



TOWN OF SOMERSET

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April 1, 2013
Council Minutes

Council Members and Mayor

Mayor Jeffrey Slavin
Council Vice President Marnie Shaul
Council Member Barbara Condos
Council Member Cathy Pickar
Council Member Barbara Zeughauser

Town Staff and Consultants

Larry Plummer, Town Inspector
Dr. Tolbert Feather, Town Arborist
Rich Charnovich, Town Manager

Town Residents and Contractors Signed In

Sue Rosenthal, Surrey
Wendy Louttit, Trent
Benjamin Louttit, Trent
Caroline Louttit, Trent
Kristen Khanna, Uppingham
Alan Davidson, Essex
Barbara Marblestone, Trent
Mark Oxley, Dorset
Jay Klug, Dorset
Gene Williams, WSSC
Bob Bell, O'Brien and Gere Engineers
Matthew Fiehn, Barnes Vanze Architects

Brendan O'Leary, The Atlantic Company
Ross Rassuli, The Atlantic Company
Chris Madison, Equity Residential

The Mayor and Council began the meeting by recognizing Caroline Louttit for her diligent attendance at Council meetings while the family lived in Somerset, as they would be moving out in a few months. The Mayor presented the family with some Somerset memorabilia and a photo was taken.

Consent Agenda

Motion Vice President Shaul, second Council Member Zeughauser. Motion passed 4-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

February 4, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes
March 7, 213 Special Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2013 Closed Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2013 Swearing In Minutes
Setting the Bulk Refuse Pick Up Date for May 6, 2013
Re-appointment of Aaron Bobeck as youth representative on the Pool Committee for a 1-year term
Re-appointment of Miriam Tavens to the Parks and Natural Resources Committee for a 3-year term
Re-appointment of Kristen Khanna to the Parks and Natural Resources Committee for a 3-year term.

Non-Consent

April Financial Report

Town Manager Charnovich presented the April Financial Report.

FY14 Budget Introduction

Mayor Slavin introduced his FY14 budget. A summary of the proposed budget would be placed in the May Journal in advance of action to approve it at the May 6, 2013 Council Meeting.

4708 Falstone Avenue Replacement HVAC Unit

Town Inspector Plummer provided his report and recommended approval contingent upon the unit meeting the required noise level requirements. Motion Council Member Zeughauser to approve the installation of the unit contingent on it passing the required noise levels. Second Council Member Condos. Motion passed 4-0.

5608 Warwick, Replacement HVAC Unit

Town Inspector Plummer provided his report. Motion Council Member Zeughauser, second Vice President Shaul to approve the permit contingent upon the unit meeting the required noise levels. Motion passed 4-0.

4727 Essex Avenue Local Advisory Panel

Town Inspector Plummer provided his report. Motion Vice President Shaul, second Council Member Zeughauser to recommend to the Historic Preservation Commission the following revisions to the approved plan:

Construct a 5-foot wooden fence along the rear property line
Construct a 5-foot double gate at the west rear of the house to an existing rear west side property line fence

Motion passed 4-0.

WSSC application

Town Manager Charnovich summarized where things were with the letter of agreement and WSSC confirmed. This was the 3rd meeting on this application request. It was determined that the project would take no more than 8 weeks from the date of the pre-construction meeting. Motion Council Member Zeughauser, second Vice President Shaul to approve the permit and letter of conditions as reviewed by the Town Attorney for the following locations:

Surrey Street – 126’
Trent Court – 177’
Essex Avenue – 286’
Deal Place – 105’ (Pipe Bursting)
Cumberland Avenue – Trenchless repair of lateral
Warwick Place – Manhole Repair
Dorset Avenue – Manhole Repair

Motion passed 4-0.

4701 Willard Avenue Project

Equity Residential and the Atlantic Company were in attendance to answer any questions of the Council. Equity testified that work on the rear elevation would begin and continue concurrently with work on the other parts of the building. It was determined that the rear of the building would take approximately 2 years to complete and that Equity and the Atlantic Company would come back to provide a progress report after 4 months. The building permit would be issued for 1 year and the applicant would come back for an extension if the work was not completed as of yet. Motion Vice President Shaul, to incorporate the suggestions of the Town Attorney and to include a 4-month progress review and 1 year building permit review. The applicant also agreed to the tree screening at its cost as found in the Town Arborist’s report and will be made a part of the

Agreement. A \$50,000.00 bond would be provided in advance of work beginning.
Second Council Member Zeughauser. Motion passed 4-0.

5529 Uppingham Street, 5510 Trent Street and 5513 Uppingham Street Update

Town Inspector Plummer provided his report. Discussion took place concerning lumber deliveries and the builder parking on the wrong side of the street as well as mud on the street and the sites not being taken care of appropriately.

PEPCO Tree Plantings

Motion Council Member Zeughauser, second Vice President Shaul to approve the following PEPCO Plantings:

- 9 service berries along 4807 Dorset Avenue
- 2 service berries near the Town sign at the intersection of Dorset Avenue and Little Falls Parkway
- 1 dogwood at 5812 Warwick Place

Motion passed 4-0.

4816 Dorset Avenue, 12 tree removal application

Motion Council Member Zeughauser, second Council Member Pickar to approve the removal of the 12 trees and to include the reforestation plan that includes the planting of 16 trees on the property. Motion passed 4-0.

4902 Cumberland hazardous sugar maple tree

Dr. Feather recommended to the Council that a sugar maple tree at 4902 Cumberland Avenue is hazardous and should be removed under an emergency condition. Motion Vice President Shaul, second Council Member Condos. Motion passed 4-0.

Civic Plus Website Contract

Council Member Pickar explained the process of how the Town Communications Committee researched and interviewed various website companies. It was a thorough process with the Communications Committee recommending Civic Plus. Motion Council Member Pickar, second Vice President Shaul, to enter into an Agreement with Icon Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a CivicPlus for the redesign and maintenance of the Town website at the cost structure outlined in the contract. Motion passed 4-0.

Camp Summerset 2013 Pool Contract

Motion Vice President Shaul, second Council Member Zeughauser to approve the contract for the Camp's use of the pool for the 2013 season. Motion passed 4-0.

Revised Pool Party Rules

Motion Council Member Condos, second Council Member Zeughauser to approve the revised Pool Party Rules for the 2013 season as recommended by the Pool Committee. Motion passed 4-0.

Swim Team Handbook

The Council chose to table this until the May Council Meeting and ask the Town Attorney to review the Handbook.

Vigilant Security Remote Monitoring at Pool for 2013 Season

Motion Council Member Condos, second Council Member Pickar. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayors report

The Council and Mayor entered Executive Session at 10:11 pm Executive Session ended at 10:38 pm.

Adjourn 10:38 pm