



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 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**
in **City Council Chambers, City Hall,**
One Government Way, Somersworth, N.H.

This meeting is open to the Public; however, the Public is encouraged to submit comments in lieu of attending. All meeting attendees are required to wear a mask in accordance with CDC COVID-19 Guidelines. Public comments should be emailed to jslaven@somersworth.com or bbelmore@somersworth.com. Comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of the City Council meeting. The meeting can be viewed via the Local Government Cable Access Ch. 22 (Comcast) or via live stream at the City's website www.somersworth.com

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

Date Posted: June 3, 2021

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City Clerk

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

1. Roll Call of Members
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Hearing
4. Comments by Visitors
5. Consent Calendar
 - A. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on May 17, 2021
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 being introduced for 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
 - Nominations requiring a Council Confirmation Vote:
 - A. Jeremy Rhodes for Reappointment as member to the Planning Board, with a term to expire May 2024
13. Lay on the Table
14. Unfinished Business

15. New Business

ORDINANCES

- 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

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

OTHER

- A. Vote to Ratify a 2-Year Tentative Agreement between the City of Somersworth and the Public Works/Highway Department with AFSCME Council 93, Local 863
- B. Vote to Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Public Utilities Commission Approved Settlement Agreement with Consolidated Communications regarding the Removal of “Double Poles” within the City of Somersworth

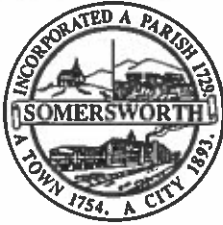
16. Comments by Visitors

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	11.9234	12.4324	12.8999	13.4225	13.9588	14.4952
7	A	26,002.23	26,974.91	28,176.38	29,291.76	30,350.32	30,722.04
	H	12.5011	12.9687	13.5463	14.0826	14.5915	14.7702
8	A	27,318.00	28,376.56	29,492.15	30,722.04	31,980.77	33,267.91
	H	13.1337	13.6426	14.1789	14.7702	15.3754	15.9942
9	A	28,691.02	29,835.46	31,036.72	32,295.46	33,553.97	34,955.40
	H	13.7938	14.3440	14.9215	15.5267	16.1317	16.8055
10	A	30,092.89	31,294.15	32,495.63	33,868.65	35,155.80	36,672.17
	H	14.4677	15.0453	15.6229	16.2830	16.9018	17.6309
11	A	31,637.46	32,924.60	34,154.71	35,527.73	36,986.64	38,474.17
	H	15.2103	15.8291	16.4205	17.0806	17.7820	18.4972
12	A	33,239.29	34,555.27	35,871.04	37,329.73	38,731.60	40,276.17
	H	15.9804	16.6131	17.2457	17.9470	18.6210	19.3635
13	A	34,898.59	36,271.39	37,758.92	39,303.71	40,819.87	42,535.99
	H	16.7782	17.4382	18.1533	18.8960	19.6249	20.4500
14	A	36,557.67	38,016.35	39,532.30	41,191.59	42,822.05	44,509.97
	H	17.5758	18.2771	19.0059	19.8037	20.5875	21.3990

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

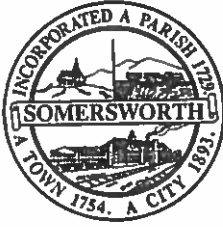
City of Somersworth – Ordinance 17-21

History

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

Discussion

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

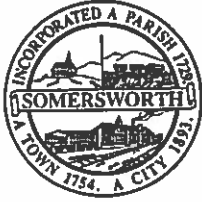
June 7, 2021

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

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

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.

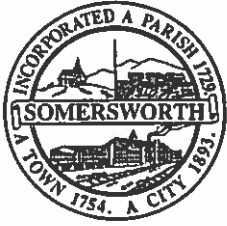
Authorization

Sponsored by:

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

Approved:

City Attorney



City of Somersworth – 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:</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

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
State of NH Grant	=	\$4,500
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



City of Somersworth – Resolution

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

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

Sponsored by request:
Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Approved:
City Attorney