MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Somersworth, NH August 13, 2018 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Councilor Michaud led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 1-19 - Amend Chapter 29 Administrative Code, Section 6, City Seal No public comments

Ordinance No. 2-19 - Amending Chapter 13 Police Offenses No public comments

Resolution No. 1-19 - Appropriate Funds from the State Revolving Loan Fund for Upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Facility

No public comments

Proposed City Charter Amendment to the Section Entitled, Changes to Ward Boundaries (Article 1.4)

No public comments

Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Application from Sara Nadeau for the Hall at Great Falls located at 49 Market Street.

No public comment

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Sarah McGraw, Treasurer of the Conservation Commission spoke regarding Resolution 10-19, the Frank Richardson Trail. Mr. Richardson was a dedicated Member on the Conservation Commission. She is happy to see that the mast Dam project will be memorialized. People are enjoying this area. She recently was here and she saw people fishing, playing with dogs, walking the trails. She asked the Council to approve this Resolution and thanked them for their support.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on July 23, 2018

Approve Minutes of the City Council Site Visit held on August 3, 2018

Minutes of City Council Meeting August 13, 2018 Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Vincent, made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCILORS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentation of COAST Comprehensive Operations Analysis by Rad Nichols

Mr. Nichols thanked the Councilors for allowing him to speak. He stated that COAST is about to endeavor in a large planning process. It will be a tremendous change in the way people travel and when, for work or other. Coast has undergone change; expansion, and shrinking. With all of this, it is an opportunity to look at the system and how they can meet the changing needs of the system. The review process will take place between now and July 2020. There will be extensive outreach, hearings, etc. There will be an impact to the funding from the communities. If there is a desire to do more, but they are trying to be realistic as well. There will be a landing page on the website showing the project over view.

After the presentation, Councilor Witham asked about a presentation of the final report. Mr. Nichols said the report would be complete will be in late 2019. Councilor Witham invited him back to present the final report.

<u>PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND DISPOSAL THEREOF BY REFERENCE OR OTHERWISE</u>

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Deputy Mayor, David A. Witham, gave the following Mayor's Report on behalf of Mayor Hilliard:

A few Sundays ago the City was filled with honoring Rev. Mark Rideout for 32 years of service as a pastor in our community. The Reverend provided guidance to Hilltoppers in body, mind, and soul. The Mayor and City Council wishes him luck in all future endeavors. Rev. Rideout was presented with a key to the City at his retirement celebration.

There was a ceremony that took place at the Forest Glade Cemetery. The Mayor would like to thank Lisa Mazoff and Peter Michaud as well as the members of the Board of Cemetery Trustees for all of their work. This is now our sixth recognition as a National Historic Registry Landmark within the City. A plaque was unveiled at the entrance of the Cemetery. Since we are at six, perhaps we could get to ten; one for every square mile of the City.

A powerful evening was held on August 5th, at the Jules Bisson Park; the National Night Out. This was the fifth annual National Night Out event in the City. The Somersworth Youth Connection and the Somersworth Prevention Coalition dedicated their services to

helping to guide this event. The Somersworth Police Department and all other departments had representation there, and helped to make that a great evening.

The next Mayor's Community forum will take place Saturday September 8th from 9:00 – 10:30 at City Hall. Including in this forum will be At-Large City Councilors David Witham and Dale Sprague and At-Large School Board member Don Austin and Kelly Brennan. 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.

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

Virginia Hahn - appointment as the Ward 2 Supervisor of the Checklist with a term to expire on August 2023

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

<u>Finance Committee</u> – Councilor Witham said there were 2 meetings since the last Council Meeting. The first was July 26, 2018 at 8am. At that meeting the Committee Discussed:

- Review road paving bids. Brox was more competitive at \$657,010. There was considerable discussion about the process. The Committee endorsed staff, to scope out additional work to be completed within budgeted amount.
- Finance Director Smith shared that the City has \$195,000 from State for infrastructure projects. It was suggested that these funds be used to repair a failing culvert on West High Street at Ronwyn Drive.
- There was discussion about the WWTF upgrades at a cost of \$10,540,000. Other concerns were recognized at an additional cost of \$1.9mil. The committee unanimously supported a resolution to fund the WWTF upgrades. Members of the Council took a tour of the WWTF to see where money would be spent.
- There was discussion about the rising recycling costs. The market for recycled products is drying up. Committee took no action.
- City Manager noted that the NH Retirement system rates have dropped.
- Mayor requested monies for a new city seal on the outside of the City Hall. Not to exceed \$6,000. The Committee Approved
- There was discussion about excavation permit fees, which will help to fund je pavement maintenance fund. The committee will continue to look at this area.

Councilor Witham reported on the August 9th, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting. The Committee discussed:

• The approval of a purchase of cold planer, which attaches to the skid steer, at a cost of \$13,400. This is within the Public Works operating budget. Passed 4-0.

- The West High Culvert, the Committee endorsed a Resolution for the amount of \$54,000, with Severino Trucking. The project needs to be completed before the paving this fall. Timing is important.
- Legal fees for the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding used car auto sales at 30
 Green Street. Council requested a second hearing, and the ZBA did not agree. So
 this is going to court, and the ZBA is looking for funding for legal costs.
 Unanimous Consensus was not to support the use of any City funds to provide
 outside legal counsel for ZBA representation at the Hearing.
- City Marketing Proposal. An RFP was sent out and a number of responses were received. Open the Door consulting was recommended. The details were reviewed, and the Committee voted to endorse a Resolution to hire Open the Door at a cost not to exceed \$19,500.
- City Ordinance, Chapter 29, Purchasing Limits, staff was instructed to look at purchasing limits of other communities, looking at some adjustments.
- City Manager Belmore presented numbers from Wright Pierce for road repair reconstruction. Main Street will be a \$5,362,500 project. Constitution Way will be \$858,000. Cemetery Road will be \$3,788,850.

<u>Government Operations</u> – Councilor Dumont reported that the Committee met on August 8th, 2018 at 4:30. The committee discussed:

- Update on staffing; new Library Director, City Engineer, Tax Assistant.
- Televising Standing Committee meetings. There was robust discussion. The Committee does not want to recommend that the Meetings would be televised. Minutes are available to the public.
- City Employee policies, sexual harassment, conflict resolution, City Manager Belmore offered a lengthy and thorough explanation of the processes.
- Nonpublic; there was a brief discussion, about personnel

Economic Development – Councilor Dumont stated that the Committee met on August 7^{th} , 2018 at 4:00pm. The Committee discussed:

- Hall at Great Falls and the 79e application. There was lengthy discussion regarding the parking near the hall and along Main Street. Considering at meeting this evening.
- Proposal submitted by David Baker for the former police station. Mr. Baker stated that the earliest he could consider starting on this project is 2020. The committee made a motion to take no action, although they appreciated the vision of Mr. Baker.
- Marketing Proposals; there were several proposals. The committee endorsed a resolution to hire Open the Door at \$19,500.
- Form Based Codes. The committee would like to move forward sooner than later. An RFP will be sent out.
- There was an update on the Plaza. An RFP was sent out.

<u>Public Safety</u> – Councilor Pepin reported that there is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

<u>Public Works & Environment</u> – Councilor Sprague reported that the Committee met on July 26, 2018. The committee discussed:

- Upgrades for the WWTF; members of the Council went on a tour of the facility.
- Equipment purchase for PW... List.*
- Water Division, Ford Truck
- Recycling Programing, Cardboard drop off.
- Road Paving, Culvert on West High Street, at Ronwyn. Secured the numbers, around \$50,000. Need to beat the state and Pike before they start paving.
- Road Paving bids, 1.1mil. Roads came back at 657,000, decided to do more roads. List roads* Washington st, is not going to be a complete street, constitutional will be completed in a few years. Added more roads, Main st, John parsons to Indigo Hill rd.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, CITY OFFICERS AND CITY MANAGER

Special Committees

COAST –Councilor Pepin reported that there was discussion about the cost analysis of changing routes, the details of the proposal and new software tools. The board voted to purchase the new software. There was also an Election of officers; all officers stayed the same.

School Board – Councilor Pepin reported that the Board met on August 7th, 2018. There was discussion about the custodians moving things from Maplewood and Idlehurst. There was discussion about the final figures of the budget and the board approved the CIP items for next year's budget.

Veterans Park Commission – Councilor Dumont reported that the Commission has been discussing the general vision of the Veterans Park. They would like to see something similar to what Dover did what theirs; a meandering walkway, a water feature, flag poles for different branches of service, a podium. Commission is functioning well. They are working on an appeal process for funding. This is not to be a burden to the tax payer. This will be a phasing type of project. As for a picture and a vision, a design of the phases will be done with a focus of the Veterans piece.

Vision 2020 – Councilor Levasseur reported that the Committee met on August 6th, 2018 @ 4:30. The Committee met the new superintendent. They went on to discuss the social media policy. There was also discussion about the website which is about to launch; they discussed collaborating of the CTC for marketing and to share the vision for the city. This will give students real world opportunities.

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, August 10, 2018

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday August 13, 2018

City Council Agenda

Lay on the Table (Under Section 13 of Agenda)

A. Resolution No. 4-19: To Authorize Participation and Funding for a Regional Homeless Master Plan with the Cities of Dover and Rochester.

Unfinished Business (Under Section 14 of Agenda)

Ordinances

- A. Ordinance No. 1-19: Amend Chapter 29 Administrative Code, Section 6, City Seal. Again, the Government Operations Committee voted to move forward with this Ordinance change and recommend full Council adoption.
- **B.** Ordinance No. 2-19: Amending Chapter 13 Police Offenses. Again, the Traffic Safety Committee voted to move forward with their recommendation for this Ordinance change.

Resolutions

B. Resolution No. 1-19: To Appropriate Funds from the State Revolving Loan Fund for Upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Again, the Finance Committee voted to move forward with this recommended Resolution. This action item will require six (6) Council votes to pass (a 2/3^{rd's} vote). There is a *red-lined* Draft Amendment attached based on further Committee discussions including the Wastewater Treatment Plant tour and project review recently conducted.

- C. Resolution No. 2-19: To Adopt a Policy for Flag Raising at Citizen's Place. City Attorney Walter Mitchell has reviewed this Policy that was developed by the Cultural Commission with some Staff assistance.
- D. Resolution No. 3-19: To Authorize the City to Use Funding from the Municipal and Transportation Fund for the Local Match of a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program Grant. Again, the Finance Committee voted to recommend funds required for the CMAQ Grant City match come from the Municipal Transportation Fund. Presently there is \$155,000 in this fund. Approximately \$5,000 accrues into this Fund on a monthly basis.

New Business (Under Section 15 of Agenda)

Resolutions

- A. Resolutions No. 5-19: To Authorize the City Manager to Contract with Brox Industries, Inc. of Dracut, MA. for Road Improvements on Salmon Falls Road, Washington Street, Otis Road, Horne Street, Tates Brook Road, Constitutional Way, and a Portion of High Street (Blackwater Road to South Street). The Finance Committee and Public Works & Environment Committee met on July 26th and voted to endorse the bid of \$657,010 from Brox Industries. Attached is a memorandum from Public Works Director Mike Bobinsky regarding costing out additional road improvement work to consider adding to the Brox Contract. The actual amounts will be available at Monday's meeting. The original bid numbers are attached.
- B. Resolution No. 6-19: To Authorize the City Manager to Order One Tymco Regenerative Air Street Sweeper which will be Funded by a Lease Purchase Arrangement. Public Works & Environment Committee met on July 26th and voted to recommend moving forward with this much needed Street Sweeper. As the Resolution reads, if passed the City will retain the 'old' sweeper as a back-up unit and for some occasional work. Director Mike Bobinsky's memorandum on all these Public Works purchases is attached.
- C. Resolution No. 7-19: To Authorize the City Manager to Order One 6-Wheel Dump Truck for the Department of Public Works which will be funded by a Lease Purchase Agreement. The Public Works & Environment Committee met on July 26th and voted to recommend moving forward with purchasing this 6-wheel Dump Truck which will replace and 310 Dump Truck.

- **D.** Resolution No. 8-19: To Authorize the City Manager to Order a Pickup Truck for the Water Treatment Plant. The Public Works & Committee met on July 26th and voted to purchase this pick-up truck for the WWT Facility and keep the Dodge for use by DPW and for the new City Engineer's use as needed.
- E. Resolution No. 9-19: To Authorize the City Manager to Contract with Severino Trucking Co., Inc. of Candia, NH to Replace a Culvert on West High Street. The Public Works & Environment Committee met on July 26th and the Finance Committee met on August 9th and voted to support this contracted work. It is important that we complete this work prior to the W. High Street road work beginning. Severino's proposal is attached.
- F. Resolution No 10-19: To Name the Walking Trail at the Mast Point Dam Recreation Area as the Frank Richardson Conservation Trail. Attached is a copy of the Trail and the City Ordinance Section that outlines the process in awarding such 'City Accolades'. This does require a Public Hearing which can be added to the Tuesday, September 4th Council meeting Agenda.

Other

A. Vote to Approve the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Application from Sara Nadeau for the Hall at Great Falls located at 49 Market Street (under City Ordinance, Chapter 31). The Economic Development Committee met on August 7th and voted to recommend acceptance of this application with the addition of the Planning Board's Site Plan condition of approval regarding a parking plan requirement being maintained. Attached is a copy of the Tax Relief Application package received from Ms. Sara Nadeau. I have also included a copy of the City Ordinance, the property record card, and notes from Director Shanna Saunders in regards to what work has already been completed at the facility.

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

A. Informational Items.

a. NH Department of Transportation (DOT) Road Safety Audit (RSA). As you may recall, the City applied for and was granted acceptance into this program to pursue safety improvements to the intersections of Old Rochester Road (Rte16B) and Blackwater Road. Staff will be meeting with representatives of the NH DOT and the Strafford Regional Planning Commission to move forward with this State Road Safety improvement

program. The meeting and site visit is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18th.

- **b. Utility Lock-Box.** The program will be launched this month. I wanted to flag this item since residents may have questions regarding payments being mailed to a Manchester address. As always, we encourage Utility Customers to enroll in our 'easy pay program'.
- **c.** City Council Goal Setting Session. I have provided a progress report that provides some benchmarking notes on the goals set by Council at the March 24th session. I also want to point out there are a few items Council may want to provide further direction as to what specific action might need to be taken by City Staff.

B. Attachments.

- 1. City Attorney Certifications Six (6)
- 2. Department Head Reports

Councilor Sprague asked for updated information regarding the American Ambulance contract. It states that Ambulances cannot be more than 5 years old. One of the vehicles is a 2013.

City Manager Belmore stated that the Fire Chief will address this and report back.

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Mayoral Nominations – For Council confirmation vote.

Virginia Hahn, as Supervisor of the Checklist for Ward 2, with term to expire August 2023.

Councilor Cameron, seconded by Councilor Vincent, made a motion to suspend Council rules to act on this nomination this evening. Motion passed, 9-0.

Councilor Cameron, seconded by Councilor Michaud, made a motion to accept nomination. The motion passed, 9-0.

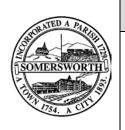
LAY ON THE TABLE

Resolution No. 4-19 - To Authorize Participation and Funding for a Regional Homeless Master Plan with the Cities of Dover and Rochester

Resolution No. 4-19 remained on the table.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinances:



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: 1-19

AMEND CHAPTER 29 ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, SECTION 6, CITY SEAL

July 23, 2018

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT City Ordinance Chapter 29, as amended, be further amended as follows:

ADD Section 29.6.4,:

Section 29.6.4 Unauthorized Use of the Seal

No other use of the City Seal is permitted without prior written permission from the City Council's Government Operations Committee.

The City reserves the right to take appropriate legal action to remedy any unauthorized use of the City Seal, including but not limited to, seeking injunctive relief, costs and attorney's fees in the Superior Court.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Authorization	
Sponsored by Councilors:	Approved:
Martin P. Dumont, Sr. David A. Witham Nancie Cameron Edward Levasseur	City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 1-19

History			
First Read Date:	07/23/2018	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:	08/13/2018	Removed From Table:	
Second Read:	08/13/2018		

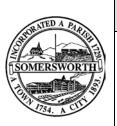
Action

Councilor Pepin moved for adoption, seconded by Councilor Cameron.

Discussion

None

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	X	
At Large Councilor	Sprague	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
	TOTAL VOTES:	9	0
On 08/13/2018	Ordinance 1-19	PASSED	



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: 2-19

AMENDING CHAPTER 13 POLICE OFFENSES

July 23, 2018

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

Amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section F.5, Time Limited Parking, 15 Minutes, by deleting:

• Grove St. on the northerly side from Grand St. westerly to the telephone pole (NET&T CO 7 PSNN 35/6).

And further amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section F.2, Time Limited Parking, Two Hour, by adding:

• Grove St. on the northerly side from Grand St. westerly to the telephone pole (NET&T CO 7 PSNN 35/6).

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Authorization	
	Approved: City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 2-19

History			
First Read Date:	07/23/2018	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	08/13/2018	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	08/13/2018		

Discussion

The Traffic Safety Committee was asked to review the ordinance authorizing an area allowing 15 minute parking on Grove Street. These stalls were originally used to assist with Hilltop School related parking. Grove Street was changed for dual direction traffic. The parking of vehicles utilizing that 15 minute area creates a traffic safety issue. Turning onto Grove Street from Grand Street when vehicles are parked in that area can cause encroachment into the opposite lane of travel on Grove St. Prohibiting parking along the north side of Grove St between Grand St and Prospect St will aide in a safer commute.

Councilor Sprague, seconded by Councilor McCallion, made a motion to amend, Sect D. Changing it from no parking to 30 minute parking.

Councilor Vincent said he would like to see an increase the parking limit to an hour or more.

Councilor Pepin explained that when the school was there, they didn't want that part of the road blocked.

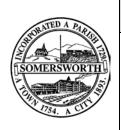
Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Levasseur, made a motion to suspend council rules to allow Police Chief Kretschmar to address the council. Motion passed, 9-0.

Chief Kretschmar stated that Grove Street is a narrow road. This was a stall that was used to pick up and drop off of kids when the school was there. It doesn't create an issue right now.

Councilor Sprague, seconded by Councilor Vincent, amended his amendment to 2 hour parking. The motion passed, 9-0.

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	X	
At Large Councilor	Sprague	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
	TOTAL VOTES:	9	0
On 08/13/2018	Ordinance 2-19	PASSED	

Resolutions:



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: 1-19

TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR UPGRADES TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

July 23, 2018

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 36-18 granting authority to file an application to the State revolving fund for a loan to fund wastewater facility upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the project costs include engineering, construction, and any other ancillary costs associated with the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT an amount not to exceed \$12,440,000 (Twelve Million Four Hundred Forty Thousand dollars) is appropriated to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT:

- (a.) the City Manager is authorized to borrow up to \$12,440,000 (Twelve Million Four Hundred Forty Thousand dollars) from the State Revolving Loan Fund, and
- (b.) the City Manager is authorized to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project, and
- (c.) to take any other actions relative to this project determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization	
Sponsored by Councilors:	Approved:
David A. Witham	City Attorney
Dale R. Sprague	
Martin Pepin	
Martin P. Dumont, Sr.	

City of Somersworth – Resolution 1-19

History			
First Read Date:	07/23/2018	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	08/13/2018	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	08/13/2018		

Action

This Resolution requires a public hearing and requires a 2/3 majority vote of the City Council after the public hearing (Sections 7.13 and 7.14 City Charter).

Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Sprague, made a motion to amend Resolution 1-19, to increase the amount not to exceed from \$10,540,000 to \$12,440.00.

Councilor McCallion stated that if they can do the upgrades for \$12mil, do it right and can cut some energy cost, it's worth it.

Councilor Witham stated that the additional \$2mil will capture some of the issues; motor and lighting upgrades, AC in the components room, efficiency, and repair of the broken processed water piping. Since they are currently not able to use the processed water, they have been using City water.

Councilor Pepin stated that a new facility would cost \$50-60mil. This is a beginning and puts us in a better spot. These upgrades will allow for more waste processing as businesses come into the community.

Councilor Witham stated that we've been fortunate to be in front of the curve. We are not under mandate by the EPA to improve our plant capacity. We are being proactive.

City Manager Belmore stated that although we will be saving money, it will cost more to run the plant; more chemicals, additional staff, but postures ourselves better.

Motion to amend passed unanimously, 9-0.

Councilor Dumont moved for adoption as amended, seconded by Councilor Cameron.

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 *	X	
At Large Councilor	Sprague	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
	TOTAL VOTES:	9	0
On 08/13/2018	Resolution 1-19	PASSED	

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City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: 2-19

TO ADOPT A POLICY FOR FLAG RAISING AT CITIZEN'S PLACE

July 23, 2018

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somersworth adopted Resolution No. 26-17, officially naming the traffic island at the intersection of High Street and Government Way "Citizen's Place", and

WHEREAS, the flag poles located on Citizen's Place are reserved for the City of Somersworth and its Citizens, for use by any person, group or organization that promotes benevolence, tolerance and diversity, and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Committee has reviewed the process for the raising of flags at Citizen's Place and recommends a Citizen's Place Flag Policy in order to ensure the spirit and intent for the use of these flag poles is met in the future,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT in order to accomplish this purpose, the attached Citizen's Place Flag Policy is hereby adopted and effective upon passage of this Resolution.

Authorization		
Sponsored by: Approved:		
Mayor Dana S. Hilliard	City Attorney	
Councilor Martin P. Dumont, Sr.		
Councilor Richard Michaud		

City of Somersworth – Resolution 2-19

History			
First Read Date:	07/23/2018	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	N/A	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	08/13/2018		

Action

Councilor Levasseur moved for adoption, seconded by Councilor Cameron.

Discussion

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	X	
At Large Councilor	Sprague	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
	TOTAL VOTES:	9	0
On 08/13/2018	Resolution 2-19	PASSED	

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City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **3-19**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO USE FUNDING FROM THE MUNICIPAL AND TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR THE LOCAL MATCH OF A CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR SIGNALIZATION UPGRADES THROUGH THE HIGH STREET CORRIDOR

July 23, 2018

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 17-13 to create the Municipal and Transportation Fund for the purpose of improvements in the local or regional transportation system including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities, and public transportation, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been notified that the City has been awarded a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, for signalization upgrades through the High Street Corridor, and

WHEREAS, the grant award requires a local match in the amount of \$139,750 (One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty dollars), and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to utilize funding for this match from the Municipal and Transportation Fund, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is designated as agents to expend these funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City may utilize \$139,750 (One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty dollars) for the local match of a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAO) grant through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.

Authorization		
Sponsored by Councilors:	Approved:	
David A. Witham	City Attorney	
Dale R. Sprague		
Martin Pepin		
Martin P. Dumont, Sr.		
Kenneth S. Vincent		
Kenneth S. Vincent		

City of Somersworth – Resolution 3-19

History			
First Read Date:	07/23/2018	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	N/A	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	08/13/2018		

Action

Councilor Pepin moved for adoption, seconded by Councilor Michaud.

Discussion

Councilor Sprague, seconded by Councilor Pepin, made a motion to amend the second paragraph and title of the resolution, by adding "for signalization upgrades through the High Street Corridor". The motion passed, 9-0.

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 *	X	
At Large Councilor	Sprague	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
	TOTAL VOTES:	9	0
On 08/13/2018	Resolution 3-19	PASSED	

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions:

City of Somersworth – Resolution



Resolution No: **5-19**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH BROX INDUSTRIES, INC. OF DRACUT, MA. FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ON SALMON FALLS ROAD, WASHINGTON STREET, OTIS ROAD, HORNE STREET, TATES BROOK ROAD, CONSTITUTIONAL WAY, A PORTION OF HIGH STREET FROM BLACKWATER ROAD TO SOUTH STREET, A PORTION OF MAIN STREET FROM JOHN PARSONS WAY TO INDIGO HILL ROAD, GARDEN STREET, AND TO WIDEN THE SHOULDER ON HIGH STREET FROM VERONA STREET TO BARTLETT AVENUE.

August 13, 2018

WHEREAS, the City prepared and requested sealed bids from qualified contractors for road improvements to Salmon Falls Road, Washington Street, Otis Road, Horne Street, Tates Brook Road, Constitutional Way, and a portion of High Street between Blackwater Road and South Street, and

WHEREAS, the City, after receiving the bids, requested Brox Industries of Dracut, MA. to consider adding additional streets within the City's allocation for road resurfacing, and

WHEREAS, the City agrees to additional road improvements to a portion of Main Street from John Parsons Way to Indigo Hill Road, Garden Street, and shoulder work on High Street from Verona Street to Bartlett Avenue for an additional \$242,767 (Two Hundred Forty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Seven dollars), and

WHEREAS, City staff reviewed the results of the bids received and recommends contracting with Brox Industries of Dracut, MA. to make these improvements at a cost not to exceed \$944,777 (Nine Hundred Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Seven dollars) including 5% contingency in the amount of \$45,000 (Forty Five Thousand dollars), and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Environment Committee has reviewed the recommendation by staff to award the contract to Brox Industries, and supports the recommendation, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the recommendation by staff to award the contract to Brox Industries, and supports the recommendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to contract with Brox Industries, Inc. of Dracut, MA. for road improvements to Salmon Falls Road, Washington Street, Otis Road, Horne Street, Tates Brook Road, Constitutional Way, a portion of High Street between Blackwater Road and South Street, a portion of Main Street from John Parsons Way to Indigo Hill Road, Garden Street, and to widen the shoulder on High Street from Verona Street to Bartlett Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$944,777 (Nine Hundred Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Seven dollars) including 5% contingency in the amount of \$45,000 (Forty Five Thousand dollars) and to take any other actions on behalf of this project determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization		
Sponsored by Councilors:		Approved:
Dale R. Sprague		City Attorney
David A. Witham		
Martin Pepin	20	
Kenneth S. Vincent	Minutes of City Cou	noil Mooting
Martin P. Dumont, Sr.	August 13,	0010

City of Somersworth – Resolution 5-19

History			
First Read Date:	08/13/2018	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	NA	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	08/13/2018		

Action

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Sprague, made a motion to waive the rules for a second read. The motion passed, 9-0.

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Pepin, made a motion to suspend Council rules to allow Finance Director to Speak. The motion passed, 9-0.

Councilor Sprague, seconded by Councilor Dumont, made a motion to amend according to the relined version.

Smith explained that there are 2 options, depending whether they use the manhole covers that are in place or replace them at an additional cost of \$22,000.

Councilor Sprague stated that the cost to replace covers would come out of the Enterprise Fund. The current covers can be reused.

Councilor Sprague, seconded by Councilor Pepin, made a motion to amend the resolution according to the relined version, and add the additional \$22,000 for the replacement of the manhole covers.

Councilor Dumont stated that there are many roads that need some work, we are cleaning up pavement in peoples' yards after plowing.

Councilor Witham stated that when paving of roads goes through the committee, they look at the pavement condition index that was done many years ago, traffic volume, and other variables. As for Main St., this street will be completed with new water lines, sewer lines, and sidewalks, within the next few years, but it is in very bad shape, hard to plow. The project will be ready for Bonding.

Motion to amend passed, 9-0.

Councilor Sprague moved for adoption, seconded by Councilor Cameron.

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	X	
At Large Councilor	Sprague *	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
	TOTAL VOTES:	9	0
On 08/13/2018	Resolution 5-19	PASSED	

SOMERSWORTH 1754. A CUI

City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **6-19**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE TYMCO REGENERATIVE AIR STREET SWEEPER WHICH WILL BE FUNDED BY A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

August 13, 2018

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth's Capital Improvement Plan proposes a replacement schedule for public works equipment to maintain fleet integrity, standardize equipment and reduce maintenance costs, and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth's approved FY2018-2019 Budget provides funding for a new Street Sweeper through a lease purchase agreement, and

WHEREAS, City staff evaluated equipment from qualified vendors for the purchase of a street sweeper and recommends contracting with Donovan Equipment of Londonderry, New Hampshire for a Tymco Regenerative Air Street Sweeper, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Environment Committee supports the purchasing of this equipment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to purchase one new Tymco Regenerative Air Street Sweeper which is funded in the approved FY2019 City budget through a lease purchase agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the Department of Public Works shall retain the current street sweeper to be used as a back-up unit and used in conjunction with the new unit for special events.

Authorization		
Sponsored by Councilors:	Approved:	
Dale R. Sprague David A. Witham Martin Pepin Kenneth S. Vincent	City Attorney	

City of Somersworth – Resolution 6-19

History			
First Read Date:	08/13/2018	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	NA	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	08/13/2018		

Action

Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Vincent, made a motion to waive Council Rules to allow for a second read. The motion passed, 9-0.

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	X	
At Large Councilor	Sprague *	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
	TOTAL VOTES:	9	0
On 08/13/2018	Resolution 6-19	PASSED	

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City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **7-19**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE 6-WHEEL DUMP TRUCK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WHICH WILL BE FUNDED BY A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

August 13, 2018

WHEREAS the City of Somersworth's Capital Improvement Plan proposes a replacement schedule for public works equipment to maintain fleet integrity, standardize equipment and reduce maintenance costs, and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth's approved FY2018-2019 Budget provides funding for a new 6-Wheel Dump Truck through a lease purchase agreement, and

WHEREAS, City staff evaluated equipment from qualified vendors for the purchase of the 6-wheel dump/plow truck and related equipment and recommends contracting with Peterbilt of Bow, New Hampshire for the truck and chassis, and to contract with Howard P. Fairfield Equipment of Pembroke New Hampshire for the winter plow related equipment including plow gear; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Environment Committee supports the ordering of this equipment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to purchase one new 6-Wheel Dump Truck with winter plow equipment which is funded in the approved FY2019 City budget through a lease purchase agreement.

Authorization	
Sponsored by Councilors:	Approved:
Dale R. Sprague David A. Witham Martin Pepin Kenneth S. Vincent	City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 7-19

History			
First Read Date:	08/13/2018	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	NA	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	08/13/2018		

Discussion

Councilor McCallion, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to waive Council Rules to have the resolution read by title only. Motion passed, 9-0.

Councilor Sprague, seconded by Councilor Vincent, made a motion to waive Council Rules to allow for second read. Motion passed, 9-0

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	X	
At Large Councilor	Sprague *	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
	TOTAL VOTES:	9	0
On 08/13/2018	Resolution 7-19	PASSED	

SOMERSWORTH 1754 A CUT

City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **8-19**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

August 13, 2018

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth's Capital Improvement Plan proposes a replacement schedule for public works and utility equipment to maintain fleet integrity, standardize equipment and reduce maintenance costs, and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth's approved FY2018-2019 Budget provides funding for a new half-ton pickup truck to be used by the Water Treatment Plant staff, and

WHEREAS, City staff has evaluated the advantage of the use of a standard vehicle manufacturer acquisition policy and recommends the use of the NH State bid list for Ford vehicles as the most efficient method of procuring these new vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Environment Committee has reviewed this with staff and supports the recommendation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to purchase one new Ford half-ton pickup truck for use by the Water Treatment Plant staff which is funded in the approved FY2019 City budget.

Authorization	
Sponsored by Councilors:	Approved:
Dale R. Sprague David A. Witham Martin Pepin Kenneth S. Vincent	City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 8-19

History			
First Read Date:	08/13/2018	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

Councilor McCallion, seconded by Councilor Levasseur, made a motion to waive Council Rules to have the resolution read by title only. The motion passed, 9-0.

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to waive Council Rules to allow for a second read. The motion passed, 9-0.

Councilor McCallion moved for adoption, seconded by Councilor Michaud.

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	X	
At Large Councilor	Sprague *	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
	TOTAL VOTES:	9	0
On 08/13/2018	Resolution 8-19	PASSED	

SOMERSWORTH 1754. A CUI

City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **9-19**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH SEVERINO TRUCKING CO., INC. OF CANDIA, NH TO REPLACE A CULVERT ON WEST HIGH STREET

August 13, 2018

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 39-18 to authorize the City Manager to contract with Pike Industries to pave a portion of West High Street, and

WHEREAS, a culvert within the project area near Ronwyn Drive has failed and should be replaced before that section of West High Street is paved, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to move this project forward and avoid delays in the paving, staff reviewed this project with the Public Works and Environment Committee and they supported waiving the bidding requirements and seeking a quote from a qualified contractor, and

WHERAS, staff requested and received a quote from Severino Trucking Co. in the amount of \$49,000 (Forty Nine Thousand dollars), and recommends including an additional \$5,000 (Five Thousand dollars) for contingencies, making the total project cost \$54,000 (Fifty Four Thousand dollars),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to contract with Severino Trucking Co., Inc. of Candia, NH to replace a culvert on West High Street near Ronwyn Drive for a cost not to exceed \$54,000 (Fifty Four Thousand dollars) and to take any other action relative to this project determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization	
Sponsored by Councilors:	Approved:
Dale R. Sprague David A. Witham Martin Pepin Kenneth S. Vincent	City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 9-19

History			
First Read Date:	08/13/2018	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Sprague, made a motion to waive Council Rules to allow for second read. The motion passed, 9-0.

Councilor Pepin stated that the culvert needs to be done before the road pavement.

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	X	
At Large Councilor	Sprague	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
	TOTAL VOTES:	9	0
On 08/13/2018	Resolution 9-19	PASSED	

SOMERSWORTH

City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: 10-19

TO NAME THE WALKING TRAIL AT THE MAST POINT DAM RECREATION AREA AS THE FRANK RICHARDSON CONSERVATION TRAIL

August 13, 2018

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somersworth is authorized to name certain public spaces and properties as outlined in City Ordinance, Chapter 6.10, City Accolades, and

WHEREAS, Frank Richardson having served since April 1, 1985 as a dedicated and professional member of the City's highly regarded Conservation Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Mast Point Dam Recreation area was enhanced in 2017 to include a natural walking trail that takes advantage of a sizeable tract of conservation land that was established in part due to the efforts of Frank Richardson and members of the Conservation Commission, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somersworth held a public hearing on the naming request,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the natural walking trail at the Mast Point Dam Recreation Area be named the Frank Richardson Conservation Trail and that passage of this Resolution shall provide cause for a sign be erected denoting such name at the trailhead.

Authorization	
Sponsored by Councilor:	Approved:
David A. Witham	City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 10-19

History			
First Read Date:	08/13/2018	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:	09/04/2018	Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

Action

Resolution 10-19 will remain in first read until the September 4, 2018 City Council Meeting.

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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 10-19	PASSED	FAILED	

OTHER

Vote to approve the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Application from Sara Nadeau for the Hall at Great Falls located at 49 Market Street (under City Ordinance Chapter 31)

Councilor Witham recused himself from the vote.

Councilor Dumont clarified that they did appear to before the Economic Development Committee meeting this past week. They have applied for a 5 year exemption. When they first did their project, the upgrades didn't meet the criteria.

Councilor McCallion, seconded by Councilor Vincent, made a motion to suspend rules to allow Director Saunders to address the Council. The motion passed, 9-0.

Director Saunders stated that the application was submitted after some of the construction has started. The work will be completed throughout the 5 years.

Councilor McCallion stated that it is a historical property. He asked if they filed for the additional years of tax relief.

Councilor Sprague stated that is does not qualify for more than 5 years. There is no residential component.

City Manager Belmore stated that the committee discussed putting a condition on the covenant regarding that they adhere to the parking conditions in the parking plan.

Councilor Pepin asked what the public benefit was.

City Manager Belmore stated that the City Ordinance, Chapter 31, pages 4 and 5, outlines the public benefit.

Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor McCallion, made a motion to approve the application, with the parking plan stipulation.

Councilor Sprague said that the covenant should clearly state that the tax relief will be revoked if the parking plan is not adhered to.

The motion to approve the application passed by Roll Call vote, 8-0, with Witham recused.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Levasseur stated that on August 18th, at 9:00am, there will be a meeting of the Great Falls design plan in Berwick ME.

Councilor Michaud gave his condolences to Lapointe Family. Ray will be missed. He thanked all involved in the National Night out. He said, in the next budget, he would like to see funding for more police officers. He mentioned the giraffe in the Adopt a Spot that went missing and was found in the canal. There has been a lot of tagging in the city and on private property lately. He'd like for the City to take a look at the Police Department and beef it up.

Councilor Cameron said she had a great time at Somersworth night out at the Vision 2020 booth. They shared information about the Breton Cleaners site. She remembered Ray; he was always part of the meetings downtown.

Councilor Sprague gave his condolences to the Lapointe Family. National Night Out was fun, except for the brown water in the dunking booth. Senator Watters stated that we have more people than Dover.

Tagging in Somersworth is becoming a problem. He is for increasing the police budget and patrol.

He stated that there seems to be a lot of weeds in the sidewalks and pavement throughout the City. Certain streets are sprayed with weed control. There are more that need attention. Up on the hill is pretty bad. Weeds deteriorate the sidewalks and curbing.

Councilor Dumont said the National Night Out was great. Jules Bison was a special councilor and part of his family. Uncle Jules would put together a carnival and raised money for charities.

The Police Department does a marvelous job. It is very challenging. He commented about the visit to the water plant. Some of the water is filtered, and there is a lot of plastic floating on the top. Waste Management has us buying plastic bags, but plastic cannot be recycled. They are now charging the City more to pick up the recycling. Rochester is treated far differently than Somersworth.

He stated that the corner of Blackwater and 16B is a dangerous intersection. It is hard to see people in the right lane. Kudos to Deputy Mayor for being the Chair of the meeting this evening.

Councilor Witham stated that he will miss Ray Lapointe's contributions. He clarified that the Blue Bag program is a policy of the City. Behind the scenes, Eric Mommsen has endeavored to paint a large Somersworth logo behind the bleachers at the Somersworth School. It is a marvelous piece of work. Eric does a lot of announcing for the sports. To Eric, and those who use the gym, new PA system is needed. The current system sounds like a bad drive through window. It would be approximately \$3-4,000 for a good system.

Councilor Vincent said he recently had the honor of representing the City and State at the White House. There was quite a list of speakers, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Veteran Affairs, Urban Development, and Department of Transportation. Most were from the state; Senator Watters was there. Department of education is still stuck on the voucher bill. There was discussion about the funding for drug control policies. Veterans affairs; the services the veterans are getting are not up to standards. Councilor Vincent asked about the Consent Calendar; how does the public know what we are consenting to?

He stated that Ray Lapointe did a ton of things for the American Legion. He worked hard worker for the veterans. And finally, Councilor Vincent stated, cardboard recycling is a service to our community. Don't abuse it.

Councilor Pepin compliment the City Manager for arranging the tour of the WWTF. That building is probably the most expensive building that the City operates. There were days when the waste used to go down the Salmon Falls River. This is a start. There are still things left to be done. He complimented the staff at the WWTF for all of their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Michaud, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to adjourn. 8-1. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Trish Harris, City Cler	·k	
Dana Hilliard, Mayor		