

SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Somersworth, NH, through the Office of the City Clerk, hereby announces that a:

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

will be held on **Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**
in **City Council Chambers, City Hall,**
One Government Way, Somersworth, N.H.

**This notice is in accordance with RSA 91-A:2, Revised Statutes Annotated of the State of New Hampshire*

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City of Somersworth
City Council Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
Monday, June 21, 2021
7:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call of Members
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Hearing
 - A. **Ordinance No. 17-21** - To Amend Chapter 4, Personnel Rules and Regulations – Compensation Schedule
 - B. **Ordinance No. 18-21** - Transfer Between Departments
 - C. **Ordinance No. 19-21** - To Amend Chapter 34, Exemptions and Credits, Section 34.2 Veteran’s Property Tax Credit and Section 34.3 Service-Connected Total Disability
 - D. **Ordinance No. 20-21** - To Amend Chapter 34, Exemptions and Credits, Section 34.1 Elderly Property Tax Exemption
 - E. **Resolution No. 40-21** - To Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Cable Television Franchise Agreement Between the City of Somersworth and Atlantic Broadband, Inc
4. Comments by Visitors
5. Consent Calendar
 - A. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on June 7, 2021
6. Comments by City Councilors
7. Communications
 - A. Letter from Paul Goodwin
 - B. Letter from William Connor
 - C. Letter from Edward Fuller and Paul Vallee
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 a Council Confirmation Vote:

- A. Michelle Mears, Director of Planning & Community Development as the Representative to the Strafford MPO Technical Advisory Committee – term to expire June, 2023

13. Lay on the Table

14. Unfinished Business

ORDINANCES

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RESOLUTIONS

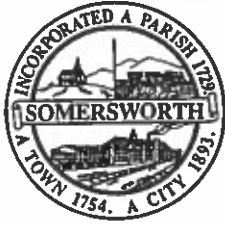
- A. **Resolution No. 38-21** – City Council Vote to Adopt the Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices for Maintaining the Furber Memorial Chapel at The Forest Glade Cemetery in Compliance with LCHIP Historic Preservation Funding
- B. **Resolution No. 39-21** - Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Grant Agreement with The State of New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources for a Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant to Perform an Update to the City’s Historical Survey Forms
- C. **Resolution No. 40-21** - To Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Cable Television Franchise Agreement Between the City of Somersworth and Atlantic Broadband, Inc

15. New Business

OTHER

- A. Vote to Ratify a Tentative 2-Year Agreement between the City of Somersworth and the New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA) Local #19
- B. Vote to Ratify a Tentative 2-Year Agreement between the City of Somersworth and the Somersworth Professional Administrators Association

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 – Ordinance

Ordinance No: 17-21

TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS - COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

June 7, 2021

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

Amend Chapter 4 by deleting the Compensation Schedule in its entirety and replacing it with the following Compensation Schedule:

Personnel Rules and Regulations							
Compensation Schedule							
(2.5% Increase effective July 1, 2021)							
GRADE		HIRE	1	2	3	4	5
6	A	24,800.75	25,859.31	26,831.77	27,918.74	29,034.33	30,149.93
	H	11,923.4	12,432.4	12,899.9	13,422.5	13,958.8	14,495.2
7	A	26,002.23	26,974.91	28,176.38	29,291.76	30,350.32	30,722.04
	H	12,501.1	12,968.7	13,546.3	14,082.6	14,591.5	14,770.2
8	A	27,318.00	28,376.56	29,492.15	30,722.04	31,980.77	33,267.91
	H	13,133.7	13,642.6	14,178.9	14,770.2	15,375.4	15,994.2
9	A	28,691.02	29,835.46	31,036.72	32,295.46	33,553.97	34,955.40
	H	13,793.8	14,344.0	14,921.5	15,526.7	16,131.7	16,805.5
10	A	30,092.89	31,294.15	32,495.63	33,868.65	35,155.80	36,672.17
	H	14,467.7	15,045.3	15,622.9	16,283.0	16,901.8	17,630.9
11	A	31,637.46	32,924.60	34,154.71	35,527.73	36,986.64	38,474.17
	H	15,210.3	15,829.1	16,420.5	17,080.6	17,782.0	18,497.2
12	A	33,239.29	34,555.27	35,871.04	37,329.73	38,731.60	40,276.17
	H	15,980.4	16,613.1	17,245.7	17,947.0	18,621.0	19,363.5
13	A	34,898.59	36,271.39	37,758.92	39,303.71	40,819.87	42,535.99
	H	16,778.2	17,438.2	18,153.3	18,896.0	19,624.9	20,450.0
14	A	36,557.67	38,016.35	39,532.30	41,191.59	42,822.05	44,509.97
	H	17,575.8	18,277.1	19,005.9	19,803.7	20,587.5	21,399.0

GRADE		HIRE	1	2	3	4	5
15	A	38,474.17	40,047.37	41,620.57	43,251.24	44,881.69	46,655.28
	H	18.4972	19.2535	20.0099	20.7939	21.5777	22.4304
16	A	40,304.80	41,906.62	43,594.55	45,511.28	47,198.76	49,172.53
	H	19.3773	20.1474	20.9589	21.8804	22.6917	23.6406
17	A	42,393.07	44,109.41	47,084.26	47,684.99	49,573.09	51,546.86
	H	20.3813	21.2064	22.6367	22.9255	23.8332	24.7821
18	A	44,509.97	46,283.34	48,056.93	50,059.10	52,061.71	54,235.43
	H	21.3990	22.2516	23.1043	24.0669	25.0297	26.0747
19	A	46,655.28	48,571.79	50,574.18	52,662.45	54,693.25	56,924.44
	H	22.4304	23.3518	24.3145	25.3185	26.2948	27.3675
20	A	49,143.90	51,146.29	53,062.80	55,208.33	57,410.89	59,642.08
	H	23.6269	24.5896	25.5110	26.5425	27.6014	28.6741
21	A	51,546.86	53,577.87	55,809.07	57,983.22	60,300.08	62,645.56
	H	24.7821	25.7586	26.8313	27.8765	28.9904	30.1181
22	A	54,207.02	56,295.08	58,554.89	60,786.09	63,360.81	65,878.05
	H	26.0611	27.0649	28.1514	29.2241	30.4619	31.6721
23	A	56,867.41	59,155.63	61,386.83	63,932.92	66,478.79	69,167.59
	H	27.3401	28.4402	29.5129	30.7370	31.9610	33.2536
24	A	59,642.08	62,045.04	64,505.03	67,136.57	69,739.70	72,571.85
	H	28.6741	29.8293	31.0120	32.2772	33.5287	34.8903
25	A	62,645.56	65,248.47	67,765.93	70,569.24	73,458.42	76,347.61
	H	30.1181	31.3695	32.5798	33.9275	35.3165	36.7056
26	A	65,849.64	68,938.57	71,055.47	73,944.65	77,034.23	79,923.20
	H	31.6585	33.1435	34.1613	35.5503	37.0357	38.4246
27	A	68,996.04	71,913.63	74,717.16	77,806.30	80,924.50	84,042.27
	H	33.1712	34.5739	35.9217	37.4069	38.9060	40.4049
28	A	72,485.75	75,432.19	78,292.74	81,467.98	84,814.77	88,161.56
	H	34.8489	36.2655	37.6407	39.1673	40.7763	42.3854
29	A	76,089.96	79,179.54	82,268.90	85,530.02	89,134.02	92,623.94
	H	36.5817	38.0671	39.5524	41.1202	42.8529	44.5307

(2.5% increase of minimum and maximum effective July 1, 2021)						
Grade						
25	A	64,132.59			81,743.43	
	H	30.8330			39.2997	
30	A	81,424.41			99,274.13	
	H	39.1464			47.7279	
31	A	88,951.04			108,226.35	
	H	42.7649			52.0319	
32	A	89,784.04			109,388.95	
	H	43.1654			52.5908	
33	A	94,335.70			114,714.13	
	H	45.3537			55.1510	
34	A	99,095.62			120,545.02	
	H	47.6421			57.9543	
35	A	104,063.81			126,524.69	
	H	50.0307			60.8292	
36	A	109,299.71			132,861.33	
	H	52.5479			63.8756	
37	A	114,654.64			139,406.21	
	H	55.1224			67.0222	

This Ordinance will take effect upon adoption.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> Richard R. Michaud Nancie Cameron Matt Gerding Donald Austin David A. Witham Donald P. Dumont, Sr.	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 17-21

History

First Read Date:	06/07/2021	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

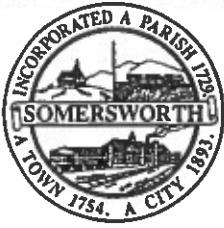
Discussion

06/07/2021

Councilor Witham made a motion to waive Council rules to allow for a first reading of Ordinance No. 17-21 by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dumont and passed 8-0.

Ordinance No. 17-21 will remain in first read until the call of the Chair. Public Hearing scheduled at the call of the Chair.

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 //	Ordinance 17-21	PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: 18-21

TRANSFER BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS

June 7, 2021

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, pursuant to Section 7.7 (D) of the City Charter, that the following General Fund unencumbered balance transfer be made:

<u>DEPARTMENTS</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
ELECTED LEADERSHIP		
CITY MANAGEMENT		
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION		
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES		
POLICE		60,000
FIRE		
PUBLIC WORKS	60,000	
CAPITAL EXPENSES (<i>DEBT SERVICE</i>)		
OTHER EXPENSES (<i>CONTINGENCY</i>)		
INTERGOVT ASSESSMENTS-COUNTY TAX		
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		
	_____	_____
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	60,000	60,000

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> David A. Witham Donald Austin Martin P. Dumont, Sr. Matt Gerding	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 18-21

History

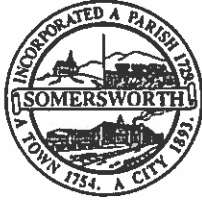
First Read Date:	06/07/2021	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

06/07/2021

Ordinance No. 18-21 will remain in first read until the call of the Chair. Public Hearing scheduled at the call of the Chair.

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 / / Ordinance 18-21		PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: 19-21

TO AMEND CHAPTER 34, EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS, SECTION 34.2 VETERAN'S PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AND SECTION 34.3 SERVICE-CONNECTED TOTAL DISABILITY

June 7, 2021

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:

Delete sections 34.2 and 34.3 in their entirety and replace with the following;

Section 34.2 Veteran's Property Tax Credit

The City adopts the provisions of RSA 72:28, V and VI for an optional Veteran's exemption and an expanded qualifying war service for veterans seeking the exemption. The Veteran's tax credit shall be \$750 effective April 1, 2022,

And,

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 \$2,500, effective April 1, 2022.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by:</i> David A. Witham Donald Austin Matt Gerding Martin Dumont, Sr.	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 19-21

History

First Read Date:	06/07/2021	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

06/07/2021

Ordinance No. 19-21 will remain in first read until the call of the Chair. Public Hearing scheduled at the call of the Chair.

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	Ordinance 19-21	PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: 20-21

TO AMEND CHAPTER 34, EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS, SECTION 34.1 ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

June 7, 2021

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:

Delete section 34.1 A in it's entirety and delete section 34.1 B 2, and replace with the following;

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, 2022.

1. For a person 65 years of age up to 74 years, Sixty-Five Thousand (\$65,000) Dollars.
2. For a person 75 years of age up to 79 years, Eighty Thousand (\$80,000) Dollars.
3. For a person 80 years of age or older, Ninety Thousand (\$90,000) Dollars.;

And

B. Qualifications

2. The taxpayer must have a net income of not more than Thirty-Five Thousand, (\$35,000) Dollars or, if married, a combined net income of less than Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Authorization

Sponsored by:

David A. Witham
Richard Michaud
Donald Austin
Nancie Cameron
Matt Gerding
Martin Dumont, Sr.

Approved:

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 20-21

History


First Read Date:	06/07/2021	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

06/07/2021

Ordinance No. 20-21 will remain in first read until the call of the Chair. Public Hearing scheduled at the call of the Chair.

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	Ordinance 20-21	PASSED	FAILED

	City of Somersworth – Resolution
	<p>Resolution No: 40-21</p> <p>TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH AND ATLANTIC BROADBAND, INC</p>

June 7, 2021

WHEREAS, Atlantic Broadband, Inc. would like to enter into a Cable Television Franchise agreement to operate a cable television system in the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire pursuant to NH RSA 53-C, as amended, and,

WHEREAS, Atlantic Broadband, Inc and the City of Somersworth have negotiated the terms and conditions for a Cable Television Franchise agreement, and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somersworth as Franchising Authority is authorized to enter into a Cable Television Franchise Agreement pursuant to RSA 53-C,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THE COUNCIL SHALL conduct a public hearing on the proposed Cable Television Franchise agreement and that, pending the outcome of the public hearing, that the City Manager is authorized to enter into a Cable Franchise Agreement with Atlantic Broadband, Inc. for a term of ten (10) years.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by request:</i> Mayor Dana S. Hilliard	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 40-21

History

First Read Date:	06/07/2021	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed from Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

06/07/2021

Resolution No. 40-21 will remain in first read until the call of the Chair. Public Hearing scheduled at the call of the Chair.

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 40-21	PASSED	FAILED

To the Mayor and members of the City Council,

I am writing to you today as a resident in support of several community-based initiatives which are, or will shortly be, seeking support and action from the Mayor and Council. These initiatives reflect efforts from a diverse group of Somersworth residents and business owners all working with the aim of continuing Somersworth's revitalization and prosperity. They are: [1] a new Outdoor Features Ordinance, [2] formation of a Beautification Group/ implementing Bridge Planters, and [3] formation of an Arts Commission.

These initiatives reflect not only the wishes of the community but also best practices from surrounding communities which have successfully implemented similar strategies and policy. The three initiatives as I understand them are briefly summarized as follows:

[1] Outdoor Features: The Downtown Roundtable, a group of Somersworth residents and business owners working on downtown economic development and revitalization, has drafted and unanimously approved to advance language for your consideration regarding an outdoor features ordinance.

The objective of this ordinance is to provide a clear and streamlined application for business and property owners, to encourage them to activate and beautify the public right of way for the benefit of their business, to promote Somersworth's economic prosperity, and to foster a sense of place for the community. Such activation/beautification measures might include placement of planters or sales racks along city sidewalks and or for the creation of outdoor dining. We aim for a one-page application that supersedes/streamlines existing application processes and to codify allowable outdoor features in one easy to use application to better support businesses and property owners. The Downtown Roundtable is working with Councilor Paradis to advance this language and we greatly appreciate the support of the Mayor, Council, and City Staff to implement a revised policy to meet these objectives.

[2] Beautification Group/Bridge Planters: The Downtown Roundtable, Councilors Cameron and Paradis, and others have identified landscape-based beautification efforts as a strategic objective to support downtown businesses, to promote Somersworth's image, and to foster a vibrant walkable downtown community. I ask the Mayor and Council to support the community's efforts to form a group as proposed by Councilor Cameron.

An initial goal of this effort is to work with the City of Somersworth and the Town of Berwick to place planters along the bridge to Maine. As a resident I fully endorse the group formation, objectives of beautification, and initial task of placing planters on the bridge and hope the City will work with the community to implement these improvements.

[3] Arts Commission: As a resident and artist, I wholeheartedly support the formation of a Somersworth Arts Commission, with an objective of supporting local artists and fostering art throughout our community. I ask the Mayor to advance the formation of an Arts Commission and ask the Council to consider modest support for the arts in the city budget, in line with neighboring communities.

I appreciate your time and consideration and am available to connect on any of these items at your pleasure.



Paul Goodwin, Somersworth Resident, 31 Prospect Street

June, 14, 2021

To: City of Somersworth N.H., City Council Membership.

From: William L. Connor,

41 Pinewood Drive, Somersworth N.H., Ward Two.

Citizens Comments:

Subject: City Council Meetings Agenda, June 7, 2021,

Item 15, New Business, Ordinances,

Item D. Ordinance No. 20-21, To Amend Chapter 34, Exemptions and Credits, Section 34.1 Elderly Property Tax Exemptions.

Honorable City Council Membership.

After having viewed the subject council meeting and witnessed its proceedings, I felt compelled to submit some comments and suggestions regarding, Item D. Ordinance No. 2021, To Amend Chapter 34, Exemptions and Credits, Section 34.1 Elderly Property Tax Exemptions.

The comments are to be considered as a citizens submittal and may be read under the Ordinance No.2021 Public Hearing Communications.

As I perused upon this subject ordinances details and its lengthy history, there were some comments I had about some corrective editing action on the forms used during the applicants approval process and a suggested fiscal adjustments before its passage as an amended ordinance.

Proposed Section 34.1 Elderly Property Tax Exemption,
Item A. Amount of Exemption.

* Sections No.1, No.2, No.3 all state the amounts “For a Person” which leaves one to interpret this wordage in the singular tense. This detail leads to confusion when the elders are trying to comprehend, Item B. Qualifications.

Item B. Qualifications.

Section No.2 States that the taxpayer must have a “Net Income” of not more than Thirty-five Thousand, (\$35,000) Dollars or, if married, a combined “Net Income” of less than Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars.

An accountants definition of the term “Net Income” as the amount of income that is left after all of the allowable expenses are deducted from the total gross income, whether it be single taxpayer or if it is a married couples combined net income, notably so when doing ones federal tax returns.

* However, no where have I found on Somersworth Web Site – Assessors page, Elderly Tax Exemption forms / documents, a term definition of what a “Net Income” is and especially how it is arrived at . * Maybe a listing of definitions of terms would be helpful to aid the process.

Q: Why are married couples only allowed a “Net Income” of only (\$50,000) Dollars, but a single taxpayer is allowed (\$35,000) Dollars, this exaction element appears to be a penalty for married couples and an obvious benefit to one being a single taxpayer.

*I myself would support a motion that the married couple's “Net Income” limitation should be increased to (\$70,000) Dollars, especially targeting only those in the most older age group category (No. 3 - For a person 80years of age or older) as they can clearly view the pearly gates upon the horizon as a compromise.

Q: Are we using the most current updated reversion of the, State of New Hampshire RSA, 72:39-b Elderly Tax Exemptions and is city staff trained in the process of an approval and professional communications with the claimant.

Final comments: This ordinance's original passage was executed as an resolution nearly 20 years ago with the exemptions and limitations amounts amended several times over the years, all with good intentions.

But, regardless of these thoughtful efforts, the ordinances “Qualifications and the current stated allowable net income amounts is not realistic or sufficient enough and does requires an upward fiscal adjustment for the married couples in some of the most elderly age group as previously stated.

As you may well imagine the net income amounts have not kept up with the skyrocketing inflation, record property values, unfathomable price rise in commodities and consumer price index inflation, along with the sharp decline in the value of the U.S. Dollar. These factors alone should be the root causes for stimulating a change in your thought process on the net income amounts.

If you have found by way of an examination that our net income allowances are positioned in the middle grouping of those communities that have been surveyed and feel comfort in doing so, then I would say that the middle of the road is generally found to be static and not far from falling into a position that is shown to be short of the mark.

Therefore am requesting that you give more consideration to this message before the passage of Ordinance 2021, to help the elderly whom are on fixed incomes trying to stay in their own homes, with the same financial consideration that the City council has recently given to those amongst us in our community.

Ever thoughtful I'm for those individuals that serve in the cities departments and on committees that have prepared the assessment data for this ordinance's critique.

And noticeably, Mr. Robert Belmore's steadfast adherence to the proper parliamentary procedures, with him calling out for the required public hearing for this ordinance and not rushing to judgment without any forethought or public input.

Ultimately, it is still this council membership that provides the final judgment on how the passage of this ordinance will occur.

Surely, our most elderly citizens are worth more than a quick wave of the hand with only a two cent raise in our property tax rate.

Respectfully-
Bill Connor
Conservative Democrat.

Edward Fuller

50 Cemetery Road

Somersworth NH, 03878

603-692-2476

June 15, 2021

To: Robert Belmore/Somersworth City Council

Reference: Cemetery Road Reconstruction

We are again asking for consideration of extending the sewer line to the Maple Street end of Cemetery Road. We heard at the last council meeting of the federal government ARPA funds for water and sewerage use of \$1,200,000.00. We are hoping that the city will find it possible to allocate some of this free money to finish this project the right way!

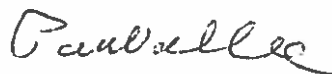
This is not just about improving the connection for our two houses but also making it possible for the two other houses on Cemetery Road that are on septic systems to connect. There is also a house on the corner of Maple Street whose septic system is on the Cemetery Roadside. This makes three new connections and improves the connection for the two of us.

The extension would also make it possible for at least three homes on Maple Street to have the possibility to connect in the future.

So, in total we are talking about a total of eight homes impacted by this long-term decision. Certainly, a decision equal to spending it all on Constitutional Way and doing this complete street project the right way.



Edward Fuller



Paul Vallee



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: 38-21

CITY COUNCIL VOTE TO ADOPT THE LAND TRUST ALLIANCE STANDARDS AND PRACTICES FOR MAINTAINING THE FURBER MEMORIAL CHAPEL AT THE FOREST GLADE CEMETERY IN COMPLIANCE WITH LCHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUNDING

June 7, 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has a long history of preserving historic buildings and the Furber Chapel is a principal structure contributing to the Forest Glade Cemetery being selected on the National Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has received a \$30,000 grant from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) for the replacement of the slate roof at the Furber Chapel at the Forest Glade Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, LCHIP requires all recipients to be willing to commit to and show evidence of adopting the appropriate components of the Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices which outlines key principles to follow in continuing to preserve historic properties using LCHIP funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has reviewed the following Standards and Practices and agrees that these are consistent with our commitment to ethics, governance, accountability, and long-term stewardship of our historic assets such as the Furber Chapel;

- The organization should maintain high ethical standards and have a mission committed to community service and public benefit.
- The organization should fulfill all legal requirements, either as a nonprofit tax-exempt organization or as a public entity, and comply with all laws.
- The City's Policy Board/City Council should act ethically in conducting the affairs of the organization and carry out their legal and financial responsibilities as required by law.
- The organization should have policies and procedures to avoid or manage real or perceived conflicts of interest.
- The organization should conduct fundraising activities in a lawful, ethical and responsible manner.
- The organization should be responsible and accountable for how it manages its finances and assets.
- The organization should have sufficient personnel to carry out its programs, whether volunteers, staff and/or consultants/contractors.
- The organization should have a program of responsible stewardship for its preservation easements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT that the City of Somersworth hereby adopts the Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices for maintaining the Furber Memorial Chapel at Forest Glade Cemetery and commits to implementing these applicable standards.

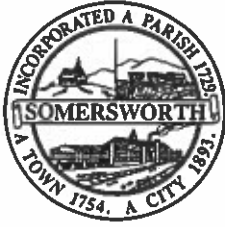
Authorization			
<i>Sponsored by request:</i> Mayor Dana S. Hilliard		<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney	
City of Somersworth – Resolution 38-21			
History			
First Read Date:	06/07/2021	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed from Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

06/07/2021

Resolution No. 38-21 will remain in first read until the call of the Chair.

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 38-21	PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: 39-21

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOR A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) GRANT TO PERFORM AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S HISTORICAL SURVEY FORMS

June 7, 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has applied for a CLG Grant to the State of New Hampshire by and through the Department of Cultural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has received notification of a \$4,500.00 Grant Award; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth is matching this Award with in-kind professional services and funds for printing and postage; and

Explanation of Total Project Grant Breakdown

City Match	=	\$1,500 In-Kind Services
<u>State of NH Grant</u>	=	<u>\$4,500</u>
Total Project Cost	=	\$6,000

WHEREAS, the Grant will allow the City of Somersworth in 2021 to hold four educational workshops that support the owners of historic homes providing information about the Historic District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to execute any documents, agreements and take any and all such actions on behalf of the City, for this and any future New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources Certified Local Government Grant to complete the historic educational workshops which may be deemed necessary for the execution of this grant as well as future awards.

Authorization

Sponsored by request:
Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Approved:
City Attorney

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