

## Agenda

### Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

April 5, 2021

The Somerset Town Council will meet via Zoom on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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## **SOMERSET COUNCIL ELECTION NOMINATIONS**

7:00 p.m. The Board of Supervisors of Elections will receive nominations for three (3) Council positions for the election which will be held on May 25, 2021.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

7:05 p.m. Opportunity for residents to make public comments. <sup>i</sup>

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

7:15 p.m. Motion: To consider approval of agenda as presented.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. 7:16 p.m. Motion: To consider approval of the following items without discussion:
  - (A) To re-appoint Frank Joseph (Warwick Pl.) to the Tennis Committee;
  - (B) Resolution 21-04-1 condemning Anti-Asian and American Pacific Islander Hate;
  - (C) Montgomery Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League Resolution Demanding Fair Tax Duplication Payments.

### **NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

2. 7:17 p.m. Public Hearing/Motion: to consider approval of an Apiary Pilot Study, including a memorandum of understanding with Sarah Keele, a member of the Montgomery County Beekeepers Assoc., to maintain an apiary in the wooded area off of Wisconsin Ave., and the expenditure of up to \$500 for the purchase of materials to construct a fence and signage surrounding the bee boxes, as recommended by the Environment Committee.
3. 7:40 p.m. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider approval of Mayor's testimony in support of Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) multi-year rate plan and proposed

LED streetlight conversion, and to recommend an independent review of costs at a public hearing scheduled for April 15 before the Maryland Public Service Commission.

4. 7:50 p.m. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider approval of license agreement with Pepco to install an electric vehicle charger at the Somerset Town Hall & Tennis Court parking lot, and reserving two (2) spaces for vehicles to use the charger.
5. 8:10 p.m. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider an amendment to the Town Budget, and addendum to the existing contract with American Pool in the amount not to exceed \$17,000 to provide maintenance and lifeguard coverage at the Town Pool for an extension of the Pool season from 5/8/202 – 5/22/2021, and to approve use of the Town Pool for lifeguard training, as recommended by the Town Pool Committee.
6. 8:25 p.m. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider an amendment to the existing FY2021 budget to transfer \$20,000 from the Operating Budget Contingency to cover expenses related to the early opening of the Somerset Town Pool, including pool management fees, and utility costs.
7. 8:40 p.m. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider approval of renewing trash, recycling, and yard waste contract with Goode Companies, Inc. for the Option Year June, 2021 – May, 2022 at an annual cost of \$142,359.
8. 8:45 p.m. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider bulk trash pickup and donation pickup with Goode, Donation Nation, and A Wider Circle on the following schedule:
  - a. Saturday, May 15: A Wider Circle;
  - b. Saturday, May 15: Donation Nation – clothing & linens, shoes, non-breakable items;
  - c. Sunday, May, 16: Donation Nation – furniture and boxed goods
  - d. Monday, May 17: Goode Companies, Inc. – bulk pickup
9. 8:55 p.m. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider approval of a Resolution to Declare a Climate Emergency, as recommended by the Environment Committee.
10. 9:00 p.m. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider adoption of Resolution 3-21-1, a Resolution Adopting Election Rules and Regulations, as recommended by the Board of Supervisors of Elections.
11. 9:05 p.m. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider the purchase of replacement netting for the Town batting cage in an amount not to exceed \$1,850.

12. 9:10 p.m. Motion: To consider Introduction of an Ordinance adopting the Town of Somerset Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and Tax Rates.
13. 9:05 p.m. Motion: To consider Introduction of an Ordinance to amend the HVAC unit review process.
14. 9:20 p.m. Discussion: Manager Report
- 9:30 p.m. Motion: Adjourn

Key:

Public Hearing Item: Agenda item where public comment is permitted.

Discussion Item: Agenda item limited to discussion among the Council, Mayor and Town Staff.

Motion Item: Agenda item requesting action, limited to Council discussion.

Comments: Opinions and Questions from Town residents.

<sup>i</sup> Questions should be submitted via email ahead of the meeting to [manager@townofsomerset.com](mailto:manager@townofsomerset.com) or [town@townofsomerset.com](mailto:town@townofsomerset.com).

\* Residents who wish to present for a particular Agenda item are advised to arrive 20 minutes ahead of the item's scheduled discussion time, as discussions can run ahead of schedule.

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