

Minutes of City Council Meeting Monday, March 1, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR HILLIARD

As Chair of the Somersworth City Council, I, Dana S. Hilliard, Mayor find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Council have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously watch by way of our local public access Comcast channel 22 or via live streaming available at our City website Somersworth.com.

Please note that **all votes** that are taken during this meeting shall be done by **roll call vote**.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by His Honor, the Mayor, Dana S. Hilliard and, upon roll call, the following Council members were present: Councilors Pepin, Vincent, Dumont, Austin, Michaud, Witham, Gerding, Cameron and Paradis, who were all by themselves.

Mayor Hilliard announced that City Manager Bob Belmore, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Scott Smith, and City Clerk Jonathan Slaven were in the Council Chambers.

Joining via Zoom were Director of Planning & Community Development Michelle Mears, Fire Chief George Kramlinger, Director of Public Works Michael Bobinsky, and Police Chief David Kretschmar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Paradis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **Ordinance No. 12-21** – To Amend Chapter 19, Zoning, Section 13 - Riparian and Wetland Buffer District Ordinance

No comments were heard.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

There were no comments by visitors.

CONSENT CALENDAR

B. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on February 16, 2021

Councilor Austin made a motion to approve all items in the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dumont and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCILORS

There were no opening comments by Councilors.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayors Report for City Council Meeting March 1st, 2021

In 2018, I printed this piece with divine hope in humanity. While this hope will never extinguish, I continue to be perplexed by the lack of common decency and hatred which continues to be vetted on social media. These acts of negativity continue to erode the threads of our humanity. With faith in our ability to continue to progress towards reaching our creed where all will be valued and celebrated, I will continue to re-publishing this article.

Each generation will have the joy of owning the statement “things are a lot different than when I grew up”. For those of us that grew up in the world of MTV (back when they played 24 hours videos), neon, the Cold War when the Berlin Wall was still up, for us the distance of the world, nation, state and neighborhoods seems to have metaphysically gotten smaller. To gain information on the state of affairs one was subject to the clock as news was reported at 6pm and 11pm. Local news ran on an afternoon cycle, and households anticipated a timely delivery of their newspaper. Late delivery of the Foster’s Daily Democrat would result in the penalty of a smaller tip. As a childhood paper boy, I must admit I often fell victim to the voice of the angry consumers’ desire to have their paper before 4pm, with their anger being reflected in a hard candy tip instead of cash.

The creation of the internet, social media and the launching of the 24-hour news cycle has made our world feel a lot smaller. The benefits to this access is unquestionable. We have become more exposed to the world we live in, gained greater insight into ourselves, into others, into counter views and into lifestyles which we may not have been accustomed too. Yet, despite the distance between ourselves and others shrinking, the gap has seemed to instead widen. Regardless of how small the world has appeared to become, our level of understanding, civility, respect, and decency towards others, has eroded and continues to erode at an alarming rate.

While I am certainly in tune that I have reached my late forties and the vocabulary which encompasses it, there is universal truth in the statement “*In my day*”. I will stand by my conviction, that “things have changed” in a negative direction since my youth. Discontent is not something new to our society. The culture of New Englanders is embedded with aspects of discontent and negativity. Ask a New Englander “how are you?”, most will respond “Why?” The formation of our independence was crafted around our discontent at how we were being treated by our former mother land England. Yet, with the dawn of Facebook, Twitter, and other social media, our personal level of discontent has metamorphosed itself beyond vocalizing our First Amendment right of free speech, instead to personal attacks upon the morals, ethics and character of our political leaders, government employees, police officers, fire fighters, principals, teachers, friends and neighbors. The personal opinions we once harbored about professionals, friends, and neighbors, have moved from the privacy of our

homes to the World Wide Web, exposed where everyone has become a target, and is forced to defend themselves.

Somewhere along the journey of technology, which was created to bring us closer, we have instead become further apart, altering the direction of becoming “thy brother’s keeper” to becoming “thy brother’s attacker”. There is tremendous difference between applying high professional standards upon the individuals entrusted with responsibilities within our republic, and having an “open season” attack on individuals. Instead of progressing forward as a dignified human species with the technology we have created, we have instead reverted backwards to a culture similar to the one of 1692 Salem, Massachusetts. Call someone a witch on Facebook, or Tweet that they were dancing in the woods with the Devil, and they are immediately placed on the trail at the court of the World Wide Web and public opinion.

Somewhere along our journey, we have abandoned our decency and became uncaring to the fact that the people who we attack have families, children and careers. That they are sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, aunts and uncles. That by casting stones upon them, we are casting stones upon all who we are connected too, causing unwarranted and unjust pain. Somewhere, at some point, the technology which should have made us closer, has instead divided us and continues to break us further apart. It has led to the misconception that being part of a community includes unwarranted attacks on neighbors, co-workers, entrusted officials and friends.

With technology, and the Constitutional rights we view as divine, comes great responsibility. The responsibility of adhering to the practices of the republic, the responsibility of knowing and safe guarding our inalienable rights, and the responsibility of not abusing what we have fought for through war, civil disobedience, sweat and tears, is a task each one of us inherits. We must not lose sight, or abandon one of the greatest responsibilities, the responsibility of practicing how each of us deserves to be treated, and the responsibility of modeling for the next generation how a civilized society treats one another.

We must revert back to the roots of what has grown us into a great and powerful nation. Our ability to listen to each other, our ability to respect, honor, and celebrate differences, and our ability to educate, grow, and lead our children into honoring and practicing the same values. There is universal truth in the statement “do unto others”. We must begin practicing this statement in not only all of our daily affairs, but also in how we interact with others on social media and all aspects of technology.

- Under nominations, appointments and Elections; In accordance with Council Rule 17 Appointments, the follow are being brought forward this evening and placed in nomination:
- Kenneth Vincent, for Appointment from Alternate Member to a (regular) Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments, with a term to expire February 2024

In accordance with Council Rule 17, the nomination will remain open until the next regular scheduled meeting;

This respectfully concludes my March 1st, 2021 Mayors Report

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no reports of Standing Committees.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, CITY OFFICERS AND CITY MANAGER

Traffic Safety – Councilor Vincent stated the Traffic Safety Committee met last on February 23rd. The Committee unanimously voted to support the recommendation to Council to purchase and install street lights on Willand Drive.

Sustainability Committee – Councilor Paradis said the Sustainability Committee met on the 3rd of February and held a review of the Committee as it had been about a year since they last met. The members discussed and supported the restructuring of the Committee.

Cultural Commission – Councilor Gerding stated the Commission will be meeting again on Wednesday, March 3rd to further discuss downtown cultural banners.

Councilor Witham said that a meeting of the City Council took place on February 23rd to perform a site-walk of the National Guard Readiness Center. Witham said three buildings were toured, led by Deputy Adjutant General Warren Perry. They learned of a few hazardous material issues to be addressed and also learned that the Howitzer (military cannon) is property of the United States Government and will not be left behind.

City Manager's Report

Office of the City Manager

TO: Mayor Dana S. Hilliard and City Council Members

FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

DATE: Friday, February 26, 2021

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, March 1, 2021

Unfinished Business (under Section 14 of Agenda)

Ordinances

- A. Ordinance No. 12-21: To Amend Chapter 19, Zoning, Section 13 – Riparian and Wetland Buffer District Ordinance.** Again, the Public Works & Environment Committee reviewed the recommendations from Scott Orzechowski, Chairman of the Conservation Commission. Scott Orzechowski will be available for any questions.

Resolutions

- A. Resolution No. 32-21: City Council Vote to Restructure the Membership of the Sustainability Committee.**

- B. Resolution No. 33-21: A Vote to Affirm the City of Somersworth's Commitment to the Sustainability of the Somersworth Youth Connection Program.** Again, the School Board and Somersworth Youth Connection Task Force have voted to support this Program and the Resolution itself.

New Business (under Section 15 of Agenda)

Other

- A. Vote to Approve and Authorize the City Manager to sign the following Grant agreements as requested by the Somersworth Housing Authority:**

- **Agreement to Subordinate to Rental Assistance Demonstration Use Agreement Somersworth RAD – CDBG Funds**
- **Subordination Agreement as requested by the Somersworth Housing Authority**

Attached are the documents that I would be authorized to sign upon approval. City Attorney has reviewed these documents without any objection or concern noted by him. Somersworth Housing Authority Executive Director Debbie Evans will be available for any questions.

- B. Vote to Approve Two (2) Additional Street Lights on Willand Drive (Recommended by Public Works & Environment and Traffic Safety Committee).** Public Works & Environment Committee met on February 16th and voted to support the additional street lights. Traffic Safety Committee met on February 23rd and also voted to support the recommendation. I have attached a Memorandum from Mike Bobinsky, along with a copy of City Ordinance, Chapter 15, Poles & Wires.

City Manager's Items (under section 11 of Agenda)

- A. Projects out to Bid/RFP**

- **Bid - Cemetery Road Complete Street Project.** Deadline is 2:00 p.m. on March 18
- **RFP - Architect/Engineering Serves for Feasibility Study for Accessibility at the Public Library.** Deadline is 2:00 p.m. on March 25.

- B. Informational Items**

- a. Upcoming City Council Meetings & Workshops.**

- **Monday, March 8**
 - 6:00 pm: Joint City Council & School Board Budget Workshop
- **Saturday, March 13**
 - 8:30 am: City Council Goal Setting Workshop
- **Saturday, April 3**
 - 8:30 am: City Council Budget Workshop – Non-Profits & City Departments
- **Monday, April 5**

- 6:00 pm: FY 21/22 Budget Presentation
- 7:00 pm: FY 21/22 Budget Public Hearing/City Council Meeting
- **Monday, April 12**
- 7:00 pm: City Council Special Budget Meeting

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Nominations being introduced for Council Confirmation Vote:

- A. Kenneth Vincent, for Appointment from Alternate Member to a (regular) Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments, with a term to expire February 2024

The nomination will remain open until the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

- A. **Ordinance No. 12-21** – To Amend Chapter 19, Zoning, Section 13 - Riparian and Wetland Buffer District Ordinance

Councilor Witham made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12-21 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gerding.

Councilor Witham stated that ambiguity in the Zoning Ordinance has been a historic issue due to difficulty in its interpretation. Witham said hats off to the Conservation Commission and Chairman Scott Orzechowski for helping to bring clarity and make this Ordinance more business friendly.

Councilor Paradis inquired if the Conservation Commission has vetted and approved this Ordinance. Manager Belmore replied that the Conservation Commission and Public Works & Environment Committee have both put their approval on the Ordinance before Council this evening. He further expounded that changes made by the Committee have also gone to the City Attorney for approval and then back to Committee who endorsed the changes from legal Counsel.

Councilor Gerding said a large portion of the edits made by Scott Orzechowski helped align our Ordinance with State law. He said he teaches science, specifically subjects touched on in this Ordinance, and whole-heartedly approves.

Councilor Cameron gave praise to Scott Orzechowski for his efforts in revitalizing this Ordinance.

The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12-21 as submitted passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution No. 32-21** – City Council Vote to Restructure the Membership of the Sustainability Committee

Councilor Paradis inquired if the request for two alternate members are mayoral appointees and if they were in addition to the two Mayoral appointee members on the restructured member list. Mayor Hilliard stated that all members on the Sustainability Committee have been and will continue to be Mayoral appointments and that the two alternate members are in addition to the two Mayoral appointment members. Councilor Paradis stated the Sustainability Committee approved of the proposed restructuring.

Councilor Witham asked for background on why the need to restructure the Committee. Mayor Hilliard replied that several seats from the original structure have gone unfilled due to lack of interest. This has led to not being able to meet due to lack of a quorum, therefore a restructuring was necessary to allow the Committee to meet again regularly.

Councilor Witham made a motion to amend Resolution No. 32-21 to include two alternate members to the Sustainability Committee to be appointed by the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paradis and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Paradis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 32-21 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cameron and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

- B. **Resolution No. 33-21** – A Vote to Affirm the City of Somersworth’s Commitment to the Sustainability of the Somersworth Youth Connection Program

Councilor Austin highlighted how effective the Somersworth Youth Connection Program has been and appreciates how it has woven itself into the fabric of the Community. This Resolution goes a long way to reinforce a long-term commitment to the program.

Councilor Gerding seconded Austin’s comments and said he is glad to see every member of both City Council and School Board as sponsors to this Resolution.

Councilor Vincent stated he believes whole-heartedly in this program. He said his business has donated to it and believes other business should also be giving back to their Community.

Councilor Dumont made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 33-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Austin and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER

- A. Vote to Approve and to Authorize the City Manager to sign the following Grant Agreements as requested by the Somersworth Housing Authority:

- Agreement to Subordinate to Rental Assistance Demonstration Use Agreement – Somersworth RAD - CDBG Funds
- Subordination Agreement

The vote to approve and to authorize the City Manager to sign grant agreements as requested by the Somersworth Housing Authority passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

- B. Vote to Approve Two (2) Additional Street Lights on Willand Drive (Recommended by Public Works & Environment and Traffic Safety Committee)

Councilor Witham stated he appreciates this item getting to Council. He said there was a lot of discussion regarding the cost of the lights at the Committee level which should have been left with the Council.

Councilor Vincent stated that all the sub-committees discuss money to some degree. He is in favor of this and believes it will improve the safety of the area.

The vote to approve two (2) additional street lights on Willand drive passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

There were no closing comments by visitors.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Pepin said he does not participate in social media as it contains a lot of negativity. If you don't see it, you don't have to pay attention to it. Pepin said many people leave comments they later regret. He also stated he likes to answer phone calls from constituents, but the large majority of the phone calls he receives now are from telemarketers. He also noted that most of the emails he receives are spam. Pepin also voiced his frustration with Comcast and not being able to just pay for the channels he watches.

Councilor Dumont agrees with Councilor Pepin that the number of spam emails is unfortunate. Dumont said when a national law enforcement agency solicits him, he donates to our local department. He said, in regards to social media, it is discouraging that intelligent people turn social media into a money and power grab. Dumont stated active Covid cases are at their lowest which means people are adhering to guidelines. We still need to follow them, but the light is at the end of the tunnel.

Councilor Michaud said he agrees with the other comments regarding social media and hopes everyone stays warm during the coming cold-spell.

Councilor Cameron admits she uses social media, but only for pictures of light houses and dogs. She hopes all who are in line to receive the vaccination are able to get it. She gave props to the C&J vaccination operation and said the National Guard members assisting were extremely helpful.

Councilor Gerding said today was the first day the Middle School had 7th graders back in person. He gave thanks to the teachers, students, and staff for making it a great day.

Councilor Paradis said she is looking forward to the goal setting session on the 13th of March. She has been hearing a lot of good ideas from people and encourages others to send in theirs as well.

Councilor Witham had no closing comment.

Councilor Austin spoke to the phrase Mayor Hilliard mentioned in his Mayor's report, "back in my day". He reflected on how times have greatly changed and wonders what the world will be like for his grandchildren. Councilor Austin spoke to issues non-English speaking residents are experiencing with

not being able to receive the vaccine. The State's website only has one webpage for non-English speaking people and it is not working. He hopes as a Community we can reach out to some of these people and assist. He said he knows spring is on its way since baseball is back, which means all is right with the world. Austin noted that the City residents have been doing a great job adhering to mask wearing and social distancing.

Councilor Vincent said he has had the pleasure recently to work as a State Representative on a bill introduced to him by former Somersworth Police Officer, Art Williams. The bill is associated with the "stand your ground" law. The new bill would change the law when drugs are involved. He said it was a pleasure working with Art on this project.


ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Witham made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cameron and passed 9-0 by roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Slaven, City Clerk

Dana S. Hilliard, Mayor

	City of Somersworth – Ordinance
	Ordinance No: 12-21 TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, ZONING, SECTION 13 - RIPARIAN AND WETLAND BUFFER DISTRICT ORDINANCE

February 16, 2021

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 19, Zoning, Section 13 - Riparian and Wetland Buffer District Ordinance, by deleting it in its entirety, and replacing it with:

Section 13 Riparian and Wetland Buffer District Ordinance

Section 1. Title and Authority

19.13.1.A. Title: This Ordinance shall be known as the “Riparian and Wetland Buffer District Ordinance” of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire.

19.13.1.B. Authority: Pursuant to the authority granted by RSA 483-B:8, Municipal Authority; RSA 674:17 I., Purposes of Zoning Ordinances; RSA 674:21, Innovative Land Use Controls; this Ordinance is hereby adopted by the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare.

Section 2. Purpose

19.13.2.A. The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the quality of surface waters and wetlands; to protect riparian and aquatic ecosystems; and to provide for the environmentally sound use of land resources.

19.13.2.B. The streams and rivers of Somersworth supply much of the water required by Somersworth citizens for their drinking water supply and other municipal and industrial uses. The Somersworth City Council finds that the protection of the surface waters and wetlands of Somersworth is vital to the health, safety and economic welfare of its citizens. It is the desire of Somersworth to protect and maintain surface water resources by implementing these regulations for the establishment, protection, and maintenance of a vegetated buffer adjacent to all surface water bodies and wetlands within our jurisdictional authority.

Section 3. Intent

19.13.3.A. It is therefore the intent of this Ordinance to establish a riparian and wetland buffer of regulated development and limited land use adjacent to all wetlands in Somersworth to preserve the economic values, public benefits and environmental resources provided by buffers including but not limited to:

- a. Protecting public and private water supplies;
- b. Trapping sediment and other pollutants in surface runoff;
- c. Providing groundwater recharge through infiltration of runoff;
- d. Promoting bank stabilization and reducing erosion;
- e. Protecting riparian wetlands;
- f. Minimizing the impact of floods and private property damage;
- g. Maintaining stream base flow;
- h. Protecting streams;
- i. Protecting wildlife habitat;
- j. Generally maintaining water quality; and
- k. Providing scenic value and recreational opportunity such as hunting, fishing, kayaking, bird watching and hiking.

Section 4. Applicability

19.13.4.A. Riparian and Wetland Buffer District. The Riparian and Wetland Buffer District of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire is an overlay district superimposed over the existing conventional zoning districts of the municipality. It includes within its boundary a protected buffer to all perennial streams, streams, wetlands and vernal pools, as defined by this Ordinance, located within the municipality. The Riparian and Wetland Buffer District does not apply to no longer active fire ponds and farm ponds as defined in this Ordinance.

19.13.4.B. District Boundaries. The boundaries of the Riparian and Wetlands Buffer District (“the District”) shall encompass all land within a horizontal distance of:

- a. 100 feet perpendicular from the boundary of any perennial streams, wetlands and vernal pools as defined by this Ordinance.
- b. 25 feet from any intermittent or ephemeral stream as defined by this Ordinance. It is the responsibility of an applicant to fully identify and delineate on a property all streams, wetlands and vernal pools.

19.13.4.C. Interpretation of District Boundaries. Where uncertainty exists as to the exact location of district boundary lines, the Director of Planning and Community Development or designee shall be the final authority as to boundary locations. To the extent the Director or designee requires the service of a certified third-party wetland or soil scientist to assist in his/her determination of the boundary of the district she/he may engage such a professional at the expense of the applicant.

19.13.4.D. This Ordinance shall apply to proposed developments, structures, uses, activities and disturbances, and changes in use on all parcels of land within the Riparian and Wetland Buffer District unless otherwise specified in this Ordinance.

19.13.4.E. This Ordinance shall apply to all timber harvesting activities not permitted under RSA 227: J.

- a. Applicant shall comply with all applicable state laws including but not limited to obtaining and filing the following: Intent-to-cut form per RSA 79:10;
- b. Notification of Forest Management Activities Having Minimum Wetlands Impact per RSA 482-A:3
- c. NHDES Wetland Permit per RSA 482-A

19.13.4.F. This Ordinance shall apply to surface mining operations except those operations that are operating in compliance with an approved permit from the City of Somersworth under Section 11, Excavation of Earth Products.

19.13.4.G. This Ordinance shall not apply to the following:

- a. Agricultural operations that are covered by an approved Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) conservation plan that includes the application of best management practices (BMPs).
- b. Footpaths and trails composed of pervious materials and limited to six (6) feet in width with minimal removal of vegetation and configured in a manner that will not concentrate storm water runoff or contribute to erosion.
- c. Water quality monitoring and stream gauging are permitted, as approved by the NHDES.

Section 5. Definitions

19.13.5.A. Best Management Practices (BMPs) - a proven or accepted structural, non-structural, or vegetative measure - the application of which reduces erosion or sedimentation, stabilizes stream channels, or reduces peak storm discharge, or improves the quality of stormwater runoff, or diminishes the quantity of stormwater runoff flowing to a single location by using multiple BMPs at separate and dispersed locations. BMPs also include construction site maintenance measures such as removing construction debris and construction waste from construction sites and disposing of debris and waste appropriately in order to reduce contamination of stormwater runoff.

19.13.5.B. Canopy – the more or less continuous vegetative cover formed by tree crowns in a wooded area.

19.13.5.C. Development is defined as:

- a. The improvement of property for any purpose involving building;
- b. Subdivision or the division of a tract or parcel of land into two or more parcels excluding condominium conversions; and,
- c. The preparation of land for any of the above purposes.

19.13.5.D. Disturbance – an activity in which natural vegetation is removed, soil is exposed, and/or removed, or the land surface is altered.

- 19.13.5.E. Farm Pond – a depression made in the land surface or constructed with berms, usually made of earth, to detain water for irrigation, waterfowl, other farm uses or activities, or for recreation.
- 19.13.5.F. Fire Pond - a depression made in the land surface or constructed with berms, usually made of earth, used to store water for the purpose of fire suppression or prevention.
- 19.13.5.G. Ground Cover – any herbaceous or woody plant which normally grows to a mature height of 2 feet or less, especially mat forming vegetation which stabilizes the soil.
- 19.13.5.H. Impervious Surface – any areas covered by material that cannot absorb water or effectively infiltrate water into the soil. Examples of impervious surfaces include buildings, roofs, decks, patios, and paved, gravel or crushed stone driveways, paths, parking areas, and walkways.
- 19.13.5.I. Lot of Record – a legally created parcel, the plat or description of which has been recorded at the registry of deeds for the County in which it is located.
- 19.13.5.J. Natural Vegetation – trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants and other woody plants that arises from or is found in nature and not modified by human intervention.
- 19.13.5.K. Non-Conforming Lot – a single lot of record, which, at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this Ordinance does not meet the dimensional requirements of the district in which it is located or a lot that does not meet the requirements of this Ordinance.
- 19.13.5. L. Non-Conforming Structure – a structure which does not meet any one or more of the following dimensional requirements: setback, height, or lot coverage, but which is allowed solely because it was in lawful existence at the time this Ordinance, or a structure that does not meet the requirements of this Ordinance
- 19.13.5. M. Non-Conforming Use – use of buildings, structures, premises, land or parts therefore which is not permitted in the district in which it is situated, but which is allowed to remain solely because it was in lawful existence at the time of this amendment.
- 19.13.5.N. Nonpoint Source Pollution - pollution that is generated by various land use activities rather than from an identifiable or discrete source, and that is conveyed to waterways through natural processes, such as rainfall, stormwater runoff, or groundwater seepage rather than by direct discharges.
- 19.13.5.O. Riparian and Wetland Buffer - a vegetated area, including trees, shrubs, and herbaceous vegetation that exists or is established to protect a stream, or wetland.
- 19.13.5.P. Setback – the horizontal distance from the reference line of a water body to the nearest part of a structure, road, parking space or other regulated object or area.
- 19.13.5.Q. Stream, Ephemeral – a drainage feature that carries only stormwater in direct response to precipitation with water flowing only during and shortly after large precipitation events. An ephemeral stream may or may not have a well-defined channel, the aquatic bed is always above the water table, and stormwater runoff is the primary source of water. An

ephemeral stream typically lacks the biological, hydrological, and physical characteristics commonly associated with the continuous or intermittent stream.

19.13.5.R. Stream, Intermittent – a well-defined channel that contains water for only part of the year, typically during winter and spring when the aquatic bed is below the water table. The flow may be heavily supplemented by stormwater runoff. An intermittent stream often lacks the biological and hydrological characteristics commonly associated with the conveyance of water. Intermittent streams (or portions thereof) are portrayed as dashed blue lines on a USGS topographic map, where mapped.

19.13.5.S. Stream, Perennial - a stream that normally flows year-round because it is sustained by ground water discharge as well as by surface water. A perennial stream exhibits the typical biological, hydrological, and physical characteristics commonly associated with the continuous conveyance of water. Perennial streams (or portions thereof) are portrayed as solid blue lines on a USGS topographic map, where mapped.

19.13.5.T. Stream or River – means a free-flowing body of water or segment or tributary of such water body (RSA 483:4, XVII.)

19.13.5.U. Structure – anything built for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, goods or property of any kind, together with anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on, at grade, or in the ground, excluding fences. The term includes structures temporarily or permanently located, such as but not limited to decks, patios, satellite dishes, stormwater management facilities, driveways, septic systems and parking lots.

19.13.5.V. Stormwater or Surface Water Runoff – water that flows over the surface of land resulting from rainfall or snowmelt. Surface water enters streams and rivers to become channelized stream flow.

19.13.5.W. Stormwater Management Plan – an analysis and plan designed in accordance with rules adopted by the NH DES under RSA 541-A for terrain alteration under RSA 485-A:17, to manage stormwater and control erosion and sediment, during and after construction.

19.13.5.X. Surface Waters and Water Bodies – those portions of waters of the state as defined by RSA 482-A:4, which have standing water or flowing water at or on the surface of the ground. This includes but is not limited to rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds (Env-Wt101.88).

19.13.5.Y. Surface Water Pollution - contamination of surface water by introduction of sediment, nutrients, toxicants, chemicals, pesticides or fertilizer derived from a land use, activity or point source.

19.13.5.Z. Vernal Pool – an ephemeral shallow surface water body in a depression that lacks a permanent outflow, fills with water seasonally (mostly during spring and early summer), and generally dries out for most of the year. (adapted from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Vernal Pools: Natural History and Conservation by Elizabeth A. Colburn, 2004).

19.13.5.AA. Water Dependent Use or Structure – a use or structure that services and supports activities that require direct access to, or contact with the water, or both, as an operational necessity and that requires a permit under RSA 482-A, including but not limited to a dock, pier,

breakwater, beach, boathouse, retaining wall, or launching ramp. Hydroelectric facilities, including, but not limited to, dams, dikes, penstocks, and powerhouses, shall be recognized as water dependent structures; however, these uses are exempt from the requirements of this Ordinance.

19.13.5.AB. Wetland - an area that is inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions (RSA 482-A:2). For the purpose of this Ordinance, vernal pools shall be included in this definition.

Section 6. Riparian Buffer and Wetland Buffer Requirements

19.13.6.A. The riparian buffer and wetland buffer shall consist of a strip of land extending 100 feet perpendicular from the boundary of all streams, wetlands and vernal pools. As described in Section 19.13.6.B., the riparian and wetland buffer width shall be adjusted to include contiguous areas such as steep slopes or erodible soils, where development or disturbance may adversely affect surface waters and wetlands.

19.13.6.B. The riparian buffer and wetland buffer width shall be modified if steep slopes are within close proximity to or drain into surface water bodies and wetlands. In those cases, the riparian and wetland buffer width shall be expanded to include all contiguous slopes greater than 20 percent as measured over a 10-foot horizontal interval.

19.13.6.C. No-build Vegetated Buffer. The following standards apply to maintenance of a vegetated buffer:

19.13.6.C.1. The no-build vegetated buffer shall be those protected shorelands within 0 to 50 feet of the boundary of all streams, wetlands and vernal pools. The purpose of this buffer shall be to protect the quality of public waters while allowing property owner discretion with regard to water access, safety, viewscape maintenance, and lot design.

19.13.6.C.2. Within the no-build vegetated buffer all of the following prohibitions and limitations shall apply:

- a. No chemicals, including pesticides of any kind or fertilizers of any kind except those specified in RSA 483-B:9, II(d) as amended from time to time, shall be applied.
- b. Rocks and stumps and their root systems shall be left intact in the ground
- c. No natural ground cover or trees shall be removed except as necessary for a foot path to water as provided herein.

19.13.6.C.3. Owners of lots that were legally developed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance may maintain but not enlarge cleared areas, including but not limited to existing lawns and beaches, within the vegetated buffer. Conversion to or planting of cleared areas with native species of ground cover, shrubs, saplings, and trees is encouraged but shall not be required.

19.13.6.C.4 Normal trimming, pruning, and thinning of branches to the extent necessary to protect structures, maintain clearances, and provide views is permitted. Trimming,

pruning, and thinning of branches for the purpose of providing views shall be limited to the bottom 1/2 of the trees or saplings, and to a 50% opacity level spread evenly across the view.

19.13.6.C.5. When necessary for the completion of water-dependent construction activities, a temporary 12-foot-wide access path shall be allowed. The access path shall be completely restored and replanted with native vegetation upon completion of construction.

19.13.6.D. Woodland Buffer. A natural woodland buffer shall be maintained from 50 to 100 feet of the boundary of all streams, wetlands and vernal pools. The purpose of the natural woodland buffer shall be to protect the quality of public waters by minimizing erosion, preventing siltation and turbidity, stabilizing soils, preventing excess nutrient and chemical pollution, maintaining natural water temperatures, maintaining a healthy tree canopy and understory, preserving fish and wildlife habitat, and respecting the overall natural condition of the protected shoreland. The following standards apply to maintenance of a woodland buffer:

19.13.6.D.1. At least 50 percent of the area outside of impervious surfaces shall be maintained in an undisturbed state. Owners of lots legally developed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance that do not comply with this standard are encouraged to, but shall not be required to, increase the percentage of area maintained in an undisturbed state, except as may be required as part of a Conditional Use Permit. The percentage of area maintained in an undisturbed state on nonconforming lots shall not be decreased.

19.13.6.D.2. Dead, diseased, or unsafe trees, saplings, or shrubs that pose an imminent hazard to structures or have the potential to cause personal injury may be removed, regardless of any requirements that pertain to the natural woodland buffer under this chapter. Such exemptions shall not be used to contravene the intent of the law.

19.13.6.D.3. Preservation of dead and living trees that provide dens and nesting places for wildlife is encouraged.

19.13.6.D.4. Native species planting efforts that are beneficial to wildlife are encouraged.

19.13.6.D.5. The total area of a lot's original woodland buffer shall not be covered by more than 25% impervious surface. The area defined as the original woodland buffer shall remain set when the lot is established, and shall not be recalculated, for the lifetime of the lot.

19.13.6.E. Setbacks for Structures. Within the Riparian and Wetland Buffer District, structures shall be located a minimum distance of 50 feet from the buffer of all streams, wetlands and vernal pools.

19.13.6.F. All stormwater runoff from residential and commercial development must be treated before discharge within the Riparian and Wetland Buffer District in accordance with the standards of the City of Somersworth Site Plan Regulations and Subdivision Regulations.

19.13.6.G. A site plan, in accordance with the requirements of the City of Somersworth Site Plan Regulations and Subdivision Regulations shall be submitted to the Department of Development Services with all applications for a building, grading or clearing permit or other disturbance proposed within the Riparian and Wetland Buffer District.

19.13.6.H. Any development activities on any properties within the Riparian and Wetlands Buffer District shall be required to secure a Conditional Use Permit from the Somersworth Planning Board in accordance with the provisions herein. The Planning Board shall have the authority to approve a Conditional Use Permit for these properties where full compliance with these provisions is impractical, provided that the Planning Board finds that all the following criteria have been met:

19.13.6.H.1. The proposed use is consistent with the stated purpose and intent of the district;

19.13.6.H.2. All reasonably feasible measures have been taken by the applicant to protect adjacent surface waters and wetlands from adverse effects;

19.13.6.H.3. The proposed activity minimizes the degradation to or loss of wetlands, wetland buffers, vernal pools and vernal pool buffers and minimizes any adverse impact to the functions and values of wetlands, wetland buffers, vernal pools and vernal pool buffers, as determined by a wetlands evaluation in accordance with the New Hampshire Method, New Hampshire authored by the Audubon Society, as amended.

19.13.6.H.4 The proposed activity minimizes the environmental impact to abutting or downstream property and/or hydrologically connected water and/or wetland resources.

19.13.6.H.5 The proposed activity or use cannot practicably be located elsewhere on the site to eliminate or reduce the impact to the wetland and/or its buffer area

19.13.6.H.6. A written recommendation on the proposal has been submitted by the Conservation Commission;

19.13.6.I. All municipal projects are exempt from the requirements of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Riparian and Wetland Buffer District Regulations

19.13.7.A. Prohibited Uses, Structures and Activities

The following uses, structures and activities are prohibited within the Riparian and Wetland Buffer District:

19.13.7.A.1. Establishment or expansion of salt storage yards, automobile junk yards and solid or hazardous waste facilities.

19.13.7.A.2. Establishment or expansion of animal feedlot operations, dry cleaning establishments, and automobile service and repair shops.

19.13.7.A.3. Laundry/car wash establishments not on municipal or public sewer.

19.13.7.A.4. Disposal or land application of bio-solids, including septage, sewage sludge, animal manure.

19.13.7.A.5. Subsurface disposal of pollutants from sewage treatment facilities, other than on-site septic systems.

19.13.7.A.6. Storage of hazardous waste and substances (as defined under RSA 147-A), including but not limited to road salt, de-icing chemicals, herbicides, pesticides, or fertilizer. Limestone may be used within 25 feet of the reference line of any property.

19.13.7.A.7. The use of any fertilizer that is not low phosphate, slow release nitrogen fertilizer or limestone shall not be used.

19.13.7.A.8. Bulk or temporary storage of chemicals above or below ground.

19.13.7.A.9. Bulk or temporary storage of petroleum products or hazardous materials above or below ground, excluding normal residential or business use of liquid petroleum products and heating fuels for on-premise use.

19.13.7.A.10. Sand and gravel excavations (as defined in RSA 155-E).

19.13.7.A.11. Mining or the processing of excavated materials.

19.13.7.A.12. Dumping or disposal of snow and ice collected from roadways or parking areas from outside the district.

19.13.7.B. Conditional Uses in the Riparian and Wetland Buffer District

Any development, land clearing, removal of vegetation, grading, or alteration of the land surface within the Riparian and Wetland Buffer District shall require a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board unless specifically exempted from these provisions. The Planning Board may grant a Conditional Use Permit, concurrently with site plan or subdivision approval or before issuance of a building permit, after proper public notice and public hearing for the following uses and activities within the District:

19.13.7.B.1. The undertaking of a use not otherwise permitted by right or exemption in the District, which may include the erection of a structure, dredging, filling, drainage or otherwise altering the surface configuration of the land.

19.13.7.C. Conditional Use Permit Applications.

19.13.7.C.1 Before the Planning Board undertakes a conditional use review, the applicant shall make application, on forms provided in the Department of Development Services, to the Conservation Commission for review and comment. The Planning Board shall review and make part of the record any comments or recommendations from the Conservation Commission with regard to the request for a conditional use permit.

19.13.7.C.2. The Planning Board may attach such conditions to the granting of a conditional use permit as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of the Riparian and Wetland Buffer Ordinance. Such conditions may include but shall not be limited to:

- a. Erosion control measures;
- b. Modifications in project design to maintain natural hydrologic conditions of surface water bodies and wetlands, riparian and wetland buffers, and circulation of waters.
- c. Dedication of easements to protect surface water bodies and wetlands, and riparian and wetland buffers;
- d. Modification of waste disposal and water supply facilities;
- e. Limitations on the total portion of any lot within the District that may be graded, filled or otherwise altered;
- f. Requirements that structures be elevated on piles or otherwise protected from natural hazards; and
- g. Planting or replanting of vegetation within the District and construction of new surface water bodies or wetlands equivalent to damaged or destroyed areas.

19.13.7.C.3. All applications for a Conditional Use Permit shall be accompanied by a site plan in accordance with the requirements of the City of Somersworth Site Plan Review Regulations and Subdivision Regulations.

Section 8. Non-Conforming Lots, Uses and Structures

19.13.8.A. General Purpose. It is the intent of this Ordinance to promote the conforming use of land located within the Riparian and Wetland Buffer District, except that non-conforming lots, structures and uses that existed before the effective date of this Ordinance or amendments thereto shall be allowed to continue, subject to the requirements as set forth in this section. Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, a non-conforming lot, use or structure shall not be permitted to become more non-conforming.

19.13.8.B. Non-Conforming Lots. Non-conforming, undeveloped lots of record that are located within the Riparian and Wetland Buffer District shall comply with the following restrictions, in addition to any other requirements of the Somersworth Zoning Ordinance:

19.13.8.B.1. Conditions may be imposed which, in the opinion of the Somersworth Planning Board, more nearly meet the intent of this Ordinance, while still accommodating the applicant's rights.

19.13.8.B.2. Building on non-conforming lots of record also include but not limited to docks, piers, boathouses, boat loading ramps, walkways, and other water dependent structures, consistent with this Ordinance.

19.13.8.C. Non-Conforming Uses. Existing uses, which are non-conforming under this ordinance, may continue until the use ceases to exist or the use is discontinued for a period of one year. Within the Riparian and Wetland Buffer District, an existing non-conforming use may not be changed to another non-conforming use and an existing nonconforming use may not be expanded. Existing

non-conforming uses shall be required to meet the requirements of this ordinance to the maximum extent possible.

19.13.8.D. Non-Conforming Structures. Except as otherwise prohibited, non-conforming structures, erected prior to the effective date of this Ordinance or amendments thereto, located within the Riparian and Wetland Buffer District may be repaired, renovated, or replaced in kind using modern technologies, provided the result is a functionally equivalent structure. Such repair or replacement may alter the interior design or existing foundation, but no expansion of the existing footprint or outside dimensions shall be permitted. An expansion that increases the sewage load to an on-site septic system, or changes or expands the use of a septic system or converts a structure to condominiums or any other project identified under RSA 485-A:29-44 and rules adopted to implement it shall require NH DES approval. Between the primary building line and the reference line, no alteration shall extend the structure closer to the adjacent water body, except that the addition of a deck or open porch is permitted up to a maximum of 12 feet towards the reference line.

19.13.8.D.1. Any applicant requesting a variance shall meet with the Somersworth Conservation Commission prior to appearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Zoning Board of Adjustment may grant a variance from these provisions only after receipt of a written recommendation from the Conservation Commission.

19.13.8.D.2. All variance requests shall be accompanied by a conceptual plan depicting how the site could be developed in conformance with all provisions herein. The purpose of the conceptual plan will be to illustrate the potential of the parcel if it was required to be subject to all provisions of this ordinance.

Section 9. Conflict With Other Regulations

19.13.9.A. Where the standards and management requirements of this buffer ordinance are in conflict with other laws, regulations, and policies regarding streams, steep slopes, erodible soils, wetlands, floodplains, timber harvesting, land disturbance activities, or other environmental protective measures, the more restrictive shall apply.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

Authorization

<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> David A. Witham Martin P. Dumont Sr. Matt Gerding	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney
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City of Somersworth – Ordinance 12-21

History			
First Read Date:	02/16/2021	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:	03/01/2021	Removed From Table:	
Second Read:	03/01/2021		

Discussion

02/16/2021

Councilor Gerding made a motion to waive Council rules to allow for a first reading of Ordinance No. 12-21 by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dumont and passed 9-0 by roll call vote. City Clerk Slaven performed a first reading of Ordinance No. 12-21 by title only. Ordinance No. 12-21 will remain in first read until the call of the Chair. Public Hearing scheduled at the call of the Chair.

03/01/2021

Councilor Witham made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12-21 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gerding.

Councilor Witham stated that ambiguity in the Zoning Ordinance has been a historic issue due to difficulty in its interpretation. Witham said hats off to the Conservation Commission and Chairman Scott Orzechowski for helping to bring clarity and make this Ordinance more business friendly.

Councilor Paradis inquired if the Conservation Commission has vetted and approved this Ordinance. Manager Belmore replied that the Conservation Commission and Public Works & Environment Committee have both put their approval on the Ordinance before Council this evening. He further expounded that changes made by the Committee have also gone to the City Attorney for approval and then back to Committee who endorsed the changes from legal Counsel.

Councilor Gerding said a large portion of the edits made by Scott Orzechowski helped align our Ordinance with State law. He said he teaches science, specifically subjects touched on in this Ordinance, and whole-heartedly approves.

Councilor Cameron gave praise to Scott Orzechowski for his efforts in revitalizing this Ordinance.

The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12-21 as submitted passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham	X	
At Large Councilor	Gerding	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Paradis	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		9	0
On 03/01/2021	Ordinance 12-21	PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **32-21**

CITY COUNCIL VOTE TO RESTRUCTURE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

February 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Somersworth City Council adopted Resolution 17-11 to form the Sustainability Committee no later than March 1, 2011, and

WHEREAS, citizen Committees such as the Sustainability Committee provide a valuable Community service, and

WHEREAS, the makeup of these Committees should be reviewed from time to time in order to keep them efficient and engaged for the benefit of the Committee and the Community at large,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the membership of the Sustainability Committee shall be restructured as follows:

- Mayor or the Mayor's designee
- One City Councilor
- City Manager or the City Manager's designee
- Two (2) Mayoral appointees
- Two (2) Alternate Members appointed by Mayor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT members of the Committee must be residents or employees of the City of Somersworth and shall be appointed for a two-year term.

Authorization	
Sponsored by: Mayor Dana S. Hilliard	Approved: City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 32-21

History			
First Read Date:	02/16/2021	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed from Table:	
Second Read:	03/01/2021		

Discussion

02/16/2021

Resolution No. 32-21 will remain in first read until call of the Chair.

03/01/2021

Councilor Paradis inquired if the request for two alternate members are mayoral appointees and if they were in addition to the two Mayoral appointee members on the restructured member list. Mayor Hilliard stated that all members on the Sustainability Committee have been and will continue to be Mayoral appointments and that the two alternate members are in addition to the two Mayoral appointment members. Councilor Paradis stated the Sustainability Committee approved of the proposed restructuring.


Councilor Witham asked for background on why the need to restructure the Committee. Mayor Hilliard replied that several seats from the original structure have gone unfilled due to lack of interest. This has led to not being able to meet due to lack of a quorum, therefore a restructuring was necessary to allow the Committee to meet again regularly.

Councilor Witham made a motion to amend Resolution No. 32-21 to include two alternate members to the Sustainability Committee to be appointed by the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paradis and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Paradis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 32-21 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cameron and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham	X	

At Large Councilor	Gerding	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Paradis	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		9	0
On 03/01/2021	Resolution 32-21	PASSED	FAILED

	City of Somersworth – Resolution
	Resolution No: 33-21 A VOTE TO AFFIRM THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH'S COMMITMENT TO THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE SOMERSWORTH YOUTH CONNECTION PROGRAM

February 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Somersworth Youth Connection (SYC) has been a fabric within the Hilltop City for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Somersworth Youth Connection (SYC) offers academic support, enrichments and social emotional growth opportunities for youth grades K-8; and

WHEREAS, Somersworth Youth Connection (SYC) has become a national and state wide model of blended collaboration between various non-profits, businesses, government partners and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Somersworth Youth Connection (SYC) has provided quality afterschool and summer learning programs for the Somersworth Community; and

WHEREAS, Somersworth Youth Connection (SYC) has kept kids safe, inspired them to learn and offered support to working families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth is committed to ensuring the long-term fidelity of the Somersworth Youth Connection (SYC) Program;

WHEREAS, the Somersworth School Board and Somersworth Youth Connection Task Force both voted to support this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH that the Somersworth City Council and the Somersworth School Board are committed to seeking, implementing and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Somersworth Youth Connection (SYC) Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH that the Somersworth Youth Connection (SYC) Program is a fabric of the

Hilltopper Community and continues to offer support and fostering aspirations of all of Somersworth youth.

Authorization		
<i>Sponsored by:</i> Mayor Dana S. Hilliard <i>Councilors:</i> Donald Austin Richard R. Michaud David A. Witham Crystal Paradis Matt Gerding Martin P. Dumont, Sr. Nancie Cameron Martin Pepin Kenneth Vincent	<i>School Board Members:</i> Steven Potter Coty Donohue Edward Levasseur Gerri Cannon Maggie Larson Matthew Hanlon John O'Brien Todd Marsh Thomas McCallion	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 33-21

History			
First Read Date:	02/16/2021	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed from Table:	
Second Read:	03/01/2021		

Discussion

02/16/2021

Resolution No. 33-21 will remain in first read until call of the Chair.

03/01/2021

Councilor Austin highlighted how effective the Somersworth Youth Connection Program has been and appreciates how it has woven itself into the fabric of the Community. This Resolution goes a long way to reinforce a long-term commitment to the program.

Councilor Gerding seconded Austin's comments and said he is glad to see every member of both City Council and School Board as sponsors to this Resolution.

Councilor Vincent stated he believes whole-heartedly in this program. He said his business has donated to it and believes other business should also be giving back to their Community.

Councilor Dumont made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 33-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Austin and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham	X	
At Large Councilor	Gerding	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Paradis	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		9	0
On 03/01/2021	Resolution 33-21	PASSED	FAILED