

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Somersworth, NH
May 21, 2018
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by His Honor, the Mayor, Dana S. Hilliard, and upon roll call the following Council members were present: Pepin, Vincent, Dumont, McCallion, Michaud, Cameron, and Levasseur. Witham and Sprague were excused.

Councilor Michaud led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

MINUTES of the Workshop – School Department FY2018 Budget Update held on May 7, 2018

Councilor Cameron, seconded by Councilor Pepin, made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion passed 6-0, with Councilor Michaud abstaining.

MINUTES of the Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 9-18 Amending Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, Section 25, Definitions, and Adding New Section 19.24, Accessory Dwelling Units held on May 7, 2018

Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion passed 6-0, with Councilor Michaud abstaining.

MINUTES of the City Council Meeting held on May 7, 2018

Councilor Cameron, seconded by Councilor McCallion, made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion passed 6-0, with Councilor Michaud abstaining.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Betty Thompson owner of 11 Ford Street, stated that she lives out of state and has a renter in that property. She pays her taxes and comes back to Somersworth twice a year or so, and she is appalled at the condition of our streets and the condition of Somersworth at this moment. Main Street is empty. There are people in her neighborhood who are lowering her capability to sell. There is a lot of drugs in our community. She would like to hear how these issues are being addressed. She stated that maybe she should tune in every week or every month. She is starting to be taxed out and she doesn't really see where her services are improving.

COMMENTS BY COUNCILORS

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND DISPOSAL THEREOF BY REFERENCE OR OTHERWISE
NONE

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayors Report for City Council Meeting May 21, 2018

- Join me and other members of our great community for the 5th annual Hilltop Hustle 5k run or walk. The event will take place on Saturday June 16th at 8:30am beginning at Somersworth High School. The cost of the event is \$5.00 for ages 17 and below and \$15.00 for all adults. Proceeds will benefit the PTA. Registration forms can be picked up at any school or online at www.runreg.com/hilltophustle-5k
- The next Mayors Community forum will take place Saturday May 12th from 9:00 – 10:30 at City Hall. Including in this forum will be Ward 4 City Councilor Jonathan McCallion and Ward 4 School Board member Kyla Yoder and Ward 5 City Councilor Richard Michaud and Ward 5 School Board member Thomas McCallion. *The purpose of the forums are to foster dialog and ideas, in a non-formal setting to continue to move our community forward. All members of the community are welcome to attend any forums*
- With honor and pride I stood with members of our law enforcement community last week as part of Law Enforcement Memorial week.

Honor, integrity, service, valor, and sacrifice: These are the qualities which define the men and women who willingly walk the “thin blue line” each and every day. Without hesitation they arrived to fulfill the mission of “*Serve and Protect*” ensuring that the democratic ideals of our civilized society are protected and enforced.

As the guardians of the community, they are the model of true citizenship; knowing that if called upon they will willingly surrender all of the gifts of life for others. The love for their wife or husband, watching their children grow, enjoying a sunrise or sunset, and the comradery of their brother and sister officers, all of these would be given willingly for us.

In the 227 years of the formation of our republic, over 21,000 brave men and women have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of law and order. Each one representing not only the eternal hope of the progression of our nation, but the dreams of citizens they will never know. As a community and nation we ask much of those who proudly wear the badge and shield, and in return we get more than one could ever expect or ask for.

The Hilltop city knows the fearlessness, boldness, and pride that each one of our officers represents each day, throughout the year, as they circulate through our community, protecting our journey in life while knowing that theirs could end. Our community has experienced the pain associated with the loss of one of our own, adding to the honor roll Hilltopper Officer Donald Kowalski on September 4th, 1979 at the young age of 24.

As a community of caring, as a community that cherishes and honors, today we say thank you to all of the members of our law enforcement community for your unwavering sacrifices. Today we remember those souls who have departed in the line of duty, who with honor carried out their mission of “*Serve and Protect*”.

In a nation which is in desperate need of a reawaking of the values you represent, please know that your home, that your 10 square mile community, appreciates you, respects you, and loves you. May the grace and dignity of the supreme law enforcement officer, God, be with each of you, every day, as you complete your shifts and mission.

May those who have departed us forever be honored through your actions of ensuring freedom, liberty and justice. As a community let us continue, officers and citizens, to walk and enforce with pride and honor the “Thin Blue Line”.

- An amazing day last Saturday celebrating each other at the inaugural Indonesian spring bazaar! By celebrating our differences we will continue to build an inseparable community.
- Today we recognized and give thanks to another dedicated city department, the department of public works. National Public Works Week celebrated May 21st – 25th gives time to honor the men and women who ensure through their skills and labor that our community continues “On the Move!” from snow remove to infrastructure upgrades it is the dedicated staff of the Somersworth Public Works team that has continue to honor Somersworth “Proud Past” while making sure our “Bright Future” shines for all.

Nominations, Appointments and Elections:

Under nominations, appointments and Elections; In accordance with Council Rule 17 Appointments, the follow are before the Council this evening for a confirmation vote.

- Patty Roberge LaHoullier re- appointment as a member of the Board of Assessors with a term to expire on May 2021
- Philip Munck re-appointment as a member of Board of Assessors with a term to expire on May 2021
- Jeremy Rhodes re-appointment as a member of Planning Board with a term to expire on May 2021

- George Poulin re-appointment as a member of Historic District Commission with a term to expire on May 2021
- Larry Barry re-appointment as a member of Historic District Commission with a term to expire on May 2021
- David McNicholas from an Alternate member to a Full member of the Historic District Commission with a term to expire on May 2021
- Brad Fredette appointment as an Alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a term to expire on May 2021
- Shawn Kinneavy from an Alternate member to a Full member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a term to expire on May 2021
- Steve Goff re-appointment as a member of the Trustees of the Trust Fund with a term to expire on May 2021
- Larry Hamilton appointment as a member of the Conservation Commission with a term to expire on May 2021

This respectfully concludes the Mayors report for Monday May 21st, 2018

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Government Operations – Councilor Dumont reported that the Committee met on May 16, 2018.

The Committee discussed:

- The City Seal being used in the form of advertising; there is no clear policy. A local vendor would like to produce ornaments and coasters depicting the City Seal.
- Personnel rules and a pay increase for non-union employees. The City Manager will move forward with this. Union Water/wastewater employees have a me too clause; they will receive the same pay increase.
- Ways of evaluating the City Manager. This is still under discussion. The Committee will be putting something together for the Council to review the process.
- They have another offering of health insurance for employees. Different benefits and deductibles.

Economic Development – Councilor Dumont reported that the Committee met on May 15, 2018.

The Committee discussed:

- HDC Ordinance review update. City Manager and Dir Saunders had a discussion with the HDC Chair. A report will be coming to the Council with final recommendations.
- Form Based Codes; the Committee asked the City Manager to seek a professional consultants opinion.

- Land use boards and permit process. City Manager made some recommendations.
- EDM Comstock, Director Saunders, and City Manager Belmore visited the Port Authority. Somersworth is in the Foreign Trade Zone.
- List of streets that will be repaved this year.

Public Works & Environment – Councilor Vincent reported that the Committee met on May 11, 2018.

The Committee discussed:

- List of roads that are suggested to be repaired this in the FY2018-19. The Committee agreed to sponsor a resolution.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, CITY OFFICERS AND CITY MANAGER

Special Committees

Planning Board – Councilor Vincent reported.

The Board discussed:

- John Flatley requested a 12 month extension for the construction of 3 additional apartment buildings. The Board granted a 9 month extension.
- 2 lot line adjustments on Rocky Hill Rd. Both requests were granted.
- Site approval of 28 townhouses at 206 Green St. The request was granted.

Traffic Safety – Councilor Vincent reported that the Committee met on May 16, 2018.

The Committee discussed:

- A request for parking on 46 Pleasant St.; to remove the signs. The request was not granted.
- A request for additional Cross walks on Main Street by Station Street. The request was denied.
- 15 min parking sign removal on the corner of Grove and Grand. The request was granted.
- New bus stops from Coast bus in the three locations; on High and Constitution. The Committee wants more information before they make a decision.

School Board - Councilor Pepin reported that he attended 2 School Board Meetings.

The Board discussed:

- Reorganization of Idlehurst and Maplewood; the Board voted for the reorganization of the schools.
- Supplemental appropriation requested for the over expenditure of Special Education.
- Graduation is June 15.

Historic District Commission - Councilor Levasseur reported.

The Commission discussed:

- 2018 goals
- Outreach and education for board members and public. Attending and holding workshops.
- Vacancies on the HDC.
- In the past year, the Commission received 40 applications; half were minimal impact, requiring a building permit, and approved by city staff. 20 major impact, and require approval from HDC. The Commission approved all 20 projects.
- City Staff worked to obtain DES funding for the Bretons Cleaners site and received a Brownsfield Grant.
- Stop work violations; only 4 last year. Looking into the possibility of fines for those who do not complete work on their properties in the Historic District.

Sustainability Committee - Councilor Levasseur reported.

The Committee discussed:

- Reviewed show support for the creation of a task force for...??
- City's Social media policy
- Outreach education tool
- Reviewed the 2018 goals, and are creating a matrix,
- Workshop for goals, to be scheduled on May 30, 2018 @ 5:30

Point Committee of City Council and School Board – Councilor Dumont reported.

The Committee discussed:

- The Maplewood and Idlehurst Reorganization.
- Special education transportation costs that the school is incurring. It is a substantial amount and will be in the red at the end of the year. Homelessness and couch-surfers is part of the contributing factor. This affects their ability to get to and from school. If the child is from Somersworth, then Somersworth is required to provide transportation.

City Manager's Report



CITY OF SOMERSWORTH
Office of the City Manager

TO: Mayor Dana S. Hilliard and City Council Members

FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

DATE: Friday, May 18, 2018

**SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday May 21, 2018
City Council Agenda**

*6:30 p.m. Non-meeting
Labor Union Negotiations*

Unfinished Business (under section 13 of Agenda)

Resolutions

- A. Resolution No. 32-18: To Authorize the City Manager to enter into a 5-Year Contract with Resource Management Inc. (RMI) of Holderness, NH for Disposal of Water Treatment Facility Lagoon Sludge Material.** Again, the Finance Committee voted to support this Contract with RMI at their March 30th meeting. Please note: This Resolution should have been on the May 7th Council Agenda under Unfinished Business but a clerical error was made and it was missed. I have attached a copy of the information that you received as part of the meeting packet when the Resolution was first introduced.
- B. Resolution No. 33-18: To Amend City Council Rules & Regulations.** Again, the Government Operations Committee recommended these changes at their April 11th meeting. This initiative was assigned to the Committee by Mayor Hilliard.

New Business (under section 14 of Agenda)

Resolutions

- A. Resolution No. 34-18: To Discontinue the Fund for the Education of Persons with Disabilities Non-Capital Reserve Fund in Accordance with RSA 34:11-A.** The Finance Committee voted at their May 11th meeting to recommend the discontinuance of this Non-Capital Reserve Fund. The funding source for the Reserve Fund generally is appropriations from Fund Balance so the sense is that the City Council can directly address any unanticipated School Department needs by way of a Supplemental Appropriation. Currently there is \$240.00.
A Public hearing is necessary.
- B. Resolution No. 35-18: To Authorize the City Manager to Prepare Bid Specifications for Road Resurfacing and Associated Repairs of Selected Streets.** The Public Works & Environment Committee voted at their May 11th meeting to recommend the Council moves forward with bidding repairs to these selected Streets. Please note that this list may need to be modified

dependent upon the actual bids received or the Council may need to find additional funds to complete all the Streets listed.

- C. **Resolution No. 36-18: Authority to File an Application to the State Revolving Fund for a Loan to Fund Wastewater Facility Upgrade.** The Finance Committee voted at their May 11th meeting to recommend this Resolution to authorize the City Manager to apply for this State Revolving Loan Fund. The text of this Resolution is modeled after the language provided by the State of NH Department of Environmental Services. A copy of the loan application is attached.

Other

- A. **Vote to Rescind the Authorization Granted in Resolutions 35-17 and 38-17 to the City Manager to Sign a PILOT, Lease and Net Metering Agreement with NHSolar Garden to Construct a Solar Project on the Blackwater Road Sanitary Landfill Superfund Site – requested by the Finance Committee.** Due to the volatile nature of the electric utility rates, the Committee is making this recommendation as rates seem to be in a down-tic which may negate any revenue derived from a metering agreement. The other factor discussed by Committee recently was the risk that the project might have on disturbing our unique Superfund clean-up process. I updated Andrew Kellar of NHSolar Garden on this potential action and he has now offered to make the project a PILOT and Lease arrangement with no metering agreement. He is also still willing to pay for half of the cost study for our Engineers to conduct a risk analysis.

The other item taken up by the Committee was the possibility of looking to utilize other City land for a Solar Array, such as land at the Malley Farm. The Committee doesn't recommend doing so at this time as City-owned is short in supply and may be needed in the future.

- B. **Set polling times for September 11, 2018 State Primary Election.**
Suggested time: 7:00am to 7:00pm
- C. **Set polling times for November 6, 2018 General Election.**
Suggested time: 7:00am to 7:00pm

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

A. Informational Items.

1. **Blackwater Road Pump Station.** Substantial project completion is scheduled for May 23rd.
2. **Serve with Liberty Day.** On Thursday, May 10th the City of Somersworth participated in the annual Serve with Liberty Program hosted by Liberty

Mutual. This year our Recreation Division was fortunate to have 6 volunteers donate their time to assist Recreation staff with repainting the recreation building at Noble Pines Park. Volunteer efforts included repainting all the ceilings, walls, and stalls in both restrooms as well as repainting 8 benches in the summer camp area. We'd like to thank Liberty Mutual for hosting this annual program as the City of Somersworth has been able to accomplish several projects with the support of their employees year after year.

3. **Public Works Department - National Public Works Week.** I appreciate the Mayor's Proclamation recognizing our Public Works Department and its employees. In keeping with our collective efforts in supporting our Community, the Public Works Department is sponsoring "*Fill a Public Works Truck*" this week. Please consider dropping off a non-perishable food product at the Lilac Lane facility (off Blackwater Road). All collected items will be donated to our local Food Pantry.

B. Attachments.

1. City Attorney Certifications Three (3)
2. Department Head Reports
3. Senator Watters Office Hours: Tuesday June 5th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room.

11. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

12. LAY ON THE TABLE

The Following Require a Council Confirmation Vote:

Patty Roberge LaHoullier, re-appointment as a member of the Board of Assessors, with a term to expire, May 2021

Philip Munck, re-appointment as a member Board of Assessors, with a term to expire, May 2021

Jeremy Rhodes, re-appointment as a member of the Planning Board, with a term to expire, May 2021

George Poulin, re-appointment as a member of the Historic District Commission, with a term to expire, May 2021

Laura Barry, re-appointment as a member of the Historic District Commission, with a term to expire, May 2021

David McNicholas, from Alternate member to Full member of the Historic District Commission, with a term to expire, May 2021

Brad Fredette, appointment as an Alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, with a term to expire, May 2021

Shawn Kinneavy from Alternate member to a Full member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, with a term to expire, May 2021


Steve Goff, re-appointment as a Trustee of the Trust Funds, with a term to expire, May 2021

Larry Hamilton, as a member of the Conservation Commission, with a term to expire, May 2021

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Pepin, made a motion to approve the slate of nominees. The motion passed 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolutions:

	City of Somersworth – Resolution
	Resolution No: 32-18 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A 5-YEAR CONTRACT WITH RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INC. (RMI) OF HOLDERNESS, NH FOR DISPOSAL OF WATER TREATMENT FACILITY LAGOON SLUDGE MATERIAL

April 16, 2018

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Water Fund adopted budget contains an appropriation for lagoon cleaning at the Water Treatment Facility; and

WHEREAS, this project involves the removal, hauling and disposing of the sludge in the lagoons as well as the replenishment of sand filtration material; and

WHEREAS, City staff received approval from the City Council Finance Committee to waive City bidding requirements and to negotiate directly with Resource Management Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Resource Management Inc. has submitted a 5-year proposal for the hauling and disposal of sludge material from the lagoons with the first year cost estimated to be \$26,000 (Twenty Six Thousand dollars); and

WHEREAS, the City will utilize other available resources for the preparation of RMI's removal of the sludge from the facility; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee for the City of Somersworth reviewed the proposal and supports staff's recommendation to award the hauling & disposal contract to Resource Management Inc.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to enter into a 5-year contract with Resource Management Inc., of Holderness, NH for the Water Treatment Facility lagoon sludge hauling & disposal with a first year cost not to exceed \$26,000 (Twenty Six Thousand dollars) and to take any and all such actions relative to this project determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> David A. Witham Dale R. Sprague Martin Pepin	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 32-18

History

First Read Date:	04/16/2018	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	NA	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	05/21/2018		

Action

Councilor Pepin moved for adoption, seconded by Councilor Levasseur.

Discussion

At the first read of Resolution 32-18, Councilor Denis Messier was the City Councilor for Ward 5. Councilor Messier has resigned since that time.

Councilor Richard R. Michaud has been appointed as City Councilor for Ward 5.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	McCallion	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham *		
At Large Councilor	Sprague		
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		7	0
On 05/21/2018 Resolution 32-18		PASSED	



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **33-18**

TO AMEND COUNCIL RULES AND REGULATIONS

May 7, 2018

WHEREAS, the Council Rules and Regulations have been reviewed by the Government Operations Committee as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee are recommending the Council Rules and Regulations, as amended, be further amended as follows:

Amend Section 2, Presiding Officer, by adding the following:

C. The Mayor, or the Acting Mayor if appropriate, shall approve the Council Meeting Agenda to include the scheduling of Agenda Items to be placed onto the Consent Calendar. The City Manager will be available to assist in the setting of the Council Agenda to include the Consent Calendar.

D. Consent Calendar

1. Items may be placed upon the Consent Calendar if such items have been identified during agenda setting to be routinely approved without discussion or debate, such as prior meeting minutes.
2. The Consent Calendar shall be voted upon as one item unless an item is removed prior to voting. The Presiding Officer shall inquire and any Council Member may request that an item be removed prior to the voting.
3. Removed items will be addressed individually immediately following voting upon the Consent Calendar. All items remaining on the Consent Calendar will be collectively approved by a vote of the Council.

Amend Section 7, Order of Business, as follows:

Strike: “Minutes of Previous Meetings” under Number 3. and replace with “Public Hearings”,

Insert: “Consent Calendar” under Number 5.,

Re-number the following order of business accordingly

Amend Section 8, Filing with Clerk, by deleting:

It shall be the duty of the Police Department to deliver said agenda items by hand in an expeditious manner upon receipt of the material from the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the Council Rules and Regulations are amended effective upon passage of this resolution.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by:</i> Martin P. Dumont, Sr. Nancie Cameron Edward Levasseur	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 33-18

History

First Read Date:	05/07/2018	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	NA	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	05/21/2018		

Action

Councilor Dumont moved for adoption, seconded by Councilor Cameron.


Discussion

At the first read of Resolution 32-18, the City Council position for Ward 5 was vacant. Councilor Richard R. Michaud has been appointed as City Councilor for Ward 5.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont *	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	McCallion	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Sprague		
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		7	0
On 05/21/2018 Resolution 33-18		PASSED	

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions:

	City of Somersworth – Resolution
	Resolution No: 34-18 TO DISCONTINUE THE FUND FOR THE EDUCATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NON-CAPITAL RESERVE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 34:11-A

May 21, 2018

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 46-09 to establish a non-capital reserve fund for the purpose of educating students in the Somersworth School District with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Finance Committee voted at their May 11, 2018 meeting to recommend the discontinuance of this non-capital reserve fund, and

WHEREAS, the City Council accepts the Committee's recommendation in determining that a more efficient manner in which to fund the education of persons with disabilities is through the City's annual budget process and/or supplemental appropriations when needed, and

WHEREAS, RSA 34:11-a grants the City Council the authority to discontinue a non-capital reserve fund and direct the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay all the moneys in said fund to the City treasury,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the Fund for the Education of Persons with Disabilities Non-Capital Reserve Fund shall be discontinued in accordance with RSA 34-11-a and direct the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay all the moneys in said fund to the City treasury.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by:</i> David A. Witham Dale R. Sprague Martin P. Dumont, Sr.	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 34-18

History

First Read Date:	05/21/2018	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

Action


Councilor _____ moved for adoption, seconded by Councilor _____.

Discussion

Note: RSA 34-11-a requires a public hearing, and the public notice for the public hearing must include a statement distinctly stating the reason(s) for which such reserve is to be discontinued.

Will remain in first read until the June 4, 2018 City Council Meeting.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin		
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont		
Ward 4 Councilor	McCallion		
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		
At Large Councilor	Witham *		
At Large Councilor	Sprague		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Levasseur		
TOTAL VOTES:			
On / / . Resolution 34-18		PASSED	FAILED

	City of Somersworth – Resolution
	Resolution No: 35-18 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD RESURFACING AND ASSOCIATED REPAIRS OF SELECTED STREETS

May 21, 2018

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth’s Capital Improvement Plan recommends road resurfacing streets within the City, and

WHEREAS, the City has prioritized street repair using the pavement management assessment tool, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Environment Committee reviewed the following staff recommended list of streets to be included in a work plan for this construction season and supports this recommendation:

Salmon Falls Road (Somersworth City line to Rochester City line)
 Washington Street (High St. to Main St.)
 W. High Street (Maple St. to Cemetery Rd.)
 High Street (Blackwater Rd. to South St.)
 Tate Brook Road (W. High St. to Maple St.)
 Horne Street
 Otis Road
 Constitutional Way

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to prepare bid specifications and solicit bids from qualified contractors for road resurfacing of the aforementioned streets.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by:</i> Dale R. Sprague David A. Witham Martin Pepin Kenneth S. Vincent Richard R. Michaud	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 35-18

History

First Read Date:	05/21/2018	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	NA	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	05/21/2018		

Action

Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Levasseur, made a motion to suspend council rules to allow for a second read of Resolution 35-18. Motion passed, 7-0.

Councilor Michaud asked to be added as a sponsor to Resolution 35-18.

Councilor Pepin moved for adoption, seconded by Councilor Vincent.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	McCallion	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Sprague *		
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		7	0
On 05/21/2018 Resolution 35-18		PASSED	



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **36-18**

AUTHORITY TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE REVOLVING FUND FOR A LOAN TO FUND WASTEWATER FACILITY UPGRADES

May 21, 2018

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth, after thorough consideration of the nature of the new permit requirements and river quality, hereby determines that the construction of certain works, generally described as the upgrades of the Somersworth Wastewater Facility's treatment process, disinfection, secondary filtration, septage receiving and nutrient removal is desirable and in the public interest, and to that end it is necessary to apply for assistance from the State Revolving Fund (SRF); and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has examined and duly considered the provisions of RSA 486:14 and the NH Code of Administrative Rules Chapter Env-Wq 500, which relate to loans from the State Revolving Fund and deems it to be in the public interest to file a loan application and to authorize other actions in connection therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT:

1. City Manager, Robert M. Belmore, is hereby designated as the Authorized Representative of the City of Somersworth for the purpose of filing an application for a loan in accordance with NH Code of Administrative Rules Chapter Env-Wq 500, furnishing such information, data, and documents pertaining to the applicant for a loan as may be required;
2. That if such loan be made, City Manager Robert M. Belmore, is the Authorized Representative of the City of Somersworth for the purpose of signing any documents pertaining to the disbursement of funds to the City of Somersworth;
3. That if such loan be made, the City of Somersworth agrees to repay the loan as stipulated in the loan agreement ;
4. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be included as part of the application submitted for a loan;
5. That City Manager Robert M. Belmore, is authorized to sign the loan agreement binding the City of Somersworth to the terms and conditions of the loan;
6. That if such loan be made the City of Somersworth agrees to make provisions for assuming proper and efficient operation and maintenance of the facilities after completion of the construction thereof.

Authorization

Sponsored by:

David A. Witham
Dale R. Sprague
Martin Pepin
Martin P. Dumont, Sr.

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Approved:

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 36-18

History

First Read Date:	05/21/2018	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	NA	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	05/21/2018		

Action

Councilor Levasseur, seconded by Councilor Dumont, made a motion to allow for a second read of Resolution 36-18. The motion passed, 7-0.

The Clerk read the resolution for a second time by title only.

Councilor Pepin moved for adoption, seconded by Councilor Dumont.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	McCallion	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham *		
At Large Councilor	Sprague		
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		7	0
On 05/21/2018 Resolution 36-18		PASSED	

OTHER

Vote to rescind the authorization granted in Resolutions 35-17 and 38-17 to the City Manager to sign a PILOT, Lease and Net Metering Agreement with NHSolar Garden to construct a Solar Project on the Blackwater Road Sanitary Landfill Superfund Site – requested by the Finance Committee

Councilor Levasseur asked that this topic be sent to the Sustainability for review. Mayor Hilliard stated that this has been heard by the Finance Committee, and the Mayor denied the request.

Councilor Vincent said he will be voting to rescind this. He sits on the Science Technology Board at the state level and there is a lot going on with the net metering. Any more than a 3 year agreement is not advised.

City Manager Belmore stated that it is a 20 year agreement, but NHSolar has pulled back on the net metering portion.

Councilor Pepin said this was reviewed by the Finance Committee. If power rates go up, we could end up having to pay to generate electricity.

Councilor McCallion said 2 members of the finance Committee are not here and he would like to hear all comments.

Councilor McCallion, seconded by Councilor Levasseur, made a motion to table this vote. The motion passed 7-0.

Set polling times for September 11, 2018 State Primary Election

Suggested time: 7:00am to 7:00pm

VOTE to accept the 7:00am to 7:00pm polling times FAILED 7-0.

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to set the polling times for 8:00am – 7:00pm. VOTE passed 7-0.

Set polling times for November 6, 2018 General Election

Suggested time: 7:00am to 7:00pm

VOTE to accept the 7:00am to 7:00pm polling times FAILED 7-0.

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to set the polling times for 8:00am – 7:00pm. VOTE passed 7-0.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Bradley Fredette. Thanked all for nominating and allowing him to serve on the Zoning Board. He has lived in Somersworth most of his life, in a house on Blackwater Road. He has had the experience to interact with the HDC, people in Economic Development, and

Mr. Metiver, over the past years. All have been as accommodating as possible, and have done everything they can him to help improve the property. The process has not been without frustration; there is a water problem and the yard of his property at his property floods and he believes the issue is with the road, and that there is room for improvement. He has met with Mr. Bobinsky several times over the years. He thanked the all those who serve and is doing all they can with little or no compensation, to make the City a better place.

Betty Thompson, 11 Ford Street, stated the she couldn't help but notice that the street resurfacing, seem mostly to be on the hilltop or the upper area. She was just wanting to know that if, in the future, the downtown/Main Street area, where the people seem to be less capable, if that area is going to be included in the near future. She asked if it is an infrastructure problem, are the sewers clay, is there a problem with what is going on underneath the streets. She thanked them for their work and would like to see the downtown Main Street area taken care of. She has heard about the Main Street Project for the past 14 years and she doesn't see what is happening there.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Pepin encouraged other members of Council to take a look at Resolution 34-18. He stated that he originally sponsored the Resolution to start the fund. This fund was to help supplement the school funding, at no increase to the tax payers. The thought behind this was to have the school department to want to save money. Special education goes over budget, and the funding is taken from other school line items. Anytime we do a project, we supplement out of general funds. The school department has nothing to fall back on. They are going to be \$100,000 short in the next year's budget. It hasn't been funded as it should have.

About the roads, we have worked very hard; we have done a lot in the downtown area. We have done the best we can. It is a juggling act and there is a big effort.

Councilor Vincent thanked Councilor Pepin for clarifying the Special Education Fund. He stated that he was born on Ford Street. This area was mostly single family homes. In the 80's, people started selling their properties, and new buyers started turning their homes into multifamily homes. This seemed to be an area where landlords bought properties in that area of town and didn't even live in the area. That is a lot of the problem. Blame the absentee landlords. They collect the rent and don't necessarily take care of the property. It's not just Somersworth. It's everywhere.

The Mayor took a moment to address a member in the audience, reminding them that this is a City governmental meeting, and that there are no comments from members of the public when government business is being conducted. He encouraged her to control herself and restrain from further comment.

Councilor Vincent continued by saying, as for the drug issue, as a State Rep, he voted for Granite State Hammer. Our Police Chief does the best job and is trying to keep the drug issue under control.

Councilor Dumont stated that he attended the Chamber Awards Night. It was a great night. The only thing missing was, if the Mayor could have had time to speak and thank the Chamber for what they do for our community.

The Market Street properties that the City had to go to court for, haven't completed what they agreed to do.

Liberty Mutual is a company that supports the community. Year in and year out, we owe a debt of gratitude to what they do for our community. They are good community members.

He has noticed recently there that there is undesirable activity in his neighborhood. It is not pleasant to be worried about going out after dark and locking doors. It's not a good feeling and it seems like the laws protects that type of people more than those whom it should protect. Tell people when you see irregularities in the neighborhood.

He welcomed new councilor, Councilor Michaud.

He is enthusiastic about the issues; the State of New Hampshire continues to not except the responsibility for our Fire, Police and teachers in our pension plans, who are expecting the money to be there when they retire. The state promised that they would continue with the plan, and they have not. Previous governors have used the money. City has to pay a subsidy on the pension plan. There is more of a deficit today than there was when they first knew there was a problem. This drives our taxes up. Senators and Representatives need to get serious. Nobody likes to pay a lot of tax, but how can a state expect us to carry that weight.

Councilor McCallion stated that he did not think the Finance Committee would rescind the Resolution for the Fund for Persons with Disabilities. Because of the schools ebb and flow, if they had a way to obtain some of that for unexpected or unfunded mandates... This subject needs to be brought up at the Joint Commission of City Council and School Board. The Savings should go into their contingency. The use it or lose it mentality could kill a budget.

Councilor Michaud thanked all of the councilors for appointing him to replace Denis. Thanked Councilor Messier and said he will be missed and did a great job.

Councilor Levasseur said the City recently hired a wonderful Economic Development Manager. She has hosted a Downtown Round Table and has a list of action items. There will be progress. Over the past month he attended a few community events. He congratulated Lindsey Gagnon and the Chamber on an amazing event. He congratulated the ICC on the spring Bazaar. He attended senior night at the pines. It was nice to sit there and watch a ball game. He welcomed to Councilor Michaud.

Councilor Cameron stated that the Chamber event was wonderful. As for the condition of the roads and downtown area, change is not an overnight process; it takes time, years. She reminded everyone that the food and truck festival is in about 3 weeks. They are still looking for volunteers.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

NONPUBLIC SESSION
NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Pepin, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed 6-1, with Councilor McCallion opposed. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Trish Harris, City Clerk

Dana Hilliard, Mayor