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Council Agenda Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting September 5, 2017–7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 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

Council Meeting Convenes–7:30

Comments: Public Comment Period–7:30*

1. Introduction: New Part-Time Police Officer, Merry Livingston

CONSENT

2. Motion: To consider approval of the July 5, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

NON-CONSENT

3. Discussion: Town Manager's August Administrative and Financial Reports-7:35

4. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider a building permit application submitted by Carter, Inc. for 4509 Cumberland Avenue. The applicants are requesting the following permits: Demolition, Building, Dumpster, Fence, Retaining Wall, Driveway Apron, and Tree Removal-7:45

**5. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider a waiver application submitted by Andrew Lewis and Nancy Kadowitz, 5525 Trent. The applicants are requesting the following waivers from the side yard setback requirements:-8:00

-Variance of 2 feet, 6 inches from the minimum side yard requirement for the roof overhand of the unenclosed porch/carport on the northeast side of the house

"Where People and Trees Have Deep Roots and Grow Strong"

-Variance of 2 feet, 6 inches from the minimum side yard requirement for one column supporting the roof of the unenclosed porch/carport-8:15

6. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider a building permit application submitted by Andrew Lewis and Nancy Kadowitz, 5525 Trent Street. The applicants are requesting the following permits: remove the existing garage and add a one-story addition, construction of a new deck, construction of a new carport, Tree Removal, Dumpster, and installation of a new HVAC unit-8:30

**7. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider a recommendation of the Town Council, acting as the Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission, on an application submitted for 5710 Surrey Street. The applicants are requesting the following: amend the existing Historic Preservation Commission approved plan to include a new wooden, double-hung window to the gable roof at the right side of the house-8:45

**8. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider a recommendation of the Town Council acting as Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission, on an application submitted for 5813 Surrey Street. The applicants are proposing the following:-8:50

- Add a second story over the existing first story on the side of the house. Width not exceeding the existing footprint.
- Add one story addition on the side of the house that's 6'8" wide to square off the space between the existing footprint and front setback per plans.
- Enlarge the garage on the side of the existing house by 6'8" to square off the space between the existing footprint and front setback per plans.
- Add one story on the rear of the existing house per plans.
- Add second story over the existing one story at the rear of the house per plans.
- Enlarge the existing driveway to a maximum width of 20 ft per plans.
- Add front steps at the house's front entrance per plans.
- Repaint the house and the proposed addition.

**9. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider a recommendation of the Town Council acting as the Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission, on an application submitted for 4701 Cumberland Avenue. The applicants are requesting the following: add a basement door to the left side of the house-9:00

**10. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider approval to remove the following Town trees as recommended by the Town arborist:-9:05

Flowering Cherry, 11" dbh Tree # 372 at 4710 Falstone Avenue
Zelkova, 8" dbh Tree #849 at 4801 Essex Avenue on Surrey St. side
Elm, 9" dbh Tree # 15 in Capello Park

11. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider approval of a conservation landscaping and storm water management plan designed by Backyard Bounty for the area near the Town parking lot and tennis courts at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00-9:10

12. Discussion: Maintenance design work on the exterior of the Town Hall update by Lou Balodemas of Balodemas Architects, including replacement of the Town Hall roof-9:25

13. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider approval to send a letter in relation to the short term rental legislation hearing (ZTA 17-03) that will be before the County Council on September 12, 2017-9:40

**14. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider closure of the following intersections for the annual Somerset Elementary Race on October 22, 2017:-9:50

Dorset and Wisconsin 8 am – 11 am

Greystone and River 9 am – 10 am

Dorset and Little Falls 9 am – 11 am

**15. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider adoption of a Resolution of the Town of Somerset, Chevy Chase, Maryland, adopting a policy for Town owned trees to be planted, as recommended by the Town Attorney and Town Manager-9:55

**16. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider adoption of a Resolution of the Town of Somerset, Chevy Chase, Maryland, adopting rules and regulations concerning public information act requests, as recommended by the Town Attorney-10:05

17. Public Hearing (1 of 2): Proposed comprehensive amendments to the Town Charter, Resolutions 8-17-1 through 8-17-33 (copies available on Town website, at Town Hall, and at the Town Council meeting)-10:15

18. Discussion: General Code Update-10:25

19. Discussion: Mayor's Report-10:30

20. Adjourn-10:35

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.

**Denotes an item added to the Agenda after Journal publication

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.