



TOWN OF SOMERSET

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Mayor

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October 7, 2013 Council Minutes

Elected Officials Present

Jeffrey Slavin, Mayor
Marnie Shaul, Council Vice President
Cathy Pickar, Council Member
Barbara Zeughouser, Council Member
Franny Peale, Council Member
Barbara Condos, Council Member

Town Staff Present

Dr. Tolbert Feather, Town Arborist
Larry Plummer, Code Enforcement Officer
Rich Charnovich, Town Manager

Public Comments

None.

Consent Agenda

Approval of a Resolution proclaiming November to be Municipal Government Works Month, Motion Zeughouser, second Shaul. Motion passed 5-0.

Non-Consent Agenda

Town Manager presented the October, 2013 Financial Report

Approval of a HVAC Unit Permit for 4701 Cumberland Avenue, Motion Pickar, second Zeughouser. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of a Building Permit for 5524 Greystone Street to enclose of a portion of their existing pergola, Motion Shaul, second Zeughauser. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of a Building Permit for 5500 Uppingham Street to raise and slope the sunroom (porch) roof, Motion Shaul, second Pickar. Motion passed 5-0.

Denial of a 20KW generator application submitted for 4806 Essex Avenue. Motion Shaul, second Zeughauser. Motion passed 3-2, with Council Members Pickar and Peale dissenting. It was determined that the applicant would return at the November Council Meeting with revised plans.

Tabled 4515 Cumberland Avenue 20 KW generator application until further notice for additional information to be obtained.

Approval of a generator application submitted for 5403 Trent Street contingent upon the installed generator passing all of the required noise level requirements, Motion Zeughauser, second Shaul. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Demolition, Building, Curb Cut, Dumpster and Retaining Wall Permits for 5606 Warwick Place, Motion Shaul to include the consultant reports, parking plan, tree removal, reforestation plan and storm water plan. Second Zeughauser, motion passed 5-0.

Approval, acting as the Local Advisory Panel, the following conditions for 4712 Cumberland Avenue: permission to construct a 2 story addition, rear yard deck and screen porch, attached two car garage to the west side of the house and relocate the existing driveway, Motion Pickar, second Shaul. Motion passed 5-0.

Town Code Officer Larry Plummer provided a status update report on properties at 5513 Uppingham Street and 5529 Uppingham Street.

Approval of a tree removal application submitted for 5401 Uppingham Street to remove the following trees:

- 1 Magnolia
- 1 Holly
- 2 Cherry
- 1 White Pine
- 1 Birch

Motion Zeughauser, second Peale. Motion passed 5-0.

Property owner at 5513 Uppingham Street requested a waiver to eliminate 1 canopy tree from their reforestation plan. Dr. Feather recommended the tree could be donated from the property to the Town right of way in the front of the property. Motion Shaul, second Zeughauser to deny reforestation plan amendment request submitted for 5513

Uppingham. Motion failed 3-2. Condos, Peale and Pickar voted against. Motion Condos, second Peale to approve the reforestation plan amendment including the property owner donating at their expense a tree to be planted in the Town right of way in the front of the property. Motion passed 4-1, with Zeughauser voting against.

Approval of a site plan amendment request submitted for 5513 Uppingham Street to move the generator from the side yard to the rear yard. Motion Pickar, second Shaul. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of a Permit request submitted by Washington Gas to replace approximately 1545' of Bare Steel Main and service lines on Essex Avenue from Warwick Place to the Essex Avenue cul-de-sac, Motion Zeughauser, second Shaul. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of a Permit extension of 4 weeks for WSSC to complete sewer main work until November 7, 2013, Motion Zeughauser, second Peale. Motion passed 5-0.

4701 Willard Avenue owner representatives and the contractor for the project taking place on the building attended the meeting to provide an update on the project.

Approval of a 3-year snow contract with Mulheron Tree Experts as recommended by the Town Manager, Motion Zeughauser, second Pickar. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of additional funding to be paid to Balodemas Architects in the amount of \$10,175.00 for the interior work taking place in the Town Hall, Motion Zeughauser, second Pickar. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of PCO #8 in the amount of \$726.00 to add fabric to the acoustical panels to be located in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Motion Zeughauser, second Peale. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of PCO #4R in the amount of \$1,755.00 to provide data/phone cabling and jacks to allow the Town office to maintain operations during the renovation work, Motion Zeughauser, second Peale. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval to obtain the consulting services of Thomas Downey, LTD. at a cost not to exceed \$9,500.00 to provide a report on the condition of the Town tennis courts, Motion Pickar, second Peale. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Slavin provided a written copy of this report to the Council

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