

## MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

August 17, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members present: Councilor Nancie Cameron, Chair  
Councilor Richard Michaud, Vice Chairman  
Councilor Martin Pepin  
Councilor Crystal Paradis

Administration/Staff present: City Manager Bob Belmore  
City Clerk Jonathan Slaven  
Gerry Vachon, Highway Department Foreman

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Cameron at 3:02 p.m.

### APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2021

*Councilor Paradis made a motion to accept the June 16, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Michaud and passed 4-0.*

### FLOWER BOX PLACEMENT PLAN FOR MARKET STREET WELCOME ENTRY SIGN AREA

Councilor Cameron introduced the idea for flower boxes to be placed under the “Welcome to Somersworth” sign on Market Street since we are not able to install flower boxes on the bridge to Berwick. Councilor Cameron stated it will bring more focus to the sign and can be decorated with help from the Cultural Commission by representing local cultures’ holidays. Cameron also mentioned that the flowers used in the planter boxes can be planted to strategically assist with the Mayor’s Monarch Butterfly challenge by using pollinator plants. Councilor Michaud stated he likes the idea, but asked who will be in charge of maintaining the box. Councilor Cameron said she would come up with a volunteer schedule for maintenance and Manager Belmore added that Public Works staff can assist when we have our part-time seasonal highway employee focused on the downtown area. Councilor Pepin asked where the funding would come from. Manager Belmore replied he would find the funding. Councilor Paradis stated that she loves the idea, but asked if we should also do the same thing with the sign at the entrance to the City at the Dover line on High Street. . Councilor Cameron stated she thinks we should do the boxes at the Market Street sign first and then see if it is an idea we would like to expand. The Committee reached a consensus to have a planter box at both downtown “Welcome to Somersworth” signs. Manager/Acting Public Works Director Belmore stated he would work with Foreman Vachon to find an appropriate flower box/boxes.

### ADJOURN

*Councilor Pepin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Michaud and passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Jonathan Slaven, City Clerk