



City of Somersworth
City Council Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
7:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call of Members
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Indigenous People – Our Native Ancestral Americans
 - This meeting takes place on N’Dakinna (n-DA-ki-na), which is the unceded traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki (a-BEN-a-ki), Pennacook and Wabanaki Peoples past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land, waterways, living beings and the Aln8bak (Al-nuh-bak), the people who have stewarded N’dakinna throughout the generations.
4. Public Hearing
5. Comments by Visitors
6. Consent Calendar
 - A. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on January 8, 2024
 - B. Letter of Resignation from Alternate Member of the Planning Board Paul Goodwin
7. Comments by City Councilors
8. Communications
9. Presentations of Petitions and Disposal Thereof by Reference or Otherwise
10. Mayor’s Report
11. Report of Standing Committees
12. Report of Special Committees, City Officers and City Manager
13. Nominations, Appointments and Election

Nominations being introduced for a Council Confirmation Vote:

- A. Stephen Dow as an Alternate Member to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire February 2027
- B. James Sweatt as the Ward 4 Ward Clerk with a term to expire December 2025

Mayor Appointments Not Requiring Council Vote:

- A. Kenneth S. Vincent as a Member of the Traffic Safety Committee

14. Lay on the Table
15. Unfinished Business

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 29-24** – To Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the New Hampshire State Library and to Accept a Moose Plate Grant Award for Vital Record Preservation

16. New Business

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 30-24** – To Authorize the City Manager to Convey a Distribution Utility Easement to Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH), Doing Business as Eversource

17. Comments by Visitors
18. Closing Comments by Council Members
19. Future Agenda Items
20. Nonpublic Session (as necessary, pending roll call vote by Council)
21. Adjournment

Mayor Matt Gerding
Planning Board Chair, Ron LeHoullier
One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878

January 16, 2024

Subject: Resignation as Alternate on Somersworth's Planning Board

Dear Mayor Gerding and Chair LeHoullier,

I am writing to provide you with my resignation as an Alternate on the Somersworth Planning Board, effective January 16, 2024. The decision is prompted by increased obligations resulting from my recent election to the Somersworth City Council. The demands of my new role require my undivided attention, making it in the best interest of the City and the Planning Board for me to step down as Alternate.

Serving on the Planning Board has been a rewarding experience, and I appreciate the insights gained during my tenure. I extend my sincere appreciation to Chair LeHoullier and the entire board for your mentorship and the opportunity to contribute to the City's planning processes. Collaborating with the dedicated individuals of the Planning Board who share my passion for Somersworth's betterment has been an honor. I look forward to continuing partnership with the Board and strong collaboration with Mayor Gerding in my capacity as a City Council member.

If I may be so bold, the Planning Board is one of the most influential and consequential appointments within the City. While I admire the work of the Board I also have hope that a future Board will better reflect both the diversity of professionals that shape the built environment, namely more design-based professionals including architects and engineers, as well as demographic representation that better reflects the diversity of our great community. I believe that a more diverse Board will aid our shared objective of making Somersworth a vibrant community for all.

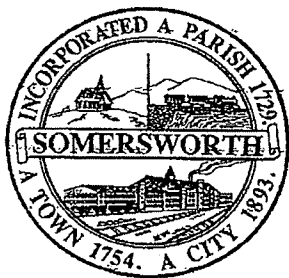
Thank you again for your support; I am excited to continue making advancements in shaping the future of Somersworth together.

Sincerely,



Paul Goodwin

cc: Bob Belmore, City Manager



City of Somersworth
Boards, Commissions & Committee Application

Instructions: Please complete all information.

Name: STEPHEN J. DOW

Telephone: 603-502-5613

Email: therealstevedow@gmail.com

Residence Address: 2 SANDLOT LANE

Mailing Address (if different): -

Resident of Somersworth for < 1 Years Ward 1

Registered Voter: Yes _____ No ✓ (SOON TO BE!)

Education Level:

BS DEGREE, UMASS, AMHERST (FOCUS ON GEOLOGY)

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

NONE INVOLVED W/ CITY/TOWN BUSINESS

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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

My Background or Interests are: HIKING/BACKPACKING, KAYAKING, PHOTOGRAPHY, CONSERVATION.

I HAVE PROFESSIONALLY BEEN A PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER, APPLICATIONS ENGINEER, PRODUCT MANAGER, DIRECTOR OF MARKETING, DIRECTOR OF APAC SALES, AND AM CURRENTLY A BUSINESS ANALYST/MARKETING CONSULTANT (MY BUSINESS).

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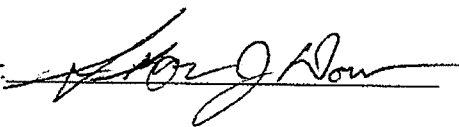


I have served on the following Committee (s) in the past: NONE. HOWEVER, I HAVE BEEN ON SELF-MANAGED CONDOMINIUM BOARDS AS PRESIDENT SEVERAL TIMES.

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

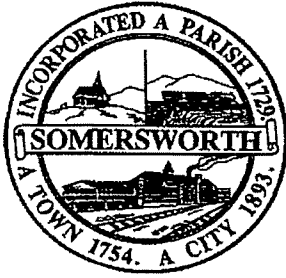
By submitting this Application you understand that:

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: 

Date: DECEMBER 14, 2023

**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: James Sweatt

Telephone: 603-692-4619 Email: James.Sweatt@gmail.com

Residence Address: 31 Morning St Somersworth NH 03878

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Resident of Somersworth for 17 Years Ward 4

Registered Voter: Yes No

Education Level: 4 year Degree

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

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

My Background or Interests are: Computers

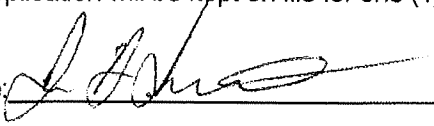
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I have served on the following Committee (s) in the past: Ward Clerk

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

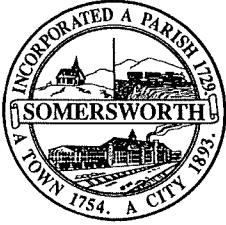
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Signature: 

Date: Jan 4, 2024

**Please submit application to:
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City Hall, One Government Way
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City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **29-24**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY AND TO ACCEPT A MOOSE PLATE GRANT AWARD FOR VITAL RECORD PRESERVATION

January 8, 2024

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth values its history and understands the importance of preserving and maintaining the City's records; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth applied for a Moose Plate Grant through the New Hampshire State Library to preserve and protect the City's historical vital records; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has received notification of a Moose Plate Grant award in the amount of \$9,249 (Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Nine dollars), to conduct preservation treatment, microfilm, and digitally scan three (3) volumes of Marriage, Birth, and Death records for the years 1938-1940;

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 acceptance and execution, and take any and all other such actions relative to this grant project's completion determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by:</i> Mayor Matt Gerding <i>Councilors:</i> David A. Witham Nancie Cameron Crystal Paradis-Catanzaro Richard Michaud Paul Goodwin Denis Messier	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 29-24

History

First Read Date:	01/08/2024	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

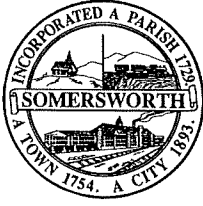
Discussion

01/08/2024

Clerk LaPanne performed a first reading on Resolution 29-24.

Resolution 29-24 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	Paradis-Catanzaro		
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Messier		
At Large Councilor	Goodwin		
TOTAL VOTES:			
On Resolution 29-24		PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **30-24**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVEY A DISTRIBUTION UTILITY EASEMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (PSNH), DOING BUSINESS AS EVERSOURCE

January 24, 2024

WHEREAS, the Somersworth City Council approved an easement with Northern Utilities, Inc., doing business as Unitil, on September 7, 2021 for a natural gas transmission line; and

WHEREAS, Unitil needs distribution conduit from PSNH doing business as Eversource to support the monitoring and tracking and power needs of the new natural gas transmission line substation on City property to the former “Turcotte Pit” off Maple Street; and

WHEREAS, Eversource requires an easement from the City off Maple Street in what is commonly referred to as the “Turcotte Pit” for the right to lay, install, maintain, replace, and remove cables, wires, and related above/underground fixtures and appurtenances and lines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to convey a distribution utility easement to PSNH dba as Eversource on City owned property commonly known as the Turcotte Pit off Maple Street, and to take any additional actions required to convey this easement determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization

Sponsored by:
Mayor Matt Gerding

Approved:
City Attorney