol campaign being launched. Seeds of Faith will be an asset to the City of Somersworth, but either way, with Malley Farm or someplace else, they will move forward.

Paul Robidas, American Ambulance, just wanted to personally thank, the Mayor and Council for their support. American Ambulance came with a plan to provide and improve the services in Somersworth. He was born and raised in Somersworth, and the city has his personal commitment and will continue to improve services within the city.

Richard Brooks, 18 Linden Street, said it should be the owner's responsibility to dispose of a mobile home, just like it is the owner's responsibility to move a disabled vehicle. Or it may be the responsibility of the mobile home park owner to dispose of the home. He encourages the City to look into this further. Secondly, he would like to suggest shutting off every light that is not at an intersection. Car headlights are bright enough. The only

other lights that should be kept on are at parks and playgrounds so kids can play later in the day.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Councilor Pepin would like to thank all involved in the Children's Festival. He read articles in Fosters about moving it back downtown but he says they don't know what is involved. The group is getting smaller and smaller. There is a lot of work. If the festival is held downtown, there could be nails driven into the concrete. The school is the ideal spot. There needs to be more thought and participation. Manpower is dwindling.

Firefighters work from morning to 7-8 at night. They take care of the building, check vehicles, and maintain equipment. They do regular building inspections, school inspections and fire drills. It irritates him when people say Firefighter sleep during the day. Firefighters are always there to respond to calls. Fire Fighters are training continually in hazmat, chemicals, and medical training.

Councilor Soldati welcomed American Ambulance for another four years. Make sure the City is on the ambulance.

The city does not want to own mobile homes. It was taken because the homeowner was not paying taxes, and they cannot get any money out of the mobile home owner to move the home.

Seeds of Faith is a tremendous need for the country, not just here. This is a serious issue, nationally, and she is proud that Somersworth has an organization that will help, she just has questions. Open to hearing ideas and plans and she supports the organization, but she does have a problem with the City giving up property.

Councilor Dumont thanked the reporter from fosters for the wonderful article in the paper on Sunday. It represented Somersworth and Berwick well.

He hopes COAST can reorganize their formula as to how they charge and says we are paying more per rider than other communities. He asked if Councilor Pepin would meet with them.

He went on to say that the installation of cameras in the parks would reward the City tenfold. The lights were on all night when he was in high school. He and friends played tennis all night. Cameras should be a way to save a lot of dollars.

He commended the efforts of Seeds of Faith and looks forward to seeing more details. He was elated when American Ambulance came to Somersworth. They operate with professionalism, and he has heard nothing but positive comments from clients and residents. Mega Kudos to American Ambulance.

We lost 2 pillars of our community this week. Dr. David Eastman, delivered many children in our city. When he was young, people/patients would pay what they could in a box. Anyone who has anything to do with what Somersworth is today, David Eastman was a strong contributor.

Lillian Roberge was the epitome of being a mother, citizen, and volunteer with 100+ years of service. She grew up here and raised her family here and you never saw a frown on her face. May they rest in peace and may we learn from their leadership.

Councilor McCallion said having one meeting a month is tough when you have a lot of people to thank. He got involved with Somersworth Children's festival a few years ago, because he saw the other Councilors involved with the event set up and because of seeing the kids enjoying the fireworks the night before the festival. He heard the fireworks were better this year than in other communities. He has said it before and is now saying it publicly to the board, move the date back. Don't have it after school gets out. There are too many graduation parties and other conflicts, and not enough people can attend.

He and Councilor Collins were involved with helping the Somersworth Sports teams volunteer their time at Loudon to help clean up litter. It is a big fundraiser for Somersworth Sports. Thanks to all who organize it.

A special thanks to police and fire this week with their work with the Amber Alert and recent fires. Kudos to all involved.

Councilor Messier commented on the new project on Market Street and the weeds growing in wood chips. If the city is doing a project and putting down wood chips, the city needs to take responsibility for weed control or loam and seed for next year, just as we wish property owners do the same. Thanks to the Pines Ball field project and those working on it. Ash Street is another park that he believes will be nice, but he foresees another potential weed problem, but looking nice. New hot top at ward 5 and new fence is coming soon. The one negative that he sees is the Mass Point Dam project. Back in April or May, Liberty Mutual did some work and we have not completed that project. There has been no in-kind match from the City. Not too keen on the in-kind match for the conservation land. But we will save that discussion for another day.

On Resolution 4-16, the code enforcement officers have no training. Enforcement needs to be handled by professionals.

Councilor Tapscott, agrees with McCallion, in regards to Children's Festival and the aging of the volunteers. There are some volunteers are in their 80's. He would like to see the younger generation become more involved.

Councilor Witham stated couple of years ago, they moved in the direction to put in a single light at Noble Pines. People complained about the light, so, even though he would love the idea of a light in the park so people could stay there later in the evening, the battle will be long and hard. What he would like to see is cameras in the parks. He has asked about this for many years. He keeps being told "it's expensive." He would like to see a number, to determine if it is expensive.

Thanked Councilor Messier, and agrees the weeds are an embarrassment. The city should hold contractor responsible and is not sure if it was contaminated mulch, but that is a lot of weeds in 20 days. He endeavors to have the city staff hold the contractor responsible.

Councilor Collins had nothing tonight.

Councilor Sprague said he hopes the City and Seeds of Faith can find some common ground. One day while reading Foster's, he said there was a homeless family living in a car, so he sought Teresa Tozier of Seeds of Faith, and they showed him the whole

operation, and he now has an understanding of what Seeds of Faith does and of the need within the community.

American Ambulance came to the city two and a half years ago with a plan and exceeded that plan. He applauds them. They talk the talk, and walk the walk.

Hats off to the Fire Department. There has been a large number of incidents, and he cannot remember a time when there has been this many issues. The Fire Department has been right out straight for the past 3-4 weeks.

He doesn't know how the Police Department did it, but during the amber alerts, cell phones were going off everywhere. He is amazed and scared by the technology. It just shows you can run, but you can't outrun a radio.

He would like to add his driveway to the Somersworth Plaza parking ordinance, and he would gladly pay the small fee to have his driveway serviced. He will be first in line for the parking permit.

The Somersworth Fireworks ordinance needs to be reviewed. The fireworks that are being sold to regular people nowadays are extremely, extremely dangerous. There are many incidents in the news with people losing limbs and fireworks landing on property and homes, causing fires. He had many people contacting him, complaining about local fireworks. He recalled a few years ago, he was outside grilling and was bombarded with fireworks. There is a private fireworks display that is set off at the top of the hill, and obtains the proper permits and provides a great display. We need to make the ordinance and permit process a better system. Maybe add a mailer with the water bills in June to remind people that they need a permit for fireworks, and to take the fine seriously and go after people.

Ord 2-16, the passing of items from an occupant of a vehicle to another person in a public way, is not something that he crafted himself. That is something that the City of Concord crafted and has hit nationwide. The Civil Liberties Union helped them craft; also known as the beggar's ordinance. It is to help with the free flow of traffic to limit the number of incidences in the roadways. He is not sure if there is any data on accidents, but it affects the light sequence. Drivers are impatient and needs to be taken into consideration.

There will be paving in Downtown Project area. If you park in this area you will be towed.

Councilor Witham raised a parliamentary inquiry and questioned the approval of the minutes of the last meeting. He made a motion to reconsider the approval of the minutes, stating they were not complete because they did not include the minutes and votes of the non-public session held on June 15, 2015. Mayor Hilliard stated he did not need to reconsider, because the minutes have not been submitted yet. The Mayor is responsible for submitting the minutes of the non-public session, as they are a separate set of minutes.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION (AS NECESSARY, PENDING ROLL CALL VOTE BY COUNCIL).

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Soldati, made a motion to go into non-public session. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 8-1, Councilor Sprague opposed. The Council went into non-public session at 9:25pm.

Trish Harris, City Clerk

Dana S. Hilliard, Mayor