



MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Somersworth, NH  
May 6, 2019  
7:00 P.M.

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**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, Austin, Michaud, Witham, Cameron, and Levasseur. Councilor Sprague was excused.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

City Manager Belmore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**COMMENTS BY VISITORS**

Becky Patton, Ward 4, stated that she is listed on the agenda as a nominee for the Library Board of Trustees. She is the Library Media at the Middle School. She stated that she is excited to work with the Library Trustees to establish more programs. The Library is a great resource and is underutilized.

Todd Marsh, Deer Creek Run, commented about the budget. He appreciates the efforts of the Mayor and Council Members. They all bring their own unique life experiences and values and in the end we get a budget.

He stated that he was honored to be appointed to the Mayors' Task Force on Homelessness. As a Somersworth resident, the City should be proud of the representatives on the Task Force. He stated he appreciates Mayor Hilliard's influence and guidance on the task force. This was a eclectic group with a wide range of services. The presentation of the Tri City Task Force on Homelessness Master Plan is this evening. It is their hope that this will be a model to other regions.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approve Minutes of the City Council Goal Setting Session held on April 6, 2019
- B. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on April 15, 2019
- C. Approve Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held on April 29, 2019

*Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to approve all items on the consent calendar. The motion passed, 8-0.*

**COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCILORS**

None

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### A. Presentation of the Master Plan from the *Tri City Mayors' Task Force on Homelessness*

Presentation by Jeremy Hutchinson, Rochester City Councilor and Chair of the Tri City Task Force on Homelessness and Mayor Dana S. Hilliard.

Following the presentation, Councilors had the following questions.

Councilor Witham asked what can be done regarding the stigma of homelessness.

Mr. Hutchinson said it is a cultural thing. Data and research shows that they do not want to be homeless. Education is needed, but we may never get rid of the stigma.

Mayor Hilliard encouraged all to help end the stigma. In the morning, there is a line of taxis at the schools dropping kids off; this is modern day homelessness. These kids are not junkies and haven't lost their jobs. This is the face of modern day homelessness.

Councilor Dumont commended the Task Force. The population of homeless in NH is small compared to other places in the nation. Currently, 8% of the population in NH is below poverty. Are there places these people can go for help?

Mr. Hutchinson said a large piece is handled by religious organizations like Catholic Charities.org, but that is not the case in New Hampshire. In the cold months, there is a rotation where the homeless get to stay at a church for a whole week, with meals, showers, and a cot to sleep on. The Catholic Charities receive a lot of support through the country, and as we know, it takes money to do these things.

No further questions from Council. The vote to accept the Tri City Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness Master Plan will be at the May 20, 2019 City Council Meeting.

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

None

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The success of our municipal government is based upon efficiency and the highest level of service for all residents. Each day these qualities are exhibited and modeled by members of our Municipal Clerk Team. May 5-11<sup>th</sup> is National Municipal Clerk Week. This week focuses and celebrates those responsible for safeguarding our democracy through free elections and ensuring the bureaucratic responsibilities of government function seamlessly. Without our dedicated municipal clerk staff, Somersworth would be halted from continuing on the move and basic parliamentary functions of this body would be non-existent. Tonight we honor our dedicated City Clerks and the team of our municipal clerks who ensure our proud past will continue to be recorded and documented and that our City government remains *on the move* each day towards its bright future. I am honored this evening to present my partner in crime to my left with a proclamation honoring Municipal Clerks Week, May 5-11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Government efficiency and organization will continue to be a priority as I move towards the completion of my third lease by the public in the Mayor's office and soon announce seeking a renewal of my lease for a fourth term. We must never be complacent by simply following procedures or keeping committees or commissions because we have always had them, or because that is the way we have always done it. To continue to keep our great city *on the move*, this evening I am calling upon the Government Operations Committee to examine whether the Board of Assessors needs to continue as part of our boards and committee structure or the duties and responsibilities that are incumbent upon them can be absorbed and stream lined by our professional staff. I look forward to hearing the final recommendation of their inquiry.

Amazing displays and a packed house yesterday at the opening exhibit of the Summersworth Historical Society honoring our local heroes, our First Responders. Thank you Summersworth Historical Society for continuing to preserve our proud past and special thanks to all First Responders for reaffirming your oath each and every day to keep our community safe. Spirit radiated throughout Somersworth at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Spirit Up Somersworth and bike safety day. The widely attended event was a huge success helping to beautify our great city and keeping Somersworth on the move. Special thanks to the Somersworth Youth Connection, all who attended, sponsors, and volunteers. Together as a united community, we will keep Somersworth *on the move*.

Congratulations to all of the 2019 Chamber of Commerce award recipients. It was an honor to be present as you were recognized. Thank you for your tireless hours and dedication to Somersworth's *Proud Past and Bright Future*. The 2019 recipients were as follows:

- Jenne Holms, Citizen of the Year
- Heather Smith, Educator of the Year
- Goodwin Community Health, Nonprofit of the Year
- Somersworth Storage, Business of the Year
- Chris Maxwell, Chamberperson of the Year

Thank you for each day that you exhibit your dedication and your proud spirit which exuviates through all of you of continuing to honor our great Hilltopper values and our *Proud Past and Bright Future*.

It was with great honor and pleasure that I, along with Congressman Pappas and Representatives from Senator Shaheen's and Hassan's office, attended a Ceremony for Excellence that was bestowed upon the Somersworth Waste Water Treatment Facility today. Jamie Wood, along with his team were recognized today for their practices in energy efficiency and for implementing 21<sup>st</sup> century progressive practices. Once again, our Hilltopper way and 10 square mile City has become the model for the state. Congratulations to the entire staff for your dedication towards excellence. You have once again made this community proud.

The next Mayors Community forum will take place Saturday May 11th from 9:00 – 10:30 at City Hall. Including in this forum will be an invite to all State Legislative Delegation. The purpose of these forums are to foster dialog and ideas, in a non-formal setting to continue to move our community "On the Move". All members of the community are welcome to attend any forums.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Government Operations – Councilor Dumont reported that the Committee met on May 1, 2019. The committee discussed:

- A change to City Ordinances, moving Exemptions and Credits to a new Chapter. The Committee recommends the change.
- Codification, Staff will look into more information and get samples to present to the committee at a later date.
- City Manager gave an update on personnel
- Council Rules, consensus is to have staff is prepare additional language for a Special Budget Meeting to discuss the budget each year, for the committee to review.

Public Safety – Councilor Pepin reported that the Committee met on April 17, 2019. The Committee discussed:

- Chief Kretschmar gave an update on Police Department staffing
- Community events
  - Drug Take Back Day, Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Touch a Truck, Army National Guard, Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Summersworth Historical Society First Responder Appreciation Day, Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Somersworth Middle School Law Enforcement Day, Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Video of Bravo in action.
- Grant from US Attorney, project safe neighborhood.
- Stewart's Ambulance, CPR training in the middle school. Checking AEDs.
- Chief Hoyle reported on manpower and equipment, detailed report. He recommends Assistant Chief, and full time Secretary. Pepin recommends 4 firefighters on each shift.

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

### Special Committees

Veterans Park Commission – Councilor Dumont reported that a presentation to Council is scheduled for May 20, 2019. Ironwood Design Group has recommended a concept plan. He thanked the members of the committee and the staff. There will be a display during the Memorial Day Parade.

SAU Withdrawal Committee – Witham stated that Rollinsford has formed a SAU Withdrawal Committee as well. Rollinsford Committee expressed interest in meeting with Somersworth and the SAU.

COAST – Councilor Pepin reported that Coast had a meeting with representatives from city departments, regarding new lay out of coast bus. There will be a presentation to Somersworth Council on June 17, 2019.

Ward Boundaries Review Committee – Councilor Pepin reported that the Committee met on April 23, 2019. They reviewed the numbers of people in each ward and how the ward lines need to be adjusted for equal population in each ward. Next meeting is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>.

JBC – Councilor Pepin reported that the committee met on April 24, 2019. They have started planning with the construction management. They have started pre ordering materials and isolating the school for safety during construction. Access has been adjusted. The Ground Breaking Ceremony took place on April 19, 2019.

School Board – Councilor Pepin stated that the Committee met on April 30, 2019. They adjusted the budget line items based on the increase of \$400,000. There is no money for elevator.

City Manager’s Report

**TO: Mayor Dana S. Hilliard and City Council Members**  
**FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager**  
**DATE: Friday, May 3, 2019**  
**SUBJECT: City Manager’s Report for Monday, May 6, 2019  
City Council Agenda**

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*6:30 pm: Non-meeting  
New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA) – Police Union Negotiations*

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*Lay on the Table (Under Section 13 of Agenda)*

- A. Ordinance No. 4-19: To Amend Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, Section 14, Historic District.**

*New Business (Under Section 15 of Agenda)*

**Ordinances**

- A. Ordinance 19-19: To Amend Chapter 6, City Officials, by Deleting Section 6.1, Exemption For Prisoners Of War and Section 6.9, Veteran’s Property Tax Exemptions, Blind and Solar Exemptions.** The Government Operations Committee voted to support this recommendation at their meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>. As presented to the Committee, I thought it to be difficult for the public to find these exemptions contained in Chapter 6, titled City Officials. It seemed appropriate to create a new Ordinance Chapter that could be readily found. Attached is a red-lined version of the present Ordinance showing the proposed changes.

***Please note:*** I recommend a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 19-19, Ordinance No. 20-19 and Ordinance No. 21-19 at the next regular Council meeting on Monday, May 20th.

*The Public Hearings were scheduled without objection.*

**B. Ordinance 20-19: To Create New Chapter 34, Exemptions and Credits.**

(See Above)

- C. Ordinance 21-19: To Amend Chapter 4, Personnel Rules & Regulations, Section 7.3, Holidays, Regarding Holiday Work Pay.** The Government Operations Committee discussed this recommendation at their May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and voted to support the change. Presently, our Highway Foreman has worked on a Holiday with equipment operators who receive Time and ½ plus their Holiday pay. This change would carry the same pay over to non-union staff, i.e. Highway Foreman. Attached is a red-lined version of the present Ordinance showing the proposed change.

**Resolutions**

- A. Resolution No. 36-19: To Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership, for a Land Protection Transaction Grant to Conduct an Appraisal and Land Survey for the Lily Pond Conservation Land Project.** Finance Committee discussed this Grant at their March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and voted to support the Grant application. Attached is a copy of the Finance Committee meeting minutes and a Memorandum that provides further detail on this Conservation Land Acquisition Project. FYI: The Conservation Commission has approximately \$126,635 in the Conservation Fund.

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

**A. Informational Items.**

1. **FY 2020 Budget.** Attached is a copy of the FY 2019-2020 Budget as amended and adopted by the City Council on April 29, 2019.
2. **Local Government Day.** On Thursday, May 9, Somersworth Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students will be holding a local Government Day. Attached is the Schedule for this exciting day.
3. **Upcoming City Council Workshops, as approved by Mayor Hilliard.**
  - May 20: 6:00 p.m. – Veterans Memorial Design Presentation
  - June 3: 6:00 p.m. – Form Based Codes Presentation
  - June 17: 6:00 p.m. – COAST Bus Presentation

**Attachments.**

- a. **City Attorney Certification Four (4)**

## NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

### A. For Council Vote

- a. Laurene Anderson-Ashe, re-appointment as a Member of the Board of Library Trustees, with a term to expire March 2024  
*Councilor Austin, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to confirm the nomination. The motion passed, 8-0.*
- b. Becky Patten, appointment as a Member of the Board of Library Trustees, with a term to expire April 2024  
*Councilor Cameron, seconded by Councilor Vincent, made a motion to confirm the nomination. The motion passed, 8-0.*

## LAY ON THE TABLE

- A. **Ordinance No. 4-19** – To Amend Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, Section 14, Historic District  
Ordinance 4-19 remained on the table.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### ORDINANCES

- A. **Ordinance 18-19** - To Amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 3.4, Motor Vehicle Operation, by Prohibiting Tractor-Trailers from Making a Left Hand Turn onto Station Street from Government Way (Referred to Traffic Safety Committee)  
Ordinance 18-19 will remain in Unfinished Business until it is reviewed by the Traffic Safety Committee.

## NEW BUSINESS

### ORDINANCES



## City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: **19-19**

**TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, CITY OFFICIALS, BY DELETING SECTION 6.1, EXEMPTION FOR PRISONERS OF WAR AND SECTION 6.9, VETERAN'S PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, BLIND AND SOLAR EXEMPTIONS**

May 6, 2019

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the ordinances of the City of Somersworth, as amended, be further amended as follows:

1. Amend Chapter 6, City Officials, Section 6.1, Exemption for Prisoners of War, by deleting the section in its entirety,
2. Amend Chapter 6, City Officials, Section 6.9, by deleting the section in its entirety, to include:
  - 6.9.1 Veterans Exemptions
  - 6.9.2 Service Connected Total Disability
  - 6.9.3 Surviving Spouse
  - 6.9.4 Exemption for the Blind
  - 6.9.5 Solar Exemption
3. Renumber Chapter 6 accordingly.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> Martin P. Dumont, Sr. Nancie Cameron Edward Levasseur	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

**City of Somersworth – Ordinance 19-19**

**History**

First Read Date:	05/06/2019	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:	05/20/2019	Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

**Discussion**

NOTE: This Ordinance is a housekeeping amendment, to move the Exemptions and Credits to a new Ordinance Chapter.

*Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Levasseur, made a motion to waive Council Rules to have Ordinance 19-19 read by title only. The motion passed, 8-0. Ordinance 19-19 will remain in first read until the May 20, 2019 City Council Meeting. A Public Hearing is scheduled for May 20, 2019.*

<b>Voting Record</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin		
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont *		
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin		
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Sprague		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Levasseur		
<b>TOTAL VOTES:</b>			
On / / Ordinance 19-19		<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>



## City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: **20-19**

### **TO CREATE NEW CHAPTER 34, EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS**

May 6, 2019

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the Ordinances of the City of Somersworth, as amended, be further amended by adding new Chapter 34 as follows:

#### Chapter 34, EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS

##### Section 34.1 Elderly Property Tax Exemption

###### A. Amount of Exemption

The elderly exemptions from property tax in the City of Somersworth, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, are as follows, effective April 1, 2016.

1. For a person 65 years of age up to 74 years, Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars.
2. For a person 75 years of age up to 79 years, Sixty-Five Thousand (\$65,000) Dollars.
3. For a person 80 years of age or older, Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000) Dollars.

###### B. Qualifications

1. The taxpayer must be a New Hampshire resident for at least three (3) years and own the real estate individually or jointly or, if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married at least five (5) years.
2. The taxpayer must have a net income of not more than Thirty-Two Thousand, (\$32,000) Dollars or, if married, a combined net income of less than Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars.
3. The taxpayer must not own assets in excess of One-Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars, excluding the value of the person's residence and up to 2 acres of land.
4. The property cannot have been transferred to the applicant, from a person under the age of 65, if they were related to the applicant by blood or marriage, within the past five (5) years, per RSA 72:40-a, or as subsequently amended.
5. The property must meet the definition of a residential real estate, per RSA 72:29-

II, or as subsequently amended, which includes the housing unit which is the person's principal home and related structures. It does not include attached dwelling units and unattached structures used or intended for commercial or other non-residential purposes.

C. Application

1. The application form for tax exemption, as authorized by RSA 72:33, or as subsequently amended, must be filed by the taxpayer with the Assessing Department by April 15<sup>th</sup>, prior to the setting of the tax rate and showing that the applicant was duly qualified upon April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the exemption or tax credit is first claimed
2. The following documentation must be provided at the time of application:
  - List of assets, value of each asset, net encumbrance and net value of each asset (Provide year end statements for each of the assets);
  - Statement of applicant and spouse's income;
  - W-2 and 1099 forms;
  - Federal Income Tax Forms;
  - State Interest and Dividends Tax Form;
  - Property Tax Bill for any other property owned;
  - November and December bank statements for all accounts;
  - Copy of license or birth certificate;
  - Copy of Vehicle registrations.
3. Additional documentation may be requested to verify income and assets. Documents are considered confidential and are returned to the applicant at the time a decision is made on the application

Section 34.2 Veteran's Property Tax Credit

The City adopts the provisions of RSA 72:28, V and VI for an optional veterans' exemption and an expanded qualifying war service for veterans seeking the exemption. The veterans' tax credit shall be \$250 with \$50 additional tax credit each successive tax year of 2005 through 2009. This veteran's tax credit of \$250 shall be effective for the tax amounts due for tax year 2004 (final bill due December 2004).

<u>Veteran's Tax Credit Amount – Tax Year Effective</u>		
\$250 - 2004	\$350 - 2006	\$450 - 2008
\$300 - 2005	\$400 - 2007	\$500 - 2009

Section 34.3 Service Connected Total Disability

The City adopts the provisions of RSA 72:35, for an optional property tax credit on residential property for a service connected total disability. The service connected total disability tax credit shall be \$2,000.

Section 34.4 Surviving Spouse

The City adopts the provisions of RSA 72:29A, for an optional property tax credit for surviving spouses. The surviving spouse tax credit shall be \$2,000.

Section 34.5 Exemption for the Blind

Every inhabitant who is legally blind as determined by the administrator of blind services of the vocational rehabilitation division of the education department shall be exempt each year on the assessed value for property tax purposes of his/her residential real estate to the value of \$25,000. The term "residential real estate" as used in this section shall mean the same as defined in RSA 72:29. All applications made under this section shall be subject to the provisions of RSA 72:33 and RSA 72:34. This exemption shall be effective as of April 1, 1993.

Section 34.6 Solar Exemption

The City adopts the provisions of RSA 72:61-64, an exemption from the assessed value for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with a solar energy system as defined in RSA 72:61. Such Solar property tax exemption shall be in an amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment as defined in RSA 72:61 and as may be amended. This exemption shall be effective for the tax year that begins April 1, 2017.

Section 34.7 Exemption for Prisoners of War

Pursuant to RSA 261:157-a, the City of Somersworth hereby waives the fee charged for a permit to register one motor vehicle owned by any person who was captured and incarcerated for 30 days as defined in RSA 72:28 IV, and who was honorably discharged, provided the person provides to the Tax Collector satisfactory proof of these circumstances.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage, and any person entitled to said waiver who registered one vehicle prior to the effective date and after September 1, 1985, shall be entitled to a refund upon application and proper documentation.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by:</i> Martin P. Dumont, Sr. Nancie Cameron Edward Levasseur	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

**City of Somersworth – Ordinance 20-19**

**History**

First Read Date:	05/06/2019	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:	05/20/2019	Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

**Discussion**

*Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Levasseur, made a motion to waive Council Rules to have Ordinance 20-19 read by title only. The motion passed, 8-0. Ordinance 20-19 will remain in first read until the May 20, 2019 City Council Meeting. A Public Hearing is scheduled for May 20, 2019.*

<b>Voting Record</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin		
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont *		
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin		
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Sprague		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Levasseur		
<b>TOTAL VOTES:</b>			
<b>On / / Ordinance 20-19</b>		<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: 21-19

**TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, PERSONNEL RULES & REGULATIONS, SECTION 7.3, HOLIDAYS, REGARDING HOLIDAY WORK PAY**

May 6, 2019

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the ordinances of the City of Somersworth, as amended, be further amended as follows:

1. Amend Chapter 4, Personnel Rules and Regulations, Section 7.3, Holidays, by deleting the second paragraph in its entirety and adding:

When a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday is observed as the holiday. When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday is observed. Any employee required to work on a holiday will receive pay for the time worked at one and one-half times the adjusted base rate in addition to holiday pay for that day.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> Martin P. Dumont, Sr. Nancie Cameron Edward Levasseur	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

**City of Somersworth – Ordinance 21-19**

**History**

First Read Date:	05/06/2019	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:	05/20/2019	Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

**Discussion**

*Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Levasseur, made a motion to waive Council Rules to have Ordinance 21-19 read by title only. The motion passed, 8-0. Ordinance 21-19 will remain in first read until the May 20, 2019 City Council Meeting. A Public Hearing is scheduled for May 20, 2019.*

<b>Voting Record</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin		
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont *		
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin		
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Sprague		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Levasseur		
<b>TOTAL VOTES:</b>			
<b>On / / Ordinance 21-19</b>		<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>

RESOLUTIONS



**City of Somersworth – Resolution**

Resolution No: 36-19

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE GREAT BAY RESOURCE PROTECTION PARTNERSHIP, FOR A LAND PROTECTION TRANSACTION GRANT TO CONDUCT AN APPRAISAL AND LAND SURVEY FOR THE LILY POND CONSERVATION LAND PROJECT**

May 6, 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has been notified of the award of a Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership, for a Land Protection Transaction Grant, and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth is eligible to receive \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) requiring a local match of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars), and

WHEREAS, the Grant will allow the City of Somersworth to conduct an appraisal and land survey of potential conservation land in the Lily Pond Watershed, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee reviewed this project with Staff and voted to support this Grant submittal, and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorizes the Conservation Commission to use the Conservation Fund for the local match, and

**EXPLANATION OF TOTAL PROJECT GRANT BREAKDOWN**

GBRPP Grant (50%)	=	\$10,000
City Soft/in-kind Match	=	\$1,500
<u>City Cash Match (50%)</u>	=	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total Project Award	=	\$21,500

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to execute any documents and agreements necessary for the grant’s execution, expend the grant proceeds in accordance with the grant documents, and take any and all other such actions relative to this grant determined to be in the best interest of the City.

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

**City of Somersworth – Resolution 36-19**

<b>History</b>			
First Read Date:	05/06/2019	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	NA	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	05/06/2019		

**Discussion**

*Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Dumont, made a motion to waive Council Rules to allow for a second read. The motion passed, 8-0.*

*Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to approve Resolution 36-19. Motion passed, 8-0.*

<b>Voting Record</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham *	X	
At Large Councilor	Sprague	-	-
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
<b>TOTAL VOTES:</b>			
On 05/06/2019 Resolution 36-19		<b>PASSED</b>	

**CLOSING COMMENTS BY VISITORS**

None

**CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilor Pepin thanked Historical Society for the first responders appreciation and thanked the SYC for the cleanup day.

Councilor Dumont said he recently visited a citizen that volunteers a lot of time in the city, Pius Murray. He is doing well, and has come through a difficult situation. He reminded everyone about the Fischer Cats Franco-American day on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. There will be prizes given away and trivia on the bus. They will visit the Summersworth Historcial Museum first for croissants, tea and coffee then take C&J to the ball park. The thanked the many people for the clean up day. It was wonderful to see people out and about.

Councilor Austin recognized the work done by the Mayors Task Force. He stated that a lot of people don't understand the magnitude of the issue. A big piece of what he hopes it will do is increase awareness. Homelessness is a big issue in the city and in the schools. It is not only a monetary cost, but there is an emotional cost.

Councilor Cameron stated that she had a great time at the historical society hearing stories from the prior first responders, and reminiscing with Pepin and Robidas. She reiterated that the Franco-American day is scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be prizes for the trivia. The cost is \$40, and that includes your game ticket, transportation, a hot dog, chips and drink.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

#### **NONPUBLIC SESSION**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Vincent, made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.*

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Trish Harris, City Clerk

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Dana Hilliard, Mayor