



CITY OF SOMERSWORTH
AGENDA FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020

6:00pm City Council Workshop –
Cemetery Road Complete Streets Design
Ryan Wingard, Wright Pierce Engineers

7:00pm City Council Meeting

1. Roll Call of Members
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Hearings
4. Comments by Visitors
5. Consent Calendar
 - A. Approve Minutes of the City Council Workshop – New Fire Station Design presented by Port One Architects held on January 21, 2020
 - B. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on January 21, 2020
6. Comments by City Councilors
7. Communications
8. Presentations of Petitions and Disposal Thereof by Reference or Otherwise
9. Mayor's Report
10. Report of Standing Committees
11. Report of Special Committees, City Officers and City Manager
12. Nominations, Appointments and Elections
 - Nominations Requiring Council Confirmation Vote
 - A. Mark Richardson, as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board, with a term to expire January 2023
 - B. Pius Murray, Re-appointment to the Historic District Commission, with a term to expire January 2023

Nominations Introduced for Council Confirmation Vote

- A. Richard Brooks, appointment to the Historic District Commission, with a term to expire February 2023
- B. Kenneth Vincent, as an Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, with a term to expire February 2023 (Explanation: Nominated as a Citizen Appointment; not as a Council Representative)

13. Lay on the Table

14. Unfinished Business

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution No. 23-20** - Proclaiming Somersworth a Welcoming City (Referred to Government Operations Committee)
- B. **Resolution No. 27-20** - To Display a Permanent Photo of Former Mayor James McLin in the City Council Chambers

15. New Business

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution No. 28-20** - Vote to Support House Bill 1111, An Act Relative to the Removal and Replacement of Telephone and Electric Poles
- B. **Resolution No. 29-20** - Vote to Authorize a Bond to Replace the Elevator at the Somersworth Middle School

16. Comments by Visitors

17. Closing Comments by Council Members

18. Future Agenda Items

19. Nonpublic Session (as necessary, pending roll call vote by Council)

20. Adjournment



City of Somersworth
Boards, Commissions & Committee Application

Instructions: Please complete all information.

Name: MARK B RICHARDSON

Telephone: 603-692-5491 Email: richardson1nb@gmail.com

Residence Address: 44 MT. AUBURN ST, SOMERSWORTH, NH 03278

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Resident of Somersworth for 30 Years Ward: 4

Registered Voter: Yes No

Education Level: MA - Early American History

Please list any organizations, groups, or other committees you are involved in:
Reenactment Groups and NH Regt. - 5th NH Regt.

Not Least Resource Recovery Association - Trustee

St. James Lodge 102 Free & Accepted Masons

I am interested in serving on the following Board, Commission or Committee (s):

Planning Board and Stafford County

Regional Planning Commission

My Background or Interests are: The City of Somersworth

American History, Rock & Roll, Surfing Culture.

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I have served on the following Committee (s) in the past: Planning Board,
School Board, SAUGB. Board

Would you be able to commit to attending all meetings? Yes: X No:

I'll do my best

By submitting this Application you understand that:

1. This application is for consideration and does not mean you will necessarily be appointed to this Board/Commission; and
2. The Mayor will review your application, may contact you, check your references, and determine any potential conflict of interests; and
3. This application will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration.
4. Application will be kept on file for one (1) year from date of receipt.

Signature: Jack Richardson

Date: Jan 14 2020

Please submit application to:
City Clerk's Office
City Hall, One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878



City of Somersworth
Boards, Commissions & Committee Application

Instructions: Please complete all information.

Name: PIUS Charles MURRAY

Telephone: 603-841-5836 Email: charliem1957@hotmail.com

Residence Address: 79 Franklin St. Apt C Somersworth, NH 03878

Mailing Address (if different): Same as above

Resident of Somersworth for 7 Years Ward 2

Registered Voter: Yes No

Education Level: 5 masters degrees

Please list any organizations, groups, or other committees you are involved in:
National Book Critics Circle Board member of Plymouth Patent Citizen
NH Library Trustees Association

I am interested in serving on the following Board, Commission or Committee (s):
Historic District Commission
Cultural Commission

My Background or Interests are: I have served as Secretary of
the HDC 125th Anniversary Commission and the
Cultural Commission

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I have served on the following Committee (s) in the past: Library Trustee, HDC,
Cultural Commission and 125th Anniversary Commission

Would you be able to commit to attending all meetings? Yes No

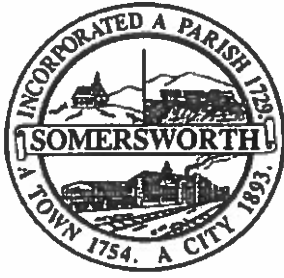
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Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 7 January 2020

**Please submit application to:
City Clerk's Office
City Hall, One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878**



City of Somersworth
Boards, Commissions & Committee Application

Instructions: Please complete all information.

Name: Richard Brooks
Telephone: 603-765-6034 Email: Rich@OnlyJeepParts.com
Residence Address: 18 Linden St
Mailing Address (if different): Same
Resident of Somersworth for 16 Years Ward 1
Registered Voter: Yes No
Education Level: GED

Please list any organizations, groups, or other committees you are involved in:

ZBA (Vice Chair)

I am interested in serving on the following Board, Commission or Committee (s):

HDC

My Background or Interests are: Cabinet Making, Drafting, Residential Construction
classes during High School. Homeowner within Somersworth Historic District.
Appreciation for the Historic Character of Somersworth and interested in helping
to preserve that fragile character.

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I have served on the following Committee (s) in the past: HDC, HDC Outreach Subcommittee, HDC Boundary Subcommittee, HDC Education and Outreach Subcommittee, Plaza Commission

Would you be able to commit to attending all meetings? Yes X No _____

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Signature: 

Date: 12-19-19

**Please submit application to:
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City Hall, One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878**



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: 23-20

PROCLAIMING SOMERSWORTH A WELCOMING CITY

December 16, 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming place where people, families and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth is committed to building a welcoming and neighborly community, where all individuals, regardless of race, color, creed, place of origin, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, political affiliation, marital / parental status or military service are welcome, accepted and integrated; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth is committed to enhancing its cultural fabric, economic growth, global competitiveness and overall prosperity for all individuals in the current and future generations who choose to make their home in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth desires to create an environment that strategically positions our City as a globally competitive 21st century leader; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth is pleased to join the Welcoming Cities and Counties initiative to help unite our community and ensure that all are welcome here;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City of Somersworth hereby proclaims Somersworth a Welcoming City.

Authorization

Sponsored by Councilors:

Edward LeVasseur*
David A. Witham
Dale R. Sprague*
Nancie Cameron
Kenneth S. Vincent
Martin P. Dumont, Sr.
Donald Austin
Richard R. Michaud

Approved:

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 23-20

History

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| First Read Date: | 12/16/2019 | Tabled: | |
| Public Hearing: | | Removed From Table: | |
| Second Read: | 01/08/2020 | | |

Discussion

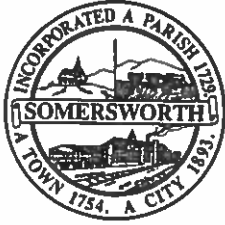
On January 8, 2020, Councilors Witham, Sprague, Cameron, Vincent, Austin, and Michaud asked that their names be added as sponsors to Resolution 23-20.

Mayor Hilliard referred Resolution 23-20 to the Government Operations Committee for further review.

On January 21, 2020 Councilor Dumont asked that his name be added as a sponsor to Resolution 23-20.

**Councilor Levasseur and Councilor Sprague were City Councilors when this Resolution was introduced on December 16, 2019. The new members of the City Council, Councilors Gerding and Paradis, took their place at the beginning of January 2020.*

| Voting Record | | YES | NO |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 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 | Gerding | | |
| At Large Councilor | Cameron | | |
| At Large Councilor | Paradis | | |
| TOTAL VOTES: | | | |
| On / / | Resolution 23-20 | PASSED | FAILED |



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: 27-20

TO DISPLAY A PERMANENT PHOTO OF FORMER MAYOR JAMES McLIN IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

January 21, 2020

WHEREAS, James McLin was a lifelong citizen of the City of Somersworth; and

WHEREAS, James McLin was elected Mayor of the City of Somersworth; and

WHEREAS, James McLin served as Hilltop City's longest Serving Mayor from 1988-2006; and

WHEREAS, James McLin inspired generations of Hilltoppers to celebrate and be proud of their Hilltopper Heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Somersworth High School gymnasium has been dedicated to the Honorable James McLin of Somersworth for his decades of support for Somersworth Sports and Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT in honor of his accomplishments and the Hilltopper pride bestowed upon our Community by his service, that a permanent photo of James McLin will be displayed in the Somersworth City Council Chambers.

Authorization

Sponsored by:

Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Councilors:

Martin Pepin

Kenneth S. Vincent

Martin P. Dumont, Sr.

Donald Austin

Richard Michaud

Matt Gerding

Nancie Cameron

Approved:

City Attorney

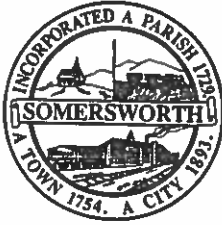
City of Somersworth – Resolution 27-20

History

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| First Read Date: | 1/21/2020 | Tabled: | NA |
| Public Hearing: | | Removed From Table: | NA |
| Second Read: | 02/03/2020 | | |

Discussion

| Voting Record | | YES | NO |
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| 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 | Gerding | | |
| At Large Councilor | Cameron | | |
| At Large Councilor | Paradis | | |
| TOTAL VOTES: | | | |
| On / / . Resolution 27-20 | | PASSED | FAILED |



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: 28-20

VOTE TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 1111, AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF TELEPHONE AND ELECTRIC POLES

February 3, 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has expressed concern over how the utility companies leave old poles in place long after new replacement poles have been installed; and

WHEREAS, double utility poles on streets and sidewalks restricts access for pedestrians, impedes sidewalk snow clearing equipment, contributes to safety concerns and impacts aesthetics of neighborhood streets; and

WHEREAS, HB 1111 establishes a required schedule for the completion of the removal and replacement of telephone and electric poles by a distribution, electric, or telephone company;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Council supports HB 1111 and encourages the New Hampshire Legislature to adopt this bill and the Governor to sign said act into law.

Authorization

Sponsored by Councilors:

David A. Witham
Martin P. Dumont, Sr.
Kenneth S. Vincent
Matt Gerding

Approved:

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 28-20

History

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| First Read Date: | 02/03/2020 | Tabled: | |
| Public Hearing: | | Removed From Table: | |
| Second Read: | | | |

Discussion

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| At Large Councilor | Witham | | |
| At Large Councilor | Gerding | | |
| At Large Councilor | Cameron | | |
| At Large Councilor | Paradis | | |
| TOTAL VOTES: | | | |
| On / / . Resolution 28-20 | | PASSED | FAILED |



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: 29-20

VOTE TO AUTHORIZE A BOND TO REPLACE THE ELEVATOR AT THE SOMERSWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

February 3, 2020

WHEREAS, the elevator at the Somersworth Middle School is essential to providing access for every student to all sections of the Middle School; and

WHEREAS, School Officials recommend replacing the elevator due to its age, concern of its reliability, and lack of access to replacement parts that may be required to repair the elevator should it stop working, and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to replace the elevator is \$650,000 (Six Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars), and

WHEREAS, the project costs include architecture, engineering, construction, and any other ancillary costs associated with the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT an amount not to exceed \$650,000 (Six Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars) is appropriated to replace the elevator at the Somersworth Middle School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- (a) the City Manager is authorized to borrow up to \$650,000 (Six Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars) under the Municipal Finance Act and issue bonds and notes payable within 15 years from their dates, and
- (b) the City Manager is authorized to issue temporary notes in anticipation of the issue of these bonds or notes, and
- (c) the City Manager is authorized to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project, and
- (d) the estimated useful life of this project is expected to exceed 15 years.

Authorization

Sponsored by Councilors:

David A. Witham
Martin Pepin
Donald Austin

Approved:

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 29-20

History

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| First Read Date: | 02/03/2020 | Tabled: | |
| Public Hearing: | | Removed From Table: | |
| Second Read: | | | |

Discussion

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| At Large Councilor | Gerding | | |
| At Large Councilor | Cameron | | |
| At Large Councilor | Paradis | | |
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| On / / . Resolution 29-20 | | PASSED | FAILED |