

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Somersworth, NH
February 4, 2019
7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by His Honor, the Mayor, Dana S. Hilliard, and upon roll call the following Council members were present: Pepin, Vincent, Dumont, Michaud, Witham, Sprague, Cameron, and Levasseur. Ward 4 is vacant.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Councilor Pepin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 12-19 - To Amend Chapter 6, City Officials, Section 6.9, Veterans' Property Tax Exemption

James Johnson, of Milo Drive spoke in favor of increasing the Veteran's Property Tax Credit. He stated that he is a disabled veteran and he would like to see this (Resolution) passed.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Steve Potter, 8 Maize Drive, expressed his desire to join the Council as a Ward 4 Councilor. His desire has come from watching this Council, and has a desire to move this great city forward.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on January 22, 2019

Councilor Levasseur, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed, 8-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CITY COUNCILORS

Councilor Vincent said he has been sitting in the Council seat for a year and a month, and he sees this section, Announcements by Councilors, and he urged Councilors to comment more at this time than at the end, so that there can be more discussion.

He received a call from Deb Quintinar, of 95 Blackwater Road. Her son in law owns the old A&G Tire. There have been comments about tires and unregistered vehicles at this location. They received a letter from the City Code Enforcement Department. They are a new business. When they started, they went to auction and bought some vehicles and they were caught off guard by the unregistered vehicle Ordinance. The previous owner had tires piled up on the side of the building. He suggested to the current property owner that they were to meet the ordinance and that they were to take care of the tire issue. Unsightly tires and dilapidated properties in general are not a good thing. They reduce

the property value of the neighbors. He understands that there was an issue there, but there are a lot of other issues in the City, like absentee landlords with rundown properties. We want to be a business friendly community. We should be welcoming businesses with open arms.

Councilor Witham said, based on the condition of the A&G property, he doesn't think Code Enforcement has had a heavy enough hand on code issues. We have seen that the soft approach does not work. We have a property image problem in this community. A&G is not the worst.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND DISPOSAL THEREOF BY REFERENCE OR OTHERWISE

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayors Report for City Council Meeting February 4, 2018

- Thank you to the Somersworth Festival Association for a fantastic Saturday morning at the annual winter festival and pancake breakfast with Frosty. The event was well attended and offered all age groups a chance to enjoy the winter months and celebrating our great Hilltop City.
- Join me and members of St. Ignatius parish this Saturday February 9th at 1:00pm at Citizens Place for a celebration of the statehood of the Vatican. The Vatican flag will be raised by members of the parish. We are expecting a very large crowd and ask participants to please gather at the front entrance of city hall on the post office side. The streets will be shut down starting at 12:30 to accommodate all who wish to partake.
- The next Mayors Community forum will take place Saturday February 16th from 9:00 – 10:30 at City Hall. Including in this forum will be a presentation on the background of the Historic District Commission. 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.
- In an effort to foster further communication and dialog I will be scheduling a Council workshop with members of the HDC on March 18th at 6:00pm.

Item 12 Nominations, Appointments and Elections:

In accordance with Council Rule 17 Appointments, the nomination shall remain open until the next scheduled Council meeting

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

- Donna Donovan reappointment as a member of the Board of Library Trustees with a term to expire on February 2024

Also under nominations and appointments, in accordance with The City Charter I am naming the following Mayoral appointment:

- Scott Orzechowski re-appointment as a member to the Sustainability Committee with a term to expire in February 2021
- Devon Stanley appointment as the Mayors designee to the Sustainability Committee with a term to expire in February 2021
- Roger Berube re-appointment as a member of the Skyhaven Airport Advisory Council with a term to expire in February 2021

In accordance with the City Charter Article 3.5 “C” this appointments do not require Council approval.

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

- Philip Munck re-appointment as a member of the *Ethics Commission* with a term to expire in *February 2022*
- Roger Berube re-appointment as a member of the *Ethics Commission* with a term to expire in *February 2022*
- Richard Michaud appointment as Commissioner for *The Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC)* with a term to expire in *February 2023*
- Christien Dubois appointment as an Alternate member of the *Zoning Board of Adjustment* with a term to expire in *February 2022*

This respectfully concludes the Mayors report for February 4th, 2019

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Works and the Environment – Councilor Sprague reported that the Committee met on January 24th at 2:30pm. They discussed:

- Recycling bins, and how it is spelled out in the City Ordinance. The committee supported an Ordinance to allow other acceptable solid bins, and discontinue the sale of the blue bins. Discussion about the cost of recycling.
- Sewer Assessment District Ordinance on Rt 108 is no longer applicable. This was set up during a sewer expansion project. This is merely housekeeping.
- Traffic on Memorial Drive. There have been some high speed incidents reported in that area. The consensus of the committee was to not install speed bumps or any other speed monitoring devices at this time.
- Drainage on Garden Street causing backups. The pipelines in the backyards do not have easements so that the City can take care of the issue. There is a Resolution being introduced this evening to allow the City Manager to accept and record easements.
- The discontinuance of Fair Court. The Committee proposed moving forward with the discontinuance.
- Stackpole Road moratorium. There will be precautions in place to protect the City.
- Road paving for next year. Garden Street, Tates Brook Road. The budget will go into effect on July 1st. So the paving is dependent on the budget. They are looking at traffic counts and the Road Index.

Recreation Committee – Mayor Hilliard announced that with the vacancy of Ward 4 Councilor, he appointed Councilor Cameron as the Chair of the Recreation Committee, and appointed Councilor Michaud as the Vice Chair of the Recreation Committee. The person who fills the vacancy will also be a member of the Recreation Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, CITY OFFICERS AND CITY MANAGER

Special Committees

SAU Withdrawal Committee – Councilor Witham reported that the Committee met on January 23rd. The Committee discussed:

- This was a formational meeting. Denis Messier was elected as chair.
- Discussed the charge and details of the SAU structure, and the options that are available.
- The committee is in an information gathering/fact finding stage

School Board Workshop – Councilor Witham reported that they met on Saturday, February 2nd. The workshop was regarding the FY 2019-2020 Budget Proposal. The

School Board spent much time going over the budget. The School Budget is becoming much more detailed. Under the tax cap, the school department is looking at a proposed increase of taxation revenue of approximately \$430,000. The difficulty with the school department budget is that the revenues are looking to decrease. Preparing a budget is very difficult with contract obligations and those sorts of things. There was discussion about the proposed cuts by the School Superintendent and his staff. This was the first look at the budget proposal and they will continue to work on it. Councilor Witham requested that the School Board and School Department Staff prepare a memo to outline areas that would like to see added back into the budget.

E911 Committee – Councilor Pepin reported that the Committee met on January 30th. Discussed the naming of streets in Sunningdale; Cattail Circle and Luna Circle. A resolution is on the agenda for first reading this evening. He requested a second reading to allow the Developer to move forward. The Committee also discussed Wolcot Avenue. It is a short street and the numbers are out of order; goes from 6 to 15.

Councilor Sprague asked why it is prohibited for an individual to get a building permit without that road name being correct at that point, and at the C/O portion. Being from the fire industry, is it really that important that a house can't be under construction or is it really more important that it is lived in at that point? If it holds a contractor up for two weeks, in the winter, that is a big deal.

Councilor Pepin stated that they need a Driveway Permit before getting the Building Permit and they cannot get a Driveway Permit without a street address.

JBC – Councilor Pepin reported that the Committee met on January 30th. They met with the construction management company and contracted architects. Starting to get bids out. The committee had a lengthy discussion about HVAC systems. Discussed the RFP for the Clerk of the Works.

Councilor Witham reported that the School Board at their Saturday workshop had a formal meeting just before the workshop. School Board voted to forward this funding strategy for the HVAC system, which is sort of like a lease/purchase program. They voted in favor of forwarding that to the full City Council. This will be an agenda item on the next Finance Committee meeting. He asked that the City Manager draft a Resolution for the first meeting in March.

COAST – Councilor Pepin reported that the committee met on January 23rd. The committee discussed real time information regarding the bus systems which will be available in approximately 6 weeks. Riders will be able to use their phone to find out where the buses are located and an idea when the bus will be at your stop. They also had a report of the FY 2018 audit. They also voted on the FY 2020 funding. They are still working on the budget. Discussed possibilities of getting a line of credit, if needed, because of the Federal Shutdown.

Cultural Commission – Councilor Dumont reported that the Commission met on January 30th. The committee discussed:

- A student exchange program with Thedford Mines.
- Coordinate with the Summersworth Historical Museum regarding a rotating schedule of exhibits.

- Cultural Commission Member, High School student Thomas Poulin. He represents his generation well. The Commission is getting to know the cultures in the schools.

City Manager's Report



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, February 1, 2019

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, February 4, 2019
City Council Agenda

Lay on the Table (Under Section 13 of Agenda)

- A. Ordinance No. 4-19: To Amend Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, Section 14, Historic District.**
- B. Resolution No. 22-19: To Authorize the City Manager to Take the Necessary Actions to Discontinue Fair Court as a Class V Highway.** Public Works & Environment Committee met on January 24th and the consensus was to recommend a Council vote on Monday. However, City Attorney is researching the deeds regarding abutters and ran into a delay with the Title Company's. Therefore, I suggest we allow more time to conclude this research.

Unfinished Business (Under Section 14 of Agenda)

Ordinances

- A. Ordinance No. 12-19: To Amend Chapter 6, City Officials, Section 6.9, Veteran's Property Tax Exemption.** Again, the Finance Committee voted

to support this action to increase from \$1,400 to \$2,000, for totally disabled Veterans and for the surviving spouse.

Resolutions

- A. Resolution No. 29-19: To Authorize the City Manager to Solicit Proposals from Qualified Consultants to Prepare a Conceptual Design for a New Somersworth Fire Station.** Again, the Finance Committee supports moving forward with an RFP for a conceptual design for a new Fire Station. FUNDING: the City received unanticipated revenue in the form of a Workers' Compensation Program premium return in the amount of \$89,655 from Primex. The Finance Committee will be sponsoring a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance in the near future, should this Resolution pass, which would include a portion of this revenue source to fund this action. I initially suggested a budgeted cost of \$60,000; however, I recommend we complete the RFP process to confirm a more accurate project cost.

New Business (Under Section 15 of Agenda)

Ordinances

- A. Ordinance No. 13-19: To Amend Chapter 7, Streets, Highways, Sewers, by Renaming the Title to Solid Waste & Recycling, and Amend Chapter 7.1.C, Residential Recycling Bins.** The Public Works & Environment Committee met on January 24th and voted to recommend this title change and also to move forward with allowing residents to use their own recycling bins/containers. I recommend a Public Hearing at the next Council meeting on Tuesday, February 19th. Attached is a red-line copy of the Ordinance showing these recommended changes.

Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, February 19th, 2019 during the City Council Meeting, without objection.

- B. Ordinance No. 14-19: To Amend Chapter 8a, Sewer Ordinance, Section XV.C, by Deleting Language Regarding the Sewer Special Assessment District.** The Public Works & Environment Committee met on January 24th and voted to recommend removing this language from this Ordinance since this District concluded a number of years ago. I recommend a Public Hearing at the next Council meeting on Tuesday, February 19th. Attached is a red-line copy of the Ordinance showing these recommended changes.

Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, February 19th, 2019 during the City Council Meeting, without objection.

Resolutions

- A. Resolution No. 31-19: Naming Certain Private Roads: Cattail Circle and Luna Circle and Assigning Addresses if Required.** The E911 Committee met on January 30th and voted to recommend this action. Attached is a map showing the locations of these private roads.
- B. Resolution No. 32-19: Vote to Authorize the City Manager to Accept and Record Utility Easements on Behalf of the City.** Staff has been working on a utility drainage repair plan regarding street flooding on Garden Street. The City needs to secure an easement to access private property to make needed repairs to our storm drainage line. Should this Resolution be approved the City Manager would be authorized to secure any easements needed in this project to make repairs. Additionally, the passage of this Resolution would allow the City Manager to continue the process to acquire other needed utility easements. Attached is a memorandum from City Engineer Gary Lemay that was discussed at a recent Public Works & Environment Committee meeting.

Other

- A. Vote to Waive Excavation Moratorium on Stackpole Road (City Ordinance Ch. 12.1, Moratorium Period).** Public Works & Environment Committee voted at their January 24th meeting to recommend the waiver with the certain conditions outlined in the attached memorandum by Public Works Director Mike Bobinsky.

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

A. Informational Items.

1. Project Updates.

- **Former Bretons Cleaner at 1 Winter Street – EPA Brownfields Grant.** Attached is a memorandum from Director Saunders that provides a status update on this Brownfield's Clean-up Grant Project.
- **Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade.** Attached is a memorandum from Director Mike Bobinsky that provides an update on this Capital Improvement Project.
- **Blackwater Road Sewer Pump Station Update**
- **CMAQ Grant.** Attached is a copy of the Agenda that was discussed at our recent Project Scoping meeting in Concord at NH DOT last Thursday. I would add that City Staff did receive feedback on how we

can minimize any Project timeline lags on this Grant as well as our TAP Grant Project.

- ***Goal Setting Session has been rescheduled to April 6th, 2019, without objection.***

B. Attachments.

a. City Attorney Certifications – Four (4)

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

For Council Vote:

Donna Donovan, reappointment as a member of the Board of Library Trustees, with a term to expire, February 2024

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to approve the nomination. The vote passed, 8-0.

Mayoral Appointments:

Scott Orzechowski, reappointment as a Member of the Sustainability Committee, with a term to expire, February 2021

Devon Stanley, appointment as Mayor's designee to the Sustainability Committee, with a term to expire February 2021

Roger Berube, reappointment as a member of the Skyhaven Airport Advisory Council with a term to expire, February 2021

These appointments do not require Council vote.

Nominations requiring Council approval:

Philip Munck, reappointment as a member of the Ethics Commission with a term to expire, February 2022

Roger Berube, reappointment as a member of the Ethics Commission with a term to expire, February 2022

Richard Michaud, appointment as a Commissioner for the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC), with a term to expire, February 2023

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to suspend Council Rules to vote on the Nomination of Richard Michaud. The motion passed, 8-0. Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to confirm the nomination. The motion passed, 8-0.

Christien Dubois, appointment as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, with a term to expire, February 2022

LAY ON THE TABLE

Ordinance No. 4-19 – To Amend Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, Section 14, Historic District

Remained on the table

Resolution No. 22-19 - To Authorize the City Manager to Take the Necessary Actions to Discontinue Fair Court as a Class V Highway

Remained on the table

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 12-19 - To Amend Chapter 6, City Officials, Section 6.9, Veterans' Property Tax Exemption

Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Cameron made a motion to approve Ordinance 12-19. The motion passed, 8-0.

RESOLUTIONS


Resolution No. 29-19 - To Authorize the City Manager to Solicit Proposals from Qualified Consultants to Prepare a Conceptual Design for a New Somersworth Fire Station

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Cameron made a motion to approve Resolution 29-19. The motion passed, 8-0.

Councilor Pepin thanked City staff. They needed someone to come in and do the testing. Thanks for the funding.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

	City of Somersworth – Ordinance
	<p>Ordinance No: 13-19</p> <p>TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, STREETS, HIGHWAYS, SEWERS, BY RENAMING THE TITLE TO SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING, AND AMEND CHAPTER 7.1.C, RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING BINS</p>

February 4, 2019

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH ORDAINS THAT the Ordinances of the City of Somersworth, as amended, be further amended as follows:

1. Rename Chapter 7, by:
 - Deleting the Title: ‘STREETS, HIGHWAYS, SEWERS’
 - And replacing with: ‘SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING’


2. And further amend Chapter 7, Section 7.1, Container, Section C, Residential Recycling Bins, by deleting this section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:
 - C. RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING BINS/CONTAINERS: Eighteen (18) gallon plastic bins or other such solid plastic, metal or fiberglass container identified as acceptable residential recycling containers by the City Manager.

This Ordinance change shall take effect upon passage.

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

Ordinance 13-19 will remain in first read until the February 19, 2019 City Council Meeting.

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Michaud, made a motion to have Ordinance 14-19 read by title only. The motion passed, 7-1, Councilor Sprague opposed.

	City of Somersworth – Ordinance Ordinance No: 14-19 TO AMEND CHAPTER 8A, SEWER ORDINANCE, SECTION XV.C, BY DELETING LANGUAGE REGARDING THE SEWER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
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February 4, 2019

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH ORDAINS THAT the Ordinances of the City of Somersworth, as amended, be further amended as follows:

Amend Chapter 8A, Sewer Ordinance, Section XV.C, by deleting in its entirety:

- Upon adoption of the Ordinance establishing the Dover Rd. (Route 108) Sewer Special Assessment District, the access fee for all structures on properties in that district shall be two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) per bedroom or bedroom equivalent.

And further amend Chapter 8A, Sewer Ordinance, Section XV.C, ‘Sewer Connection Fees’ be deleting:


- “which is outside of the Sewer Special Assessment District,”

This Ordinance change shall take effect upon passage.

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

Ordinance 14-19 will remain in first read until the February 19, 2019 City Council Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

	City of Somersworth – Resolution
	Resolution No: 31-19 NAMING CERTAIN PRIVATE ROADS: CATTAIL CIRCLE AND LUNA CIRCLE AND ASSIGNING ADDRESSES IF REQUIRED

February 4, 2019

WHEREAS, Twelve Month, LLC has requested certain streets within their Planning Board approved subdivision off of Stackpole Road and Green Street to be named Cattail Circle and Luna Circle.

WHEREAS, this recommendation was approved by the City's E-911 Street Name and Address Committee at the meeting on January 30, 2019, and

WHEREAS, Cattail Circle would be the first left off of Sunningdale Drive coming from Green Street, and Luna Circle would be the first and second right off of Sunningdale Drive coming from Green Street, and

WHEREAS, 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 Chapter 19, Section 23, of the City of Somersworth Ordinances; and furthermore, that this action does not constitute acceptance of the above-named roadways by the Somersworth City Council,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH that these private roads shall be named Cattail Circle and Luna Circle and addresses shall be assigned as necessary.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilor:</i> Martin Pepin	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 31-19

History

First Read Date:	02/04/2019	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	NA	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	02/04/2019		

Discussion

Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Vincent, made a motion to waive Council Rules to allow for a second read of Resolution 31-19. The motion passed, 8-0.


Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to adopt Resolution 31-19.

Councilor Dumont stated that back a while ago, the E911 commission started changing the names of streets. He is wondering if the name Cattail is clear within the communications amongst first responders. He used an example of the street name, Pinecrest, because there are 2 syllables.

Councilor Witham made a motion to suspend Council Rules to allow Chief Kretschmar to address the Council, motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin. The motion passed, 8-0.

Chief Kretschmar stated that the name change of Pinecrest to Crest had more to do with the confusion between the similar street names of Pinecrest and Pinewood. The same with Fremont and Tremont streets, Varney Street and Varney Court.

Voting Record			YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	*	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont		X	
Ward 4 Councilor	VACANT			
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:			8	0
On 02/04/2019 Resolution 31-19			PASSED	

	City of Somersworth – Resolution
	Resolution No: 32-19 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND RECORD UTILITY EASEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

February 4, 2019

WHEREAS, the City continues to update public utility infrastructure such as road culverts, stormwater drainage, wastewater collection, and water distribution pipe and structures during capital improvement construction, maintenance, and repairs, and

WHEREAS, easements onto private properties provide public access by City personnel to perform emergency repairs, scheduled maintenance, or capital upgrades necessary for road and drainage purposes and for water and sewer utility infrastructure purposes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to take the necessary steps to accept and record road and utility easements on behalf of the City that are necessary for maintaining public infrastructure needs, and furthermore is authorized to take any necessary action needed to meet these needs in the best interests of the City.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilor:</i> Dale R. Sprague	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 32-19

History

First Read Date:	02/04/2019	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	NA	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	02/04/2019		

Discussion

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Sprague, made a motion to waive Council Rules to allow for a second read of Resolution 32-19. Motion passed 8-0.

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Sprague, made a motion to approve Resolution 32-19.

Councilor Vincent asked about the process and cost involved in recording the utility easements. City Manager Belmore explained that they will be reviewing easements for regular maintenance purposes. An easement template has been sent to the City Attorney for review and approval. The cost is unknown and will be based on the work involved.

Councilor Witham explained why the City has water, sewer and drainage lines running through private and residential property; these were done maybe 100 years ago, a long time ago, and perhaps were put in with a handshake agreement. Things weren't done as formally back then. That has led us to these issues. Typically, these issues are found in the older section of the City.

Councilor Sprague stated that there will be a cost. When we find these pieces of property that do not have these easements on record, we are going to have to record them at the Registry of Deeds, so for future sales of the property, the easement is recorded. We need to be able to access the property for emergency repairs or general repairs. Property owners need to understand that if sheds, trees or other private property is located within the City easement, the City is not responsible for the repair or replacement of the private property. These are utility easements for access and repair of the utility lines.

City Manager Belmore stated what they are first trying to look at is the possibility of abandoning a line and repositioning or relocating the line into the roadway or existing City easement.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	VACANT		
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:		8	0
On 02/04/2019	Resolution 32-19	PASSED	FAILED

OTHER

Vote to Waive Excavation Moratorium on Stackpole Road (City Ordinance Ch. 12.1, Moratorium Period)

Councilor Witham said that this waiver applies to the new sidewalk that was put in on Stackpole Road. A parcel was subdivided and a new driveway needs to be put in. There are tight parameters and conditions to this project.

The vote to waive the moratorium passed, 8-0.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY VISITORS

None

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Pepin stated that for those who didn't believe in the Patriots... they did it! He is happy to see that there is a lot of interest in the Ward 4 vacancy.

Councilor Vincent said, as far as recycling goes, he wants to get rid of the recycling bins. There was a cost increase on the recycling. He is going to the State level to find out what is going on. He found that there are bins at a local home supply store that is a 32 gallon rubbermade barrel. It is bigger and has a cover for a good price.

As for Memorial Drive, he apologized to Mr. Dumais. The City listened to information and ideas, but speedbumps could cost up to 45k. He is all for safety, but there is a reasonable way.

The reason why we have strict ordinances is because people have done something wrong, so as a City we go to the measure which sometimes is over the top. This is based on past history. We need to revisit some of our ordinances .

Councilor Dumont thanked Mayor Hilliard for the proclamation for the Patriots. Thanks teams for making us proud.

He stated that he appreciates Councilor Vincent comments, but he agrees with Councilor Witham. There is more than that one particular business. There is a couple that we have gone back and forth with, in the courts for a number of years. These properties are a deflation of our value. Not an enhancement to our value or our marketing strategy, look at downtown, there are a lot of vacancies. There are a lot of amazing businesses out there that are looking for communities. We welcome businesses that are not welcomed in other communities.

Some of those who live in our town have no compassion for their neighbors, don't take care of their own properties. Even after the 3rd or 4th time in court then can be encouraged to go to the next step. There is no easy answer. Polite persistence; let staff do their job. Council receives calls, but the residents have an obligation as well.

Being a Councilor for Ward 3, there are some streets that haven't received any repair for a number of years. This problem exacerbates during the winter; the snow plow digs up the cold patch and creates holes. He believes that there needs to be some type of program in place so these are not ignored. He knows there are a number of streets in Ward 3 that need attention, Indigo Hill Road, High Street. But we need to not forget every tax payer in the city. Some roads are looking at longevity with no attention.

Another thing we need to think about are our sidewalks. There are vehicles are driving on sidewalks, including tractor trailers. They have taken out signs and cause damage. Is it the truck drivers fault or our engineering? The intersection of High Street, Blackwater Road and Indigo Hill Road is a dangerous intersection.

Councilor Michaud thanked those who appointed him to the SRPC, and he has learned a lesson; his first words as he walks into the Mayor's Office should be 'no'!

Councilor Witham mentioned that the new Code Compliance Officer started today. That is a very important position.

Tractor Trailer truck is heading to Ft Myers, FL with all of the Red Sox gear for the start of Spring Training.

He also stated that there is a light out on High Street at Wicked Meats.

Councilor Sprague said that Blackwater Road is in wards 2 and 3, and with working on the road, they will be taking care of 2 councilors. The at large councilors look at the whole city. There are many things to consider when deciding which roads to pave, including traffic counts, the maintenance and a lot of different things. He hopes that they get the budget up to where it needs to be. We'd love to get the smaller roads completed.

He thanked Councilor Michaud for being on the SRPC. There has been a disconnect between regional planning and how things really work.

The Mayor sent an email that they should wear their Patriots attire to celebrate the Patriots Super Bowl Win. He is a superstitious guy. He showed his Red Sox hat; there was a strike in Major League Baseball in 1984. Players, after about 112 or 114 games, decided to strike. It was the only year that we didn't have a World Series. It burned him because he was a fan of baseball. At that time he said he would never buy another piece of baseball memorabilia or go to a game, he was that upset. In 2004, the Red Sox won

the World Series. That Christmas, a family member bought him the Red Sox hat. He retired the hat in October 2018 after the Red Sox won the World Series and he attended the parade.

The Patriots hat that he wears now is not brand new.

He showed a Patriots coffee mug that he got in 2002. He drinks coffee out of that mug every Sunday morning, all year long. Not any other day of the week; only Sundays. The jersey that he is wearing is #93, Richard Seymour, who was a rookie when the Patriots first won the super bowl. He wears the jersey for every game; puts it on when the game starts and takes it off when the game ends. He does not wash the jersey until the end of the season. You don't wash wins out of jerseys. He watches the games alone.

He gave a history lesson. When Patrick Chung went down yesterday, if that had happened ten years ago, he would have thought that this isn't going to be good.

Wally Pip played first base for the NY Yankees; 1921, 1922, 1923 they won the American League Championship and won the 1923 World Series. In 1925 Wally Pip is still the first baseman. He decides that he has a headache and wasn't going to play that day. His replacement was Lou Gehrig. 2130 games later, Lou Gehrig played his last game.

One of the MVPs for the Patriots that is not in the Patriots Hall of Fame is Mo Lewis. Lewis knocked Drew Bledsoe out of the second game of the season when we played the Jets. His replacement was Tom Brady.

As for Patrick Chung, you never know when your time comes up. If you are not prepared for when your time comes up, you are going to fail. So kids, adults, anyone watching or listening, be prepared for your time to come. The Patriots were prepared for Patrick Chung to go down; Belichick, Brady, they were all ready.

This helps our economy. Patriots give us the push to 'be ready when your number is called'. Don't be a Wally Pip!

Councilor Cameron stated, 'How great is it to be a Boston fan today'?! She congratulated the Patriots on their Super Bowl win.

Truck day is here! (Referring to the Red Sox)

She thanked those who have stepped up to fill the ward 4 vacancy.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NONPUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vincent, seconded by Councilor Witham, made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Trish Harris, City Clerk

Dana Hilliard, Mayor