



## MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Somersworth, NH

March 2, 2020

7:00 P.M.

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### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chair Cameron, and upon roll call the following Council members were present: Pepin, Vincent, Austin, Michaud, Gerding, Cameron, and Paradis.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor Vincent led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Cameron introduced the new Fire Chief and welcomed him to come forward for his swearing in.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

### **COMMENTS BY VISITORS**

Ed LeVasseur, of 44 Pleasant Street, former City Councilor and currently on the School Board. He congratulated the Acting Mayor Cameron. He welcomed the new Fire Chief, stating that he has seen Chief Kramlinger's resume. Mr. LeVasseur said he was on the Public Safety Committee when they were discussing Chief Hoyle's retirement and the hiring process for the new Chief. He thanked the Council for agreeing to bond the elevator in the middle school. This will allow the board to use funds for other projects.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approve Minutes of the Joint City Council and School Board Budget Workshop held on February 18, 2020

Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on February 18, 2020

*Councilor Austin, seconded by Councilor Pepin, made a motion to approve the items on the 7-0.*

### **COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCILORS**

Councilor Vincent thanked Shanna Saunders, Dana Crossley, and Robin Comstock for the volunteer dinner at the Oaks, They did a great job and it was a good time had by all.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND DISPOSAL THEREOF BY REFERENCE OR OTHERWISE**

None

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor is in Washington DC until Tuesday evening attending the annual Nation American Israel Public Affairs Committee conference. He will have a full report at the next meeting but did want me to remind you of the upcoming Mayors forum.

The next Mayor's Community Forum will take place Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 – 10:30 at City Hall. This Ward 1 and 2 City Councilors Marty Pepin and Kenny Vincent and the Ward 1 and Ward 2 School Board Members Maggie Larson and Matt Hanlon. 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, and elected officials are welcome to attend any forums.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

None

## **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, CITY OFFICERS AND CITY MANAGER**

### **Special Committees**

Cultural Commission - Councilor Gerding reported that the Commission met on February 19, 2020. It was a workshop style meeting. They discussed past projects, Fischer Cats tickets for this year, potential projects, and a mission statement. They discussed possible locations for a Historic highway marker. They also discussed Banners to represent the 5 founding groups of Somersworth. The next meeting will be on March 18, 2020 at 5.

Historic District Commission – Councilor Gerding reported that the Commission received and application for a new building on Winter Street. The owner did not show up at the meeting so the application was denied for lack of information. They then discuss the standards for review and the Historic Highway marker.

Joint Building Commission – Councilor Pepin reported that they Commission met with architects for phase 2 of the music building. They discussed the stages, carpeting, and layout. Phase 3 will be the library; there will be built in shelving, ceiling tiles and carpeting. The elevator was a big topic of discussion; there is a 24-36-week delay in receiving the elevator. Bids need to go out quickly.

Traffic Safety – Councilor Vincent reported that the Committee met on February 26, 2020 at 2pm. They discussed the parking in the downtown area; the parking times vary around the city. A Business owner in the downtown area aired out some frustrations on the parking, on how there is never any place to park and his people are getting tickets. The area is multiple use; business and residential upstairs. The topic was tabled. The committee discussed the crossing at Bartlett Ave. at High St. Captain Timmons was going to bring back the conditions of lighting.

They talked about signs for the school crossing particularly at Maple Wood. Lights are burn out and it looks a bit dilapidated. Public Works is going to get an update or estimate a replacement.

City Manager's Report

*Office of the City Manager*

**TO:** Mayor Dana S. Hilliard and City Council Members

**FROM:** Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

**DATE:** Thursday, February 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Report for Monday, March 2, 2020  
City Council Agenda

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*6:30 pm: City Council Workshop*

*Re: Somersworth Housing Authority (SHA), Executive Director Debbie Evans will update the Council on the SHA upcoming Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Project.*

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*Old Business (Under Section 14 of Agenda)*

Resolutions

- A. Resolution No. 31-20: Vote to Forgive Two Notes and Release Two Mortgages and Security Agreements from Queensbury Mill Limited Partnership.** Again, The Finance Committee met on January 29<sup>th</sup> and voted to support this action. My recommendation is based on three key factors:
1. The CDBG Project was successfully completed within the Grant parameters.
  2. The State of NH is satisfied with the project's completion.
  3. The City would not benefit in acting as a collection agency for the State, as any funds collected would need to be sent to them.
- B. Resolution No. 32-20: Vote to Authorize the City Manager to Apply for a Grant with the United States Department of Justice Cops Hiring Program to Add Two Additional Police Officers.** Again, the Finance Committee met on January 29<sup>th</sup> and Public Safety met on February 12<sup>th</sup>, both Committees voted to support this Resolution to apply for this Grant. This Grant, if received, will pay for 75% of the salaries and benefits of officers, with the City covering the remaining 25%. Please note that the grant provides a maximum amount of \$125,000 per

position, and the City will be required to fund the positions for one full year after the 3-year grant period.

### *New Business (Under Section 15 of Agenda)*

#### **Ordinances**

- A. Ordinance No. 16-20: Supplemental Appropriation to Construct a Veterans Memorial and Associated Improvements at Stein Park.** The Finance Committee met on February 18<sup>th</sup> and voted to approve this Supplemental Appropriation. City Staff recommended a total cost estimate for the Veterans Memorial project, including sidewalk and fencing at \$235,000. We are accepting bids on March 5<sup>th</sup>, once we receive the bids, I can offer an amendment to this amount if needed. Attached are copies of documents that outline various cost components for this project.

#### **Resolutions**

- A. Resolution No. 33-20: To Authorize the City Manager to Contract with Emery and Garrett Groundwater Investigations of Meredith, NH to Provide an Assessment of the Rocky Hill Road Wellfield.** The Public Works Committee and the Finance Committee met on February 18<sup>th</sup> and accepted Staff's recommendations to award the Contract to Emery and Garrett. We did receive seven responses and City Staff interviewed four of them. Attached is a memorandum from City Engineer Gary Lemay regarding this recommendation.
- B. Resolution No. 34-20: To Authorize the City Manager to Contract with Wright-Pierce Engineers of Portsmouth, NH to Provide a Water Storage Assessment, Water Tank Condition Assessment of the Hamilton Street Water Tank, and a Distribution System Master Plan Update.** The Public Works Committee and the Finance Committee met on February 18<sup>th</sup> and voted to move forward with City Staff's recommendation to Contract with Wright-Pierce Engineers of Portsmouth, NH. There were three firms who responded; Wright-Pierce, Tata and Howard, and Weston and Sampson. The interview team which consisted of City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Public Works Director, Chief Water Treatment Operator and City Engineer. During a second interview Wright-Pierce Engineers noted that the City may be eligible for a \$20,000 drinking water asset management grant if several asset management-specific tasks were added. After adding the management specific tasks totaling \$11,000 to the project and with the \$20,000 grant that the City was awarded, it would reduce the total cost of the project by \$9,000. Making the total cost for the project \$54,700 minus the acceptance of the \$20,000 grant making the total cost to the City \$34,700, which is less than the \$100,000 adopted budget for this assessment.
- C. Resolution No. 35-20: To Authorize the City Manager to Enter Into a Five-Year Contract Amendment (7/1/2020 – 6/30/2025) with Waste Management of New Hampshire, Inc. for Collection and Disposal of Municipal Solid**

**Waste, Municipal Recycling, and Wastewater Treatment Sludge Disposal.** The Finance Committee and Public Works & Environment Committee both met on February 18<sup>th</sup> regarding these 5-year Contract extensions. Both Committees accepted Staff's recommendation to approve these Contract extensions. Attached are copies of the proposed Contracts / Agreements as well as other information provided by Waste Management's representative, Pete Lachapelle.

- D. Resolution No. 36-20: To Authorize the City Manager to Contract with Apex Construction of Somersworth, NH for the Construction of Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades.** Attached is a memorandum from Wright-Pierce Engineers regarding their review of the three (3) bids that were received. Wright-Pierce recommends Apex and City Staff concurs.
- E. Resolution No. 37-20: To Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Contract with Wright-Pierce Engineers of Portsmouth, NH to Provide Resident Inspection and Contract Administration Services Associated with the Construction of the Upgrades at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.** Attached is a copy of the proposed Contract.

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

**A. Informational Items.**

- a. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Grant.** Attached is the official notification from the NH DOT that we can launch our Engineering Study with Sebago Technics for our High Street Corridor Signalization Project. I will move forward in signing our Agreement with Sebago Technics.
- b. Fire Department (CIP) Ford Pick-up Purchase.** This year we have purchased a new 1-Ton Pick-up replacement purchase for the Fire Department. The original plan was to sell the old vehicle. Without objection from the City Council, I will be authorizing its re-use by the Public Works Department. The original thought was to have the Recreation Division's pick-up slide over to Public Works, however the Recreation Supervisor utilizes it for programs, and it is also used by our City Engineer and part-time Electrical Inspector. Public Works staff will be using it for City Parks maintenance and other tasks.

**No objection from council to re-use the pickup by DPW.**

- c. Emergency Management Director.** I have officially appointed our new Fire Chief, George D. Kramlinger as our City's Emergency Management Director. Thank you Chief Kramlinger for taking on these additional responsibilities.

Councilor Vincent asked if this was the last phase of the WWTP upgrades?

City Manager Belmore said probably not. With the nitrogen concerns in the Great Bay and new testing requirements by the DES, we are several years out.

**Friendly Reminder  
Upcoming City Council Meetings & Workshops.**

- **Monday, March 16**
  - 5:30 pm: State of the City Address
  - 7:00 pm: City Council Meeting
- **Saturday, March 28**
  - 8:30 am: City Council Team Building Session
- **Saturday, April 4**
  - 8:30 am: City Council Budget Workshop – Non-Profits & City Departments
- **Monday, April 6**
  - 6:00 pm: City Manager Presents Budget
  - 7:00 pm: Budget Public Hearing and City Council Meeting

**Attachments**

1. **City Attorney Certifications Six (6)**

**NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS**

Nominations Requiring Council Confirmation Vote

Matthew Keiser, Re-Appointment as a Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, with a term to expire, March 2023

*Councilor Austin, seconded by Councilor Michaud, made a motion to confirm the nomination. The motion passed, 7-0.*

Margaret Roberge, Re-Appointment as a Member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees, with a term to expire, March 2025

*Councilor Vincent, seconded by Councilor Michaud, made a motion to confirm the nomination. The motion passed, 7-0.*

Mayoral Appointment

Doug Watson, Re-Appointment as a Member of the Sustainability Committee, with a term to expire, April 2022

**LAY ON THE TABLE**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTIONS**



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **31-20**

**VOTE TO FORGIVE TWO NOTES AND RELEASE TWO MORTGAGES AND SECURITY AGREEMENTS FROM QUEENSBURY MILL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

February 18, 2020

WHEREAS, the Somersworth City Council adopted Resolution 28-95 on July 17, 1995 accepting conditions for the Queensbury Mill Congregate Housing Services Program under the Community Development Block Program (CDBG) by the City of Somersworth, and

WHEREAS, as part of this project, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Somersworth Housing Authority for the administration and supervision of the project, and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth, using the CDBG program, authorized the sub-granting of up to \$456,590 to the Queensbury Mill Limited Partnership with an additional \$31,150 designated as reimbursement for administrative expenses to the Somersworth Housing Authority, and

WHEREAS, to ensure performance of the CDBG obligations, the City entered into two (2) Notes and two (2) Mortgages and Security Agreements with the Queensbury Mill Limited Partnership, one for \$307,000, and one for \$87,000, both executed on September 11, 1996, and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage and Security Agreements become payable in 360 equal monthly payments beginning August 26, 2026 provided the Queensbury Mill Limited Partnership does not default on any of the Grant Agreements between the City and the NH Office of State Planning, and

WHEREAS, the Queensbury Mill Limited Partnership has met the obligations of the Grant Agreements and the Mortgage and Security Agreements are no longer required to ensure compliance with the Grant Agreements, and

WHEREAS, should the City enforce repayment under the Agreements it provides no benefit to the City as such payments would be required to be submitted to the State of New Hampshire,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT that the City Manager is authorized to sign any and all legal documents required to release and forgive the Queensbury Mill Limited Partnership from their obligations under the two (2) Notes and two (2) Mortgages and Security Agreements entered into with the City of Somersworth, and furthermore the City Manager is authorized to take any other action relative to this approval determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization

*Sponsored by Councilors:*

David A. Witham

Donald Austin

Martin Pepin

*Approved:*

City Attorney

City Council Meeting

March 2, 2020

City of Somersworth – Resolution 31-20

**History**

First Read Date:	02/18/2020	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	NA	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	03/02/2020		

**Discussion**

On February 18, 2020, *Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Dumont, made a motion to waive Council Rules to allow Resolution 31-20 to be read by title only. The motion passed, 8-0.*

*In March 2, 2020, Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to approve Resolution 31-20.*

<b>Voting Record</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	-	-
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham	-	-
At Large Councilor	Gerding	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Paradis	X	
<b>TOTAL VOTES:</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
On 03/02/2020	Resolution 31-20	<b>PASSED</b>	





City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: 32-20

**VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS HIRING PROGRAM TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS**

February 18, 2020

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to increase the number of police officers to improve the efficiency of the Police Department and continue to provide quality service throughout the City, and

WHEREAS, City staff has received notification that a new series of grants are available through the United States Department of Justice COPS hiring program that provides a 75% match with a maximum amount of up to \$125,000 per officer over a three year period; and

WHEREAS, if the City accepts a grant for additional police officers it must maintain these positions for one full year after the grant period,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to apply for a grant with the United States Department of Justice COPS Program to add two additional police officers, and take any and all other such actions on relative to this grant determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization

*Sponsored by Councilors:*

David A. Witham  
Martin Pepin  
Donald Austin  
Kenneth S. Vincent  
Nancie Cameron  
Crystal Paradis

*Approved:*

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 32-20

**History**

First Read Date:	02/18/2020	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	NA	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	03/02/2020		

**Discussion**

*Councilor Vincent, seconded by Councilor Michaud, made a motion to approve Resolution 32-20.*

<b>Voting Record</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	-	-
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham	-	-
At Large Councilor	Gerding	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Paradis	X	
<b>TOTAL VOTES:</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
On 03/02/2020	Resolution 32-20	<b>PASSED</b>	

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: **16-20**

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO CONSTRUCT A  
VETERANS MEMORIAL AND ASSOCIATED IMPROVEMENTS  
AT STEIN PARK**

March 2, 2020

THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH ORDAINS THAT pursuant to Section 7.7(A) of the City Charter:

The annual budget for the City of Somersworth for Fiscal Year 19-20 is amended as follows:

Appropriate \$235,000 from unanticipated City revenue to the Capital Outlay section of the FY19-20 General Fund budget as follows:

Original Budget	Amendment	Revised Budget
\$ 157,913	\$ 235,000	\$ 392,913

Approved as to Funding:

Recorded by:

Scott A. Smith  
Director of Finance and Administration

Trish Harris  
City Clerk

Background:


This Ordinance appropriates funding to construct a new Veterans Memorial and associated improvements to include a new sidewalk at Stein Park. The City will be receiving bids for this project on March 5, 2020. The funding for this project is provided by a combination of donations received and unanticipated/unrestricted State aid provided in Fiscal Year 19-20.

*This Ordinance requires a public hearing and requires a 2/3 majority vote of the City Council after the public hearing subject to Section 7.4.1 and Section 7.7 (A) of the City Charter.*

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> David A. Witham Martin P. Dumont, Sr. Donald Austin Martin Pepin Richard R. Michaud Matt Gerding	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

Ordinance 16-20 will remain in first read until the March 16, 2020 City Council Meeting.

## RESOLUTIONS

	City of Somersworth – Resolution
	Resolution No: <b>33-20</b> <b>TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH EMERY AND GARRETT GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATIONS OF MEREDITH, NH TO PROVIDE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ROCKY HILL ROAD WELLFIELD</b>

March 2, 2020

WHEREAS, the City owns two wells off Rocky Hill Road that are not actively utilized as part of the water distribution system and the City would like to have a qualified consultant conduct a feasibility study on the value of these wells and the cost/benefit to bring these wells on-line as a secondary water source, and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 adopted budget contains an appropriation for this project, and

WHEREAS, City staff requested and received proposals for this project and recommends awarding the contract to Emery and Garrett Groundwater Investigations of Meredith, NH for a total contract amount of \$68,500 (Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred dollars), and


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

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the recommendation with City 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 contract with Emery and Garrett Groundwater Investigations of Meredith, NH for a contract amount of \$68,500 (Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred dollars) to provide an assessment of the Rocky Hill Road wellfield, and to take any actions relative to this project determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> David A. Witham Martin P. Dumont, Sr. Richard R. Michaud Donald Austin Martin Pepin	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

Resolution 33-20 will remain in first read until the March 16, 2020 City Council Meeting.

	City of Somersworth – Resolution
	Resolution No: <b>34-20</b> <b>TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH WRIGHT-PIERCE ENGINEERS OF PORTSMOUTH, NH TO PROVIDE A WATER STORAGE ASSESSMENT, WATER TANK CONDITION ASSESSMENT OF THE HAMILTON STREET WATER TANK, AND A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MASTER PLAN UPDATE</b>

March 2, 2020

WHEREAS, the Somersworth Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2026 contains a recommendation to assess the condition of the Hamilton Street water tank and provide an assessment of the City's overall water storage needs, and

WHEREAS, the City has been notified of a NH Department of Environmental Services Asset Management Grant in the amount of \$20,000 that can be used to update the Water Distribution Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 adopted budget contains an appropriation for this project, and

WHEREAS, City staff requested and received proposals for this project and recommends awarding the contract to Wright-Pierce Engineers of Portsmouth, NH for a total contract amount of \$54,700 (Fifty Four Thousand Seven Hundred dollars) , and

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

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the recommendation with City 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 contract with Wright-Pierce Engineers of Portsmouth, NH for a contract amount of \$54,700 (Fifty Four Thousand Seven Hundred dollars) to provide a water storage assessment, water tank condition assessment of the Hamilton Street water tank, a distribution system master plan update, and to take any actions relative to this project determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> David A. Witham Martin P. Dumont, Sr. Richard R. Michaud Donald Austin Martin Pepin	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

Resolution 34-20 will remain in first read until the March 16, 2020 City Council Meeting.

City Council Meeting

March 2, 2020

	City of Somersworth – Resolution
	<p>Resolution No:   <b>35-20</b></p> <p><b>TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT AMENDMENT (7/1/2020 – 6/30/2025) WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC. FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE, MUNICIPAL RECYCLING, AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SLUDGE DISPOSAL</b></p>

March 2, 2020

WHEREAS, the present contract with Waste Management of New Hampshire, Inc. for the collection and disposal of municipal solid waste, municipal recycling, and wastewater treatment sludge, expires on June 30, 2020, and

WHEREAS, City staff negotiated proposed five-year contract extensions with Waste Management of New Hampshire, Inc. for these purposes, and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Finance Committee has reviewed the proposed contract extensions with City staff and supports authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Waste Management of New Hampshire, Inc. for these purposes, and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Public Works and Environment Committee has reviewed the proposed contract extensions with City staff and supports authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Waste Management of New Hampshire, Inc. for these purposes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to enter into five year contract extensions (7/1/2020 – 6/30/2025) with Waste Management of New Hampshire, Inc. for the collection and disposal of municipal solid waste, municipal recycling, and wastewater treatment sludge disposal, and to take any actions relative to this contract determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization	
<p><i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i></p> <p>David A. Witham  Martin P. Dumont, Sr.  Richard R. Michaud  Donald Austin  Martin Pepin</p>	<p><i>Approved:</i></p> <p>City Attorney</p>

Resolution 35-20 will remain in first read until the March 16, 2020 City Council Meeting.



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **36-20**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT  
WITH APEX CONSTRUCTION OF SOMERSWORTH, NH  
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADES**

March 2, 2020

WHEREAS, the Somersworth City Council adopted Resolution No. 1-19 to appropriate funds from the State Revolving Loan Fund for upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Facility, and

WHEREAS, the City has solicited bids through their consultant engineer for the construction of these improvements, and

WHEREAS, the City's consultant engineer has reviewed the results and recommends awarding the contract to APEX Construction of Somersworth, NH for an amount of \$10,880,600 (Ten Million Eight Hundred Eighty Thousand Six Hundred dollars),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to contract with APEX Construction of Somersworth, NH for the construction of upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Facility for an amount of \$10,880,600 (Ten Million Eight Hundred Eighty Thousand Six Hundred dollars), and to take any actions relative to this contract determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization


*Sponsored by Councilor:*

David A. Witham

*Approved:*

City Attorney

Resolution 36-20 will remain in first read until the March 16, 2020 City Council Meeting.

	City of Somersworth – Resolution
	Resolution No: <b>37-20</b>  <b>TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH WRIGHT-PIERCE ENGINEERS OF PORTSMOUTH, NH TO PROVIDE RESIDENT INSPECTION AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE UPGRADES AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY</b>

March 2, 2020

WHEREAS, the Somersworth City Council adopted Resolution No. 1-19 to appropriate funds from the State Revolving Loan Fund for upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Facility, and

WHEREAS, Wright-Pierce Engineers have provided the City with pre-construction services such as design and bid specifications for the upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Facility, and

WHEREAS, the City has received bids from qualified contractors for the construction of the upgrades at the Wastewater Treatment Facility and will require resident inspection and construction administration services associated with the construction of these upgrades, and

WHEREAS, Wright-Pierce Engineers have provided a proposal in the amount of \$1,295,000 (One Million Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand dollars) to provide resident inspection and contract administration services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to sign a contract with Wright-Pierce Engineers of Portsmouth, N.H. to provide resident inspection and construction administration services associated with the construction of the upgrades at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, and to take any other action related to this contract determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilor:</i>  David A. Witham Martin Pepin	<i>Approved:</i>  City Attorney

Resolution 37-20 will remain in first read until the March 16, 2020 City Council Meeting.



## **CLOSING COMMENTS BY VISITORS**

None

## **CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilor Pepin said, regarding parking, we have been through this time after time. About 4 years ago he was assigned to a committee, and they went through the parking schedules, what the problems are. There are residential units above the businesses and residents park in front of the businesses. There are times when some business owners want things that offsets other business owners. Everyone does not have the same clientele. Not sure the problem can ever be solved.

He welcomed Chief Kramlinger. He gave condolences to the family of the former Fire Chief Dion

Councilor Vincent stated that John Dion was quite a guy; Chief Dion hired him into the Fire Department. To have someone of that caliber, from the Bronx, as a Fire chief, was an honor. He was a really good man.

Councilor Vincent stated that he attended Chief Hoyle's retirement party; there was a good showing. It was a pleasure of serving under Chief Hoyle; his heart was in this City. He was a good leader, and he will be missed.

He gave a shout out to Hilltop Chevrolet for their donation to the Veterans Park. Business, its time to give. Tax exempt...

Councilor Austin gave a shout out to parishioners of St. Ignatius, for opening up the warming shelter. He knows those who volunteer, and they do a great job.

He thanked Debbie Evans for her presentation this evening. Welcomed Chief Kramlinger. Glad to see the CMAQ grant moving forward, its been a long time coming. In the top of his mind, the coronavirus; there is a confirmed case now in NH. Make sure you take care of yourselves, wash your hands, if you have symptoms, go to the hospital and be treated. The better we prepare the less of an impact it will have.

Councilor Michaud gave a shout out to Shanna Saunders, Dana Crossley and Robin Comstock for the volunteer dinner. They did a wonderful job. He thanked Debbie Evans for the presentation of the RAD for the Somersworth Housing. He wished Marty Dumont well. He thanked St. Ignatius, for doing a great job and opening the shelter. He welcomed the Fire Chief Kramlinger to the Somersworth family.

Councilor Gerding welcomed the new Fire Chief and a said farewell to Chief Hoyle.

He thanked the entire police department for hosting him and Councilor Paradis on Tuesday.

The policed department invited them for a ride-along and to stay with them for 2 half shifts. It was a phenomenal experience. Special thanks to Officer Lefebvre and Officer Mele for allowing him to spend them day and see what is involved.

He thanked Shanna Saunders for the volunteer's dinner; great job on the trivia. Regarding the Coronavirus, call your doctor first for protocol. They might want you to go to an urgent care or hospital instead of going to the doctor's office.

There is a pending Resolutions for the Waste Management contract. He stated that he has reviewed past contracts, and there is an excess contamination charge if there is more than 5% contamination in recycling. This is an additional charge that the City would incur, if the

recycling is not up to the required standards. He did some quick math to see how much contamination that would come out to be per resident:

If we are collecting 736 tons of recycling, which would be 1.5 million pounds per year.

Divided by 26, which is every other week, pick up, would be 56,000 pounds every other week.

Divided by 12,000 residents. Comes out to 4.7lbs of recycling, per resident, every other week, on average. The 5% contamination is less than 1/4lb.

In the recycling, residents should have less than that. If we are exceeding the contamination limit, the City is being charged. Not only is it bad for the environment, but it is bad for the City and for the tax payers.

Councilor Paradis thanked Councilor Austin and Councilor Gerding for the information on the Coronavirus. Washing your hands with soap and hot water, and avoid contact with sick people. Call your doctor before going to urgent care and hospitals if you are sick.

She thanked Chief Kretschmar for offering the ride-along. She has respect for the entire department. She stated that she hopes Councilor Dumont is doing well. Thanked Shanna Saunders, Dana Crossley and Robin Comstock for the Volunteer Dinner; the trivia was fun. This past Saturday was Coffee with the Councilor; the excitement about the dog park was the biggest topic. They discussed ideas on reducing the amount of fencing between the big dogs and the small dogs. They also discussed ideas on the Aclara building; possibly use it for senior care, which is the fastest growing industry. Also, mixed-use ideas.

Regarding the banners of the 5 founding groups, it would be a nice shout out to the indigenous folks. She said she recently found the name of the village that was here and the translation was "At the Great Falls."

Councilor Cameron welcomed Chief Kramlinger to our city. She thanked Shanna Saunders and her team for the great volunteer dinner. She thanked Father Andrew for what his church is doing. She thanked Debbie Evans for her presentation. She said she hopes Councilor Dumont is feeling better. And to Councilor Witham, who is in Florida, watching his son play baseball, she said, "Go Munks".

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Councilor Austin, seconded by Councilor Michaud, made a motion to adjourn. 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.*

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Trish Harris, City Clerk

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Dana Hilliard, Mayor