

MINUTES OF THE WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
April 23, 2019 – 4:00 PM

Committee Members present: Martin Pepin, Chairman  
Martin P. Dumont, Vice Chairman  
Richard R. Michaud  
David A Witham

Administration/Staff present: City Manager, Bob Belmore  
Director of Planning and Development, Shanna Saunders  
City Clerk, Trish Harris

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Chairman Pepin called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – MARCH 25, 2019

***Motion made by Councilor Dumont seconded by Councilor Michaud to accept the April 10, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion Passed 3-0.***

REVIEW GIS CENSUS OVERLAY WITH CURRENT WARD BOUNDARIES

Director Saunders explained that based on the 2010 census map there were 11,821 people in Somersworth. It was mentioned that the official census population presently being used is a little less than this number; consensus was the difference was immaterial. The 5% deviation per ward (State guidance) allows for 2235 to 2470 residents per ward.

Director Saunders shared a map showing the population of Somersworth. It was determined that ward boundary lines need to be adjusted to ‘move’ approx. 40 residents from ward 1 to ward 2, and to ‘move’ approx. 200 residents from ward 4 to ward 5. Options were discussed as to where ward boundaries could be drawn to obtain these results. Councilor Michaud pointed out that we need to be sure the polling places remain in the correct wards.

There was brief discussion regarding the growth expected with Sunningdale and Tara Meadows, however we are not allowed to project population growth.

Staff will review and provide suggestions for adjustments to ward boundaries at the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 3:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Witham. Motion passed, 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

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Trish Harris, City Clerk