



Minutes of City Council Meeting Monday, September 18, 2023

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hilliard and, upon roll call, the following Council members were present: Pepin, Vincent, Gibson, Austin, Michaud Witham, Gerding, Cameron and Messier.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager Belmore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE – OUR NATIVE ANCESTRAL AMERICANS

Mayor Hilliard read the Recognition of Indigenous People – Our Native Ancestral Americans

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Public Hearings scheduled.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

There were no opening comments by visitors.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Minutes of the City Council meeting held on September 18, 2023

Councilor Austin made a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed 9-0 by voice vote.

COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCILORS

There were no opening comments by Councilors.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND DISPOSAL THEREOF BY REFERENCE OR OTHERWISE

There were no presentations of petitions and disposal thereof by reference or otherwise.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayors Report for City Council Meeting September 18th, 2023

With little to no recognition or fanfare, a birthday occurred yesterday. There were no banners throughout the Nation, there was no cake to enjoy, and no one had to feel awkward in the corner singing Happy Birthday, because there were no gatherings or parties to be held. Yet, the triumph and pure genius that this document represents needs to be noted as it turned 236 years old on September 17th.

On September 17, 1787, the United States Constitution was signed by our founding fathers. The document still had a lengthy journey ahead of it, and fierce debates would occur throughout the legislative halls of our young Nation as the ratification process was sent to all of the States that had joined the Union. On June 21, 1788 the document became the foundational rule book for our government, as the 9th State necessary to ratify, New Hampshire approved this document. For the following 236 years through today, our Nation will continue as it still does to grow into its new skin, the Constitution of the United States of America.

The Constitution is more than just words on paper, it defines us as a Nation. It speaks to the heart and soul of who we are trying to aspire to be as a society, and for the first time in human history defines the base of all government power, does derive itself from those who govern, but from those who are governed. “We the People” means more than just “We the People”, and with each year of our struggles as still a young Nation, we become closer to bringing the true meaning to each of those words into fruition.

Happy Birthday United States Constitution, it is my hope that with each year of maturity “We the People” will continue to gain knowledge of all you truly represent; Justice, Peace, Order, Protection, Freedom, Hope, and Insurance that our Nation will continue. For the burden to understand your incredible possibilities and great words written falls upon the citizens who you call upon in your preamble “We the People”. It is my hope that with each birthday you strengthen and the protection and freedom you represent continues to spread. For without you, this Nation is nothing. Without you, the republic does not exist. Happy 236th United States Constitution, continue to grow and when necessary be amended. Take pride in the historic fact that you are the only governing document not to be thrown out in its entirety throughout the World. You are as strong and as young as you were on your 1st Birthday in 1787, may the light of freedom you bear continue to shine from sea to shining sea.

Somersworth’s continues “On the Move” with its commitment to cultural diversity on Saturday at the 10th Annual Indonesian Festival. Congratulations to all participants and congratulations to the ICC on your 10th festival anniversary.

Somersworth’s “Proud Past” is now officially acknowledged with the unveiling of two State historical markers. One is now proudly marking the former Hilltop School, the site of the first public high school in New Hampshire, and one at Forest Glad Cemetery which is listed on the National Historical Registry for its unique design representing the rural cemetery movement, popularized in the 19th century.

Nominations, Appointments and Elections:

Under nominations, appointments and Elections; In accordance with Council Rule 17 Appointments, the following are being brought forward this evening and placed in nomination;

- Sean Collins for appointment as a member to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire October 2026

- Amy Howard for re-appointment as the Ward 4 Supervisor of the Checklist with a term to expire October 2028

In accordance with Council Rule 17 Appointments the nominations will remain open until the next regular scheduled meeting.

This respectfully concludes my September 18th, 2023 Mayors Report

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance Committee – Councilor Witham reported that the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, September 20th at 5:00 p.m.

Economic Development Committee – Councilor Austin reported that the Economic Development Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, September 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works & Environment Committee – Councilor Witham reported that the Public Works & Environment Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, September 20th at 3:00 p.m.

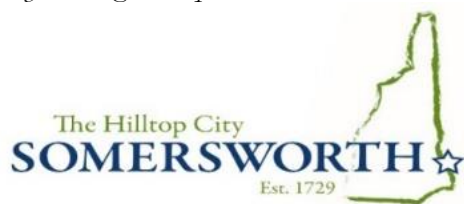
REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, CITY OFFICERS AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor's Commission on Cultural, Ethnicity, and the Arts – Councilor Gerding reported that the Mayor's Commission on Cultural, Ethnicity, and the Arts is scheduled to meet Wednesday, September 20th at 4:30 p.m.

School Board – Councilor Austin reported that the School Board met on September 12th to discuss the approval of their request regarding a supplemental appropriation, the request will be discussed during the Finance Committee's meeting on Wednesday, September 20th.

Traffic Safety Committee – Councilor Vincent reported that the Traffic Safety Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, September 20th at 2:00 p.m.

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: Friday, September 15, 2023

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, September 18, 2023 City Council Meeting

Unfinished Business (under Section 15 of Agenda)

Resolutions

- A. **Resolution No. 10-24: To Accept Sunningdale Drive, Firefly Circle, Cattail Circle and Luna Circle as Public Rights of Way.** Again, City Engineer Amber Hall has certified that the Roads were built to City specifications.
- B. **Resolution No. 11-24: Naming Golden Road and Corso Drive and Assigning Addresses, if Required.** Again, the E911 Committee voted to support this Resolution.
- C. **Resolution No. 12-24: Naming Birch Hill Lane and Assigning Addresses, if Required.** Again, the E911 Committee voted to support this Resolution.

New Business (under Section 16 of Agenda)

Resolutions

- A. **Resolution No. 13-24: To Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Safety Regarding a Highway Safety Enforcement Grant.** Attached is a Memorandum from Police Chief Tim McLin Highlighting this Highway Safety Grant. As noted in his Memo, State Agencies have been shifting the process to require more formal acceptance procedures from Communities. I respectfully request that Council consider waiving its' rules to provide a second reading and vote this evening, since the Grant period begins prior to the next Council meeting.
- B. **Resolution No. 14-24: To Authorize the City Manager to contract with J&B Contracting of Dover, New Hampshire for the Replacement of the Willand Pond Trail Bridges.** The Finance Committee met on August 30th and voted to recommend J&B Contracting. Attached is a Memorandum from Public Works Director Mike Bobinsky listing the two (2) bids received. *Please note:* the exact Contract amount is \$57,520, however, the Finance Committee is recommending \$60,000 in order to include some contingency funding. I recommend utilizing available ARPA funds. We have \$272,980 not yet allocated to any specific projects. Council has the option to make a Supplemental Appropriation to use this funding for this project, although it is not mandatory.

Other

- A. **Set Polling Hours for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election.**

City Manager's Items (under section 12 of Agenda)

Information Items

- A. **Former Police Station.** This past Friday the City closed on the sale of the building and adjacent park. After realtor commission, a cool \$194,750 check for the General Fund/Revenue.

Attachments

1. Department Head Reports.
2. City Attorney Certifications: Two (2)

Date Reminders

- ***NH Route 108 Complete Streets Project – Council Chambers***
Thursday, September 21st: 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Open House/7:00 p.m. Presentation
- ***Somersworth Housing RAD Rehab Appreciation Event – Filion Terrace Senior Center***
Wednesday, September 27. 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- ***Fire Station Open House – 195 Maple Street***
Wednesday, September 27th. 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Formal Remarks at 5:00 p.m.

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTION

In accordance with Council Rules 17 Appointments, the following are being introduced for a Council confirmation vote:

- A. Sean Collins for appointment as a member to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire October 2026
- B. Amy Howard for re-appointment as the Ward 4 Supervisor of the Checklist with a term to expire October 2028

In accordance with Council Rules 17 Appointments, the following appointments will remain in first reading until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

LAY ON THE TABLE

There were no items under Lay on the Table.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 10-24** – To Accept Sunningdale Drive, Firefly Circle, Cattail Circle and Luna Circle as a Public Way

Clerk LaPanne performed a second reading of Resolution 10-24.

Councilor Witham made a motion to adopt Resolution 10-24 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cameron.

Discussion:

Councilor Witham stated that the streets named within the Resolution were discussed at Committee level and it was verified that they were built to City specifications. He stated that the development of the subdivision has been built very well and is in support of the Resolution.

Councilor Messier inquired about the 2-year maintenance surety bond in the amount of \$234,000 and wondered if it is typical for a project such as this. City Manager Belmore confirmed that a 2-year

surety bond is typical, he added that the Planning Board took action during a recent meeting to reduce the bond to an amount that was acceptable to the Developer.

The motion passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

- B. **Resolution 11-24** – Naming Golden Road and Corso Drive and Assigning Addresses if Required

Clerk LaPanne performed a second reading of Resolution 11-24.

Councilor Austin made a motion to adopt Resolution 11-24 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin.

Discussion:

Councilor Witham stated that he will support the Resolution as the process was vetted by the City's E-911 Street Name and Address Committee as well as the State's E-911 officials.

The motion passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

- C. **Resolution 12-24** – Naming Birch Hill Lane and Assigning Addresses if Required

Clerk LaPanne performed a second reading of Resolution 12-24.

Councilor Pepin made a motion to adopt Resolution 12-24 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Vincent and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 13-24** – To Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Safety Regarding a Highway Safety Enforcement Grant

Clerk LaPanne performed a first reading of Resolution 13-24.

Councilor Austin made a motion to suspend Council Rules to allow for a second reading of Resolution 13-24. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed 9-0 by voice vote.

Clerk LaPanne performed a second reading of Resolution 13-24.

Councilor Austin made a motion to adopt Resolution 13-24 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin.

Discussion:

Councilor Witham questioned if the Grant is for additional officer paid overtime while the regular scheduled patrol stays intact. City Manager Belmore confirmed that Councilor Witham's statement was accurate.

Councilor Austin made a motion to adopt Resolution 13-24 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

- B. **Resolution 14-24** – To Authorize the City Manager to Contract with J&B Contracting of Dover, New Hampshire for the Replacement of the Willand Pond Trail Bridges

Clerk LaPanne performed a first reading of Resolution 14-24.

Resolution 14-24 will remain in first reading until the call of the Chair.

OTHER

A. Set Polling Hours for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election

Councilor Witham made a motion to set the polling hours for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilor Vincent

Discussion:

Councilor Austin feels that an extra hour in the morning is especially helpful to working residents who may need to begin work by 8:00 a.m.

Councilor Austin made a motion to amend the motion made by Councilor Witham to set the polling hours for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The motion to amend the vote was seconded by Councilor Gibson.

Discussion:

Councilor Gibson stated that he agrees with Councilor Austin's comment that opening the polls at 7:00 a.m. is important to working individuals that need to be on the road at an early hour and that may not have the opportunity to be back in the City before the polls close. He supports the amendment.

Councilor Gerding supported the amendment to set the polling hours to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., he stated that they are clearer and easier to remember, as well as the importance of allowing more time for people to vote.

Councilor Austin wanted to acknowledge his awareness of the impact to the Clerk's Office and the election poll workers that an additional hour adds to their day, however, he feels that it is important for the public at large to have the extra hour in the morning in order to cast their vote.

Councilor Gerding requested a roll call vote regarding the motion to amend the motion made by Councilor Austin to set the polling hours for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The vote to accept the amendment passed 8-1 by roll call vote. Councilor Cameron opposed.

The vote to set the polling hours for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. passed 9-0 by voice vote.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

There were no closing comments by visitors.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Gerding commented on the Living in Somersworth Housing Event at the Blackbox Theater that was hosted by the City and Strafford Regional Planning Commission, he stated that the event was great and well attended. He stated that he learned that the City of Somersworth needs at least 700 housing units and that number was a surprise to him. Councilor Gerding also read an article that was published in the Foster's Daily Democrat that reported that the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is looking to employ an additional 12,000 individuals by next year, additionally, he pointed out that the article listed the City of Somersworth the third community within the State of New Hampshire that the employees of the shipyard live within. The event, coupled with the article, led Councilor Gerding to gain excitement in working to increase the number of housing available throughout the City to meet the housing needs.

Councilor Messier requested an update regarding the timeline of the High Street light signals project to convey to his constituents that call into him regarding street's delayed light signals.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Austin made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Witham and passed 9-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen LaPanne, City Clerk



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **10-24**

TO ACCEPT SUNNINGDALE DRIVE, FIREFLY CIRCLE, CATTAIL CIRCLE AND LUNA CIRCLE AS PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

September 5, 2023

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth Planning Board approved a certain subdivision known as Subdivision Plan for The Villages at Sunningdale Subdivision, off Stackpole Road and Green Street, Somersworth New Hampshire, Tax Map 19 Lot 1 and Tax Map 20 Lot 05 (formally known as Tax Map F9, Lots 19-1 and 20-5), Final Plans signed April 16, 2014, revised on December 13, 2013 prepared by Doucet Survey, recorded as Plan #109-014 thru 109-022 at the Strafford County Registry of Deeds and the roadway was to be accepted by the City of Somersworth; and

WHEREAS, the City Council named Sunningdale Drive and Firefly Circle as streets by Resolution No. 22-17 on December 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City Council named Cattail Circle and Luna Circle as streets by Resolution No. 31-19 on February 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the roads known as Sunningdale Drive, Firefly Circle, Cattail Circle and Luna Circle has been constructed to the satisfaction of the City; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions apply: A 2-year maintenance Surety Bond in the amount of \$234,000 (Two Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand dollars) is provided acceptable to the City, a deed to the road as well as all needed public utility easements are provided to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to accept and record deeds to Sunningdale Drive, Firefly Circle, Cattail Circle and Luna Circle and said ways are hereby accepted as public rights of way.

Authorization

Sponsored by Councilors:

David A. Witham
Martin Pepin
Nancie Cameron
Don Austin
Denis Messier

Approved:

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 10-24

History

First Read Date:	9/5/2023	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:	9/18/2023		

Discussion

9/5/2023

Clerk LaPanne performed a first reading of Resolution 10-24.

Resolution 10-24 with remain in first reading until the call of the Chair.

9/18/2023

Clerk LaPanne performed a second reading of Resolution 10-24.

Councilor Witham made a motion to adopt Resolution 10-24 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cameron.

Discussion:

Councilor Witham stated that the streets named within the Resolution were discussed at Committee level and it was verified that they were built to City specifications. He stated that the development of the subdivision has been built very well and is in support of the Resolution.

Councilor Messier inquired about the 2-year maintenance surety bond in the amount of \$234,000 and wondered if it is typical for a project such as this. City Manager Belmore confirmed that a 2-year surety bond is typical, he added that the Planning Board took action during a recent meeting to reduce the bond to an amount that was acceptable to the Developer.

The motion passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Gibson	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham	X	
At Large Councilor	Gerding	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Messier	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		9	0



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **11-24**

NAMING GOLDEN ROAD AND CORSO DRIVE AND ASSIGNING ADDRESSES, IF REQUIRED

On 9/18/2023

Resolution 10-24

PASSED

FAILED

September 5, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the following roads be named and addresses assigned, if required;

NAME

EXPLANATIONS

“GOLDEN ROAD AND CORSO DRIVE”

- 1) Names suggested by Developer of the Bernier Street subdivision and approved by the Planning Board in April 2022.
- 2) The E-911 Street Name and Address Committee recommended and approved the street names at their August 8, 2023 Committee meeting.
- 3) The Street name is required to be in compliance with E-911 standards. State E-911 officials concurred that the proposed street name is in compliance with E-911 standards.
- 4) Golden Road and Corso Drive are private roads.
- 5) Developer is required to install a street sign and a “Private Way” sign per City condition of name acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT this action is in accordance with RSA 231:133; RSA 231:133-a; RSA 106-H; State of NH, Department of Safety, Division of Emergency Communications Addressing Standards, and City of Somersworth Ordinance: Chapter 19, Section 23.

Authorization

Sponsored by:

Approved:

City of Somersworth – Resolution 11-24

History

First Read Date:	9/5/2023	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:	9/18/2023		

Discussion

9/5/2023

Clerk LaPanne performed a first reading of Resolution 11-24.

Resolution 11-24 with remain in first reading until the call of the Chair.

9/18/2023

Clerk LaPanne performed a second reading of Resolution 11-24.

Councilor Austin made a motion to adopt Resolution 11-24 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin.

Discussion:

Councilor Witham stated that he will support the Resolution as the process was vetted by the City's E-911 Street Name and Address Committee as well as the State's E-911 officials.

The motion passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Gibson	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham	X	
At Large Councilor	Gerding	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **12-24**

NAMING BIRCH HILL LANE AND ASSIGNING ADDRESSES, IF REQUIRED

At Large Councilor	Messier	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		9	0
On 9/18/2023	Resolution 11-24	PASSED	FAILED

September 5, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the following roads be named and addresses assigned, if required;

NAME

EXPLANATIONS

“BIRCH HILL LANE”

- 6) Names suggested by Developer of the 271 High Street subdivision and approved by the Planning Board in February 2023.
- 7) The E-911 Street Name and Address Committee recommended and approved the street name at their August 23, 2023 Committee meeting.
- 8) The Street name is required to be in compliance with E-911 standards. State E-911 officials have concurred that the proposed street name is in compliance with E-911 standards.
- 9) Developer is required to install a street sign per City condition of name acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT this action is in accordance with RSA 231:133; RSA 231:133-a; RSA 106-H; State of NH, Department of Safety, Division of Emergency Communications Addressing Standards, and City of Somersworth Ordinance: Chapter 19, Section 23.

Authorization

<i>Sponsored by:</i> Councilor Martin Pepin	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney
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City of Somersworth – Resolution 12-24

History			
First Read Date:	9/5/2023	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:	9/18/2023		

Discussion

9/5/2023

Councilor Witham made a motion to suspend Council Rules to allow Resolution 12-24 to be read by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed 9-0.

Clerk LaPanne performed a first reading of Resolution 12-24 by title only.

Resolution 12-24 will remain in first reading until the call of the Chair.


9/18/2023

Clerk LaPanne performed a second reading of Resolution 12-24.

Councilor Pepin made a motion to adopt Resolution 12-24 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Vincent and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Gibson	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham	X	
At Large Councilor	Gerding	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Messier	X	

TOTAL VOTES:		9	0
On 9/18/2023	Resolution 12-24	PASSED	FAILED

	City of Somersworth – Resolution
	Resolution No: 13-24 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY REGARDING A HIGHWAY SAFETY ENFORCEMENT GRANT

September 18, 2023

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has received notification of a New Hampshire Department of Safety, Highway Safety Enforcement Grant for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 in the amount of \$8,200 (Eight Thousand Two Hundred dollars) with a maximum City in-kind match of \$2,050 (Two Thousand Fifty dollars); and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Highway Safety Enforcement Grant will provide additional funding for the Somersworth Police Department for enforcement patrols;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to accept the terms and conditions of the New Hampshire Highway Safety Enforcement Grant for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 and is authorized to execute any documents and agreements necessary for the grant's execution, and take any and all other such actions relative to this grant determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> Denis Messier Martin Pepin Nancie Cameron Richaud Michaud Matt Gerding Robert Gibson Don Austin Kenneth S. Vincent	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 13-24

History

First Read Date:	9/18/2023	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:	9/18/2023		

Discussion

9/18/2023

Clerk LaPanne performed a first reading of Resolution 13-24.

Councilor Austin made a motion to suspend Council Rules to allow for a second reading of Resolution 13-24. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed 9-0 by voice vote.

Clerk LaPanne performed a second reading of Resolution 13-24.

Councilor Austion made a motion to adopt Resolution 13-24 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin.

Discussion:

Councilor Witham questioned if the Grant is for additional officer paid overtime while the regular scheduled patrol stays intact. City Manager Belmore confirmed that Councilor Witham's statement was accurate.

Councilor Austin made a motion to adopt Resolution 13-24 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Gibson	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham	X	
At Large Councilor	Gerding	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Messier	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		9	0
On 9/18/2023	Resolution 13-24	PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **14-24**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH
J&B CONTRACTING OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE
REPLACEMENT OF THE WILLAND POND TRAIL BRIDGES**

September 18, 2023

WHEREAS, City staff have identified the need to replace two (2) existing footbridges along the Willand Pond Trail that are in failing conditions; and

WHEREAS, City staff requested and received quotes to replace and install two (2) new aluminum footbridges from contractors that specialize in footbridges over wetland areas; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed quotes with staff and supports contracting with J&B Contracting of Dover, New Hampshire for the replacement of the Willand Pond Trail bridges in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 (Sixty 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 J&B Contracting of Dover, New Hampshire for the replacement of the Willand Pond Trail bridges in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 (Sixty Thousand Dollars) and to take any actions relative to this project determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization

Sponsored by Councilors:

David A. Witham
Don Austin
Robert Gibson
Matt Gerding

Approved:

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 14-24

History

First Read Date:	9/18/2023	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

9/18/2023

Clerk LaPanne performed a first reading of Resolution 14-24.

Resolution 14-24 will remain in first reading until the call of the Chair.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin		
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Gibson		
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin		
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Gerding		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Messier		
TOTAL VOTES:			
On Resolution 14-24		PASSED	FAILED