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Get Your Somerset Town Flag!

By **George Schlossberg**, *Trent Street*

The Town of Somerset was incorporated in 1906 as a small residential enclave among the then unpaved roads of Maryland's tobacco fields. In the ensuing 112 years, Somerset has evolved into a unique municipality of 413 homes, an award winning swimming pool complex, tennis courts, the historic Somerset Elementary School, all governed by a Mayor and Town Council, and our very own Town Hall.

As Somerset has grown, it has developed a strong sense of identity and traditions from our July 4th Picnic and Parade, to sledding and trick-and-treating on Cumberland, to our annual Newcomers Parties at the Town pool, and our Arbor Day Tree City designation. Along the way, we adopted a Town Anthem, a Town Motto, and in 1999 Somerset held a design competition to select a Town Flag.

Town resident **David Herbick** (Cumberland) submitted the winning flag design depicting the Red House Town Hall and the big trees lining our small streets. The Somerset Town Flag is displayed proudly at the Town Hall, and carried each year in the flag parade at the Maryland Municipal League Convention.



For the first time, the Town has decided to make our flag available for display, and has ordered a limited number of 3' x 5' flags for cost at \$35, just in time for Flag Day and our July 4th Town celebration. I am managing the flag sales for the Town. You can see the Town Flag displayed at my home and that of my wife, **Council Member Barbara Zeughauser**, at 5412 Trent Street. Somerset plans to sell the flag both at upcoming Town events and through me. For any questions and for ordering information, please contact me at George.schlossberg@kutakrock.com.

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ON MY MIND

Voting: A Right, a Privilege, or a Responsibility?

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, *Warwick Place*

As a forever student of political science, I am fascinated by the debate as to whether voting is a right, a privilege, or a responsibility. While I respect the answers that others may have, in my mind voting is all three.

What I do know for sure, however, is that in 2018 the ability for everyone—no matter from what station in life—to vote is being challenged in many places, particularly by one political party. In order to achieve power, some have decided it is advantageous to pass laws making it harder for people in certain demographics to vote or to permit voter suppression. This is really a travesty given the struggle of so many.

Last month I had the fortunate opportunity to go on Montgomery County's annual Civil Rights tour for the third time, visiting historic sites and museums in Greensboro, Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma, Birmingham, Memphis, Little Rock and Jackson. My major takeaways in this year of the big mid-term elections are that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was probably the most impactful of all the civil rights measures, and that Congress has shirked its responsibility to fix what the Supreme Court gutted from the Act a few years ago.

There is a growing fear that in the June 26 primary election in Maryland, people will stay home because of the confusion caused by having so many candidates. That would be sad. I would like to urge everyone to take the time study all the candidates and make informed decisions; you can use this link to the Maryland Board of Elections listing of all the candidates: https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2018/primary_candidates/index.html. This is an example of how voting is not just a right and a privilege, but also a responsibility!

Let's not disappoint all the forefathers and foremothers who died for this important cause.

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Official Town Listserv

The Town is pleased to announce that it will soon initiate its own official listserv. The listserv will be used to respond to residents' requests and concerns about Town business. Details to follow...

Save June 16 for Somerset's Annual Summer Kick-Off Pool Party

By Rich Charnovich, Town Manager

The weather has been battling us all spring but it is now time to start thinking about summertime fun! Each year, the Town holds a summer kick-off party for all residents at the Town Pool. This year, it will be held on **Saturday, June 16 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.** The event will be catered with picnic food and refreshments provided by Party Helpers of Potomac. Come and celebrate summer with friends and neighbors on June 16th!

Water Aerobics to Start on Monday, June 18th!

By Lucy Freeman, Dorset Avenue

Water Aerobics at the Somerset pool begins Monday, June 18th, and meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m., through August 31. The charge is \$5.00 a class, which is subtracted from your Town Pool account. This is a drop in program so you can join whenever it is convenient. And it is a lot of fun! This year the teachers will be Brenda on Monday, Shelley on Wednesday, and Sharon on Friday.

Please come, bring your flotation belt, and water weights if you have them.

Any questions? Contact me at dorset4708@yahoo.com or 301-654-8115.



Opening celebration of the Town Hall
Fifth Grade Art Show on April 26th

JUNE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Swim Safety Event at the Pool (Time TBD)

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Summer Kick-Off Pool Party
12 noon at the Pool

MONDAY, JUNE 18

Water Aerobics Classes
Begin

10:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. at the Pool

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

MVA Mobile Office

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Friendship Heights

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

Kids' Tennis Round Robin

9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Tennis Courts

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

Annual Town Celebration at Town Hall

SATURDAY, JULY 14

Adults Only Pool Party

Safety Improvement Proposed for Warwick Lane

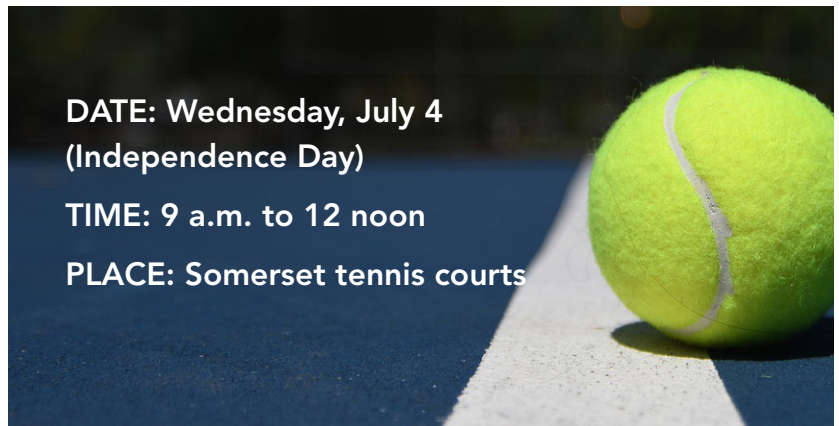
By Council President Marnie Shaul,
Uppingham Street

Several months ago officials from the Village of Drummond asked Somerset to join them in identifying ways to improve safety on Warwick Lane, which runs between Cumberland and Drummond Avenues. Drummond officials have been concerned about the safety of those who use Warwick Lane to walk or bike from Drummond Avenue while having to share space with vehicular traffic. Somerset officials have been concerned about the potential for pedestrian accidents at the intersection of Cumberland Avenue and Warwick Lane because pedestrians walking toward the school are not visible from Warwick Lane.

The two communities decided to jointly fund a study by Sabra, Wang & Associates, a firm that specializes in traffic management and safety, which Somerset has hired in the past. The firm presented the results of its study and a list of recommendations that could be considered at the Council's May 7th meeting. One recommendation is designed to manage speed along Warwick Lane by installing 5mph speed bumps, one in the Drummond section of Warwick Lane and one in the Somerset section. Drummond officials attended the May Council meeting and said they would install such a bump and asked Somerset to do the same. We agreed to introduce an ordinance to install a speed bump in Somerset's section of Warwick Lane and I introduced this legislation. It is on the June Council agenda for action.

Kids' Round Robin Tennis on July 4

By Frank S. Joseph, Chair, Tennis Committee, *Warwick Place*



DATE: Wednesday, July 4
(Independence Day)

TIME: 9 a.m. to 12 noon

PLACE: Somerset tennis courts

Young Somerset tennis players, take note: the annual all-kids Round Robin tourney is set for the morning of the July 4th holiday, prior to the Town celebration.

Participants need to present Somerset tennis cards but guests are welcome, whether or not they live in Somerset. There'll be free refreshments and prizes for all. Please pre-register by sending an email to me at **keycom@verizon.net** with the number of participants.

Don't forget to bring racquets and balls and wear tennis-appropriate shoes. And don't worry if this is your first Round Robin. All will be made clear. Haven't gotten your 2018 tennis card yet? What are you waiting for? Cards are available from the Town Hall or online and the cost is still only \$25 for the entire household.

The online address to purchase a 2018 tennis card is: **<https://md-somerset.civicplus.com/FormCenter/EPayments-Form-5/Paying-Tennis-Court-Fees-Online-39>**

Note: You need a 2018 tennis card to enter the courts. The gate code has been changed. You will receive the new code when you get your 2018 card.

Pool News and Upcoming Events: MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

By Matthew Zaft, Chair, Pool Committee, Dorset Avenue

By the time you read this the pool will be open! Here is what you need to know:

- Morning Swim is back! As with last year, it will be available on Memorial Day to Labor Day on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7:15 a. m. to 8:15 a.m. The session includes space for both a Masters style work out and independent lap swimmers. Cost is again \$100 for the entire session if you sign up prior to Memorial Day. You can have it charged to your pool account or write a check. Checks should be made payable to Town of Somerset with "Morning Swim" written on the memo line and dropped off at Town Hall. To charge Morning Swim to your Town pool account, just email the Town at manager@townofsomerset.com with copies to Debbie Heller (Falstone) (debbielheller@gmail.com) and to me (matthew.zaft@morganstanley.com.) Same as last year, there is also the option to drop in for \$5 per swim if you do not sign up for the entire summer, and guests are again welcome if accompanied by a Somerset resident (the pool guest fee will be added to the \$5 drop in rate). Drop in fees will be charged directly to your pool account, i.e. no cash exchanged.
- We will be updating and expanding our Swim Safe/ safety event (still with ice cream) to include drowning awareness education for residents of all ages. More details to follow, but mark the afternoon of **June 3rd** on your calendars now!
- After last year's great success, we will again be having the Adults Only Party at the pool. More details to follow, but mark **July 14th** on your calendars now!
- We will also again be having Movie Night at the pool. Date and movie TBD.
- Water Aerobics will be back again this year. See **Lucy Freeman's** (Dorset) article in this edition of the Journal.
- The pool rules have been updated. Please note that prior to initial access to the pool, all residents and guests will have to acknowledge in writing that they are informed of and agree to abide by all aspects of these pool rules.

- All cell phones, cameras, and other recording devices are banned from use in the locker rooms and bathrooms.
- No glass, no glass, no glass!!!

Our next Pool Committee meeting will be on May 31st at 7 p.m. at the Pool. All are welcome to attend, and an agenda will be circulated prior to the meeting. Raising the guest fees will not be on the agenda for this meeting or any other meeting prior to the end of the pool season.

Look for more information in the weeks to come and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Kids' Pop-Up Marketplace on May 20th a Great Success!



Anne Hawkins (L) and Nicole Totah planned this event

Opening of Somerset's First Storm Water Landscape and Rain Garden

By Robin Barr, Chair, Environmental Committee

If there was ever a perfect day to celebrate the opening of the Town's first storm water landscape and rain garden on Town land, then Sunday, May 20 was that day. Six days of rain — much of it heavy — had given the still immature landscape a severe stress test. As we stood in the welcome sunshine, we saw a rain garden that had trapped a large basin of storm water, while the terraced berms along the embankment had stood their ground against the onslaught of water.

Landscaper Eda Marie Mattei of Backyard Bounty explained how she used native plants with their deep roots and river plants that prosper — despite experiencing both floods and droughts — to create the landscape that we all so admired. And it is pretty, too! Mayor **Jeffrey Slavin** (Warwick) welcomed Attorney-General **Brian Frosh** (Grantham), Ann English of the County's Rainscapes program, Mike Hunninghake of Sustainable Maryland, **Veronique Marier** (Essex) of Bethesda Green, **Sarah Morse** (Dorset) of the Little Falls Watershed Alliance and Ling Tan of Sierra Club Maryland to the event. A hemp ribbon was (almost) cut and **Patty Friedman** (Grantham), Chair of the Town's Parks and Natural Resources Committee (PNRC) and I described our committees' roles in helping to make the landscape happen.

Council President **Marnie Shaul** (Uppingham) organized the opening with the support of Council Member **Barbara Zeughauser** (Trent) and members of the PNRC. Channel 16 recorded the proceedings, too. Hopefully, we will soon enjoy that video.



Top: Rain garden ribbon cutting

Below: from left, Robin Barr, Edna Marie Mattie, Jeffrey Slavin, Marnie Shaul, Patty Friedman





Manager's Corner

By Rich Charnovich, *Town Manager*

Annual Summer Kick-Off Party on June 16

Please join us for the annual Summer Kick-Off Pool party, sponsored by the Town of Somerset, on **Saturday, June 16, starting at 12:00 noon**. Picnic food and beverages will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Annual July 4 Celebration

The Town of Somerset's annual Fourth of July celebration will occur this year on **Wednesday, July 4**, at the Town Hall. Please look for a flier in next month's Journal with specific details on the event. We are in need of volunteers to help with the planning and set-up for the event. Please contact the Town Hall if you are able to help out.

Calling All Somerset Graduates!

As part of the annual July 4th celebration, we recognize all 2018 Somerset graduates at all levels of schooling. Please email me at **manager@townofsomerset.com** and provide me with the following:

- Graduate's full name
- Street address
- Name of school
- Next step post graduation

Street Parking—Distance from the Curb

This is a friendly reminder concerning parking next to curbs on the street. I have been informed that many cars are parked too far from the curb. Montgomery County police law states that cars must be parked no farther than 12 inches from the curb. Thank you for complying with this law.

Summertime Reminder—Drive Carefully!

With school closing for the summer, there are always more children walking and playing outside. Please watch out for children walking and biking to and from the Town Pool.

Maintenance of Shrubbery over Sidewalks and Common Areas

With summer soon upon us, I want to remind residents to properly maintain shrubbery/vegetation that may be hanging over sidewalk areas. It is much safer for walkers, bikers, etc. if the sidewalk areas are kept clear. Section 4-101 of the Town Code addresses this topic. Please contact the Town Hall if you would like a copy of this section. Alternatively, the Town Code in its entirety can be located on the Town's website at **www.townofsomerset.com**.

Temporary Signs in the Right of Way and Private Property

Please keep in mind that commercial signs are not permitted to be placed in the Town Right of Way. To place temporary signs on your private property, a permit is required from Montgomery County. Here is a web link where you can find the Montgomery County regulations on limited duration sign permits: **<http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps/building/LimitedDurationSignPermit.aspx#>**

New 2018-2019 Town Handbook and Directory: Request for Updates

It is that time of year again when we begin to call for updates to our Town Handbook and Directory. This year, we will be **accepting requested changes to the Directory listings until July 16, 2018**. Please review your current entry and inform the Town Hall if you would like any changes to your listing, including emails, phone numbers, etc. If you are not sure of your current listing, please contact the Town Hall to obtain it.

GENERAL PERMITS

TREE REMOVAL PERMITS

4519 DORSET AVENUE

- 1 Spruce
- 1 Cedar

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin



With the Council's vote this month on the FY19 budget, the Town's annual fiscal planning season is completed. I want to again particularly thank the members of the Ad Hoc Budget Committee—which include **Robin Barr** (Essex), **Phil Young** (Greystone) and **Jonathan Medalia** (Surrey)—for their guidance because it's always challenging to balance all the competing interests, especially when there is great need—and the Council never wishes to impose a tax increase! Once again, I was totally impressed with the manner in which the Council members addressed the budget topics at the meetings. They were always in attendance, were well prepared, and asked important, probing questions. Many thanks also for the expert assistance of our budget wizard, Town Manager Rich Charnovich.

Congratulations are in order to Council Members—Elect **Morris Panner** (Essex) and **Steve Surko** (Uppingham), who won two-year terms in the recent Somerset election. It's going to be a pleasure to have them join us. I want to also thank everyone for supporting me as I was voted in for my sixth term as Mayor. We have made many accomplishments together over the past decade, in large part to the efforts of the Council, staff and volunteer leadership.



Mayor Slavin with Council Member Barbara Condos and Council President Marnie Shaul



Council Vice President Marnie Shaul, Council Member Dudley Fawlkes and Mayor Slavin

I also want to thank outgoing Council Members **Barbara Condos** (Uppingham) and **Dudley Fawlkes** (Falstone) for all their many valuable contributions to the Council and the Town, and wish them the best. I know they will continue to be active in framing public policy.

It's that time of year as many households have school graduates at all levels, from elementary school to professional school and beyond. Because there is so much interest, I want

to encourage students and their parents to let us know of these accomplishments so we can mention them in the Town Journal. Please provide this information to

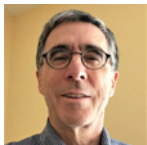
columnist **Eugene Tillman** (Warwick) who writes under the popular "All About People" title by sending him an email to allaboutsomerset@gmail.com. In addition, we encourage all graduates to attend the Town's annual July 4 celebration when we announce their accomplishments and give them a gift.

Recently at Somerset Elementary School the winner of the annual 4th grade "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." essay contest was revealed. Our own resident **Maya Donnelly Cohen** (Surrey), daughter of **Ilona Cohen** and **Mark Donnelly**, was the winner. The family resides in the house that was formerly occupied by much beloved residents **Norm Ornstein** and **Judy Harris**, and Norm and Ilona are cousins! Maya has won a gift certificate, a police ride-along and the opportunity to read one's essay at the July 4th celebration. I want to thank Council Member **Barbara Zeughauser** (Trent) for leading the contest judges, which included **Joy Abel** (Grantham) and **Barbara Marenus** (Surrey). This contest is sponsored by the Town and is part of a statewide contest conducted by the Maryland Municipal League.



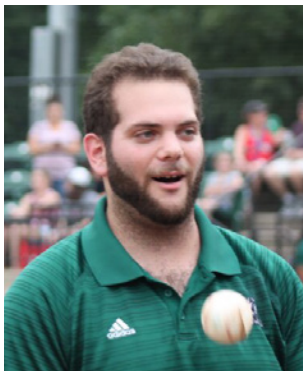
From left to right: Council Members Barbara Condos and Barbara Zeughauser, Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, Ilona Cohen (mother of winner) Maya Donnelly Cohen (winner), Bess Pickar (Somerset teacher), and Council Vice President Marnie Shaul

As many know, most of my favorite mayoral duties involve our children and the annual Career Day at Somerset ES several weeks ago was no exception. I had the opportunity to host four different sessions with all of the second graders and to talk about the job of a mayor. It's amazing how much the students already knew, and the best part of the time spent was answering questions and having discussions. It was amusing that in each session one of the first questions asked was, In what year were you born? I wonder what that means!



All About People

By Eugene Tillman, *Warwick Place*



As a reminder, I am using my column to spotlight residents and others closely connected with the Town (in addition to covering individual and family milestones). In that vein, I recently had the privilege of interviewing **David Schneider**, the son of **Linda Kanefield** and **Norman Schneider** (Greystone) and the grandson of **Irv** and

Zola Schneider (Warwick). David, 25, grew up in Somerset and is the **President** and **General Manager** of **Bethesda Big Train**, a summer collegiate baseball team (www.bigtrain.org). The team draws players from Division I schools around the country and from some junior colleges as well. It's a way for the players to improve their skills, be seen by major league scouts, and have a great experience. From June 2 to July 20 this summer, the team will play 40 regular season games including 23 home dates at Shirley Povich Field in Cabin John Park. Most games begin at 7:00 p.m. with a few late afternoon starts on the weekends.

David's role as GM is multifaceted and essentially covers all of the team's business operations. He develops the game day plan including the public address scripts and fan entertainment. He handles media relations, sales of sponsorships, and management of concessions. He makes player personnel decisions and is the administrative director of Big Train's youth baseball summer camp for 5 – 12 year olds. Each season, David also supervises Big Train's 15 – 18 interns and gives them their game day assignments.

A key goal for David is "making sure the players and interns have a great experience." He likewise takes pride in "offering a safe and affordable experience for the local community – bringing everyone together through sports." And the stats tell a nice story: Last season, the team averaged 500 fans per game, won the league championship, and ranked 4th in the country (out of around 300 summer collegiate teams).

In addition to baseball, Big Train maintains a strong community focus. During the day, players serve as

counselors for the children who attend the baseball summer camp. The players also participate in a food drive each season. Big Train's "Nonprofit of the Night" program honors two or three local charities at each game and gives their leaders a chance to address the fans and describe their good works.

Growing up, David played in the Bethesda Chevy Chase Baseball League (Big Train's parent organization). That included games at Shirley Povich Field which "[he] thought was amazing." Early on, David aspired to work in sports, and he majored in sports management at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He interned with Big Train during the summers after his sophomore and junior years and "loved the experience and community focus." Following graduation, David came aboard as the Assistant GM when the position opened up in February 2015. He took over the reins as GM in early 2016.

David has fond memories of growing up in Somerset where he bonded with friends over sports – both watching and playing. As he explains, this experience "provided a foundation for using sports to create community connections and friendship." As a young general manager, David is putting these early lessons to work.

Turning to other people news:

Lila Snow (Essex) will have three pieces in a summer show at the American University Museum in the Katzen Arts Center. The show, "Latitude: The Washington Women's Arts Center 1975 – 1987," will run from June 16 – August 12. Lila's contribution will include two anti-war sculptures from AU's permanent collection and a collage entitled "Graduation." The collage features a photo of her mother's prize winning graduation dress from a high school competition in 1918.

Katherine Surko, the daughter of newly elected Council Member **Steve Surko** and **Elizabeth Thompson** (Uppingham), has graduated from Barnard College with a B.A. in Asian and Middle Eastern Cultures. Katherine focused her studies on South Asia and minored in economics. She has received a Fulbright Scholar award and will be teaching in Jaipur, India.

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All About People

Noor Mobarek (Uppingham), a rising high-school senior, was included in NPR's coverage of the recent protests marking the 19th anniversary of the Columbine shootings. Noor participated in the student walkout and created a "non-comprehensive" list of 197 victims of school shootings since 1999.

Somerset's Helping Hand Is Just an Email or Phone Call Away

If you need a ride, someone to pick up some groceries or a prescription, a ride to the Metro, or even if you just want to get to a friend's house, please contact **Somerset Helping Hand**. We have a list of 30 Somerset volunteers who can help.



Send an email to **HHSomerset@gmail.com** or call **Barbara Zeughauser** at 301-951-8560, **Kathleen Kenyon** at 301-656-8581 or **Jim Berry** at 301-656-6089.

If you would like to add your name to the volunteer list, please send an email to **HHSomerset@gmail.com**.

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Ads are printed as a courtesy to Town residents. The Town makes no representations as to quality, safety or otherwise regarding the goods and services advertised. Readers should make their own inquiries. To place an ad, submit typed or neatly printed copy to the Clerk-Treasurer. Ads must include a Somerset phone number. Price: \$5 per advertisement per issue. Check or exact change. Fifty word limit per advertisement.

Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on May 7, 2018 and took the following actions:

1. Approval of the March 5, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the April 16, 2018 Closed Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval of the FY19 budget, setting the real property tax rate at .10 and personal property tax at 1.00 (no change from FY18).
4. Approval of an application at 5415 Trent Street to complete the following scope of work: renovation/alteration of the basement and first floor of the existing structure, addition of a second floor on top of the existing structure to contain 3 bedrooms, and an addition of an unenclosed covered porch at the northeast corner of the house
5. Introduction of an Ordinance to install a speed hump on Warwick Lane near Cumberland Avenue.
6. Approval of the following trees to be planted as recommended by the Town Arborist and Parks and Natural Resources Committee:
 - 2 Rutgers Dogwood Celestial at 4801 Falstone Avenue on Surrey Street
 - 1 Red Oak at 4816 Grantham Avenue
 - 1 Black Gum at 5504 Uppingham Street
 - 1 Black Gum at 5519 Uppingham Street
 - 1 Willow Oak at 5529 Uppingham Street
 - 1 Sugar Maple at Capello Park
 - 1 Swamp White Oak at Vinton Park
 - 1 Sycamore at Dorset and Wisconsin Avenue, Vinton Park
 - 1 Rutgers Dogwood Celestial at Dorset and Wisconsin Avenue, Capello Park
 - 1 Black Gum at 4906 Falstone Avenue
7. Approval to remove the following Town trees as recommended by the Town Arborist:
 - 4705 Dorset Avenue – 1 Tilia tree, tree #197
 - 4713 Essex Avenue (on Surrey Street) – 1 Zelkova tree, tree #569
 - 5510 Surrey Street – 1 Zelkova (no tree number)
8. Adoption of an Ordinance to amend Section 5-301 of the Town Code related to Pool Rules Enforcement.
9. Adoption of a Resolution to amend the Pool Rules related to use restrictions and enforcement of those who are permitted on pool grounds.
10. Approval of a proposal submitted by Skyline Technology Solutions for off site security monitoring services at the Town Pool for the 2018 season at a cost of \$5,750.00.
11. Approval of a contract with Wet Yet Water Fitness for the 2018 Town Pool season at a cost of \$75.00 per class.
12. Approval of an annual audit proposal submitted by Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC for FY18 at a cost of \$13,000.00.
13. Approval to establish a fee of \$35.00 to purchase a Town of Somerset flag.
14. Council Members Barbara Condos and Dudley Fowlkes were each recognized for their years serving on the Town Council, as this would be their last meeting. Sabra Wang and Associates, Inc. was in attendance to discuss a completed traffic report in the vicinity of Warwick Lane and Cumberland Avenue. Representatives from the Village of Drummond were also in attendance for the traffic report topic. WSSC was in attendance for a wrap-up report concerning the infrastructure project that has been taking place in the parkland near Wisconsin and Dorset Avenues. The Town Arborist is working with WSSC on the final reforestation plan for this project. Mayor Slavin provided his monthly report. An update was discussed regarding the ongoing Town Code and Charter update project. Town Manager Charnovich provided his monthly administrative and financial reports.

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, Monday, June 4, 2018—7:30 pm

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall. Agenda updates are posted on the Town website: www.townofsomerset.com.

- **Council Work Session—7:00 p.m.**
- **Council Meeting Convenes—7:30 p.m.**
- **Comments: Public Comment Period—7:30 p.m.***
- **Swearing In: Jeffrey Slavin (Mayor), Morris Panner (Council Member), Stephen Surko (Council Member)**
- **Election of Council President**

CONSENT

1. **Motion:** To consider approval of the April 2, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. **Motion:** To consider approval of the May 7, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.

NON-CONSENT

3. **Discussion:** Town Manager May Administrative and Financial Reports – 7:40 p.m.
4. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the following permits at 5800 Deal Place: demolition, building permit to construct an addition, patio installation, dumpster, storage pod, and HVAC unit installation – 7:55 p.m.
5. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider bids received for work on the exterior and interior of the Town Hall – 8:05 p.m.

6. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider adoption of an Ordinance to amend the Town Code to install a speed hump on Warwick Lane in the vicinity of Cumberland Avenue – 8:25 p.m.
7. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a proposal to design a landscape plan near the area of Wisconsin Avenue and Dorset Avenue – 8:35 p.m.
8. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a proposal for Town tree maintenance-and removal services – 8:45 p.m.
9. **Public Hearing/Motion:** Report from the Ad Hoc Traffic Committee – 8:55 p.m.
10. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider the establishment of an official listserv for the Town to be referred to as Town of Somerset MD Listserv – 9:00 p.m.
11. **Discussion:** General Code Update – 9:10 p.m.
12. **Discussion:** Mayor's Report – 9:15 p.m.
13. **Adjourn** – 9:20 p.m.

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.

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

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The Mayor and Town Council may entertain a motion during the open meeting to close a portion of the meeting, in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1)(7) of the Open Meetings Act (Maryland Code, General Provisions Article), to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

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