

Council Meeting Actions

The following actions were taken by the Somerset Town Council at its monthly meeting, held November 1, 2021.

- Approved the extension, through December 2021, of the continued use of Zoom as a virtual Town Meeting setting;
- Approved Mayor Slavin's nomination of **Paige Whitley** (Cumberland) as Chair of the History & Archives Committee;
- Approved a building permit application submitted by Beth Davis of BD Contractor Services, LLC, on behalf of **Charles and Rebecca Borden**, to replace the existing rear-yard porch with a new covered rear porch at the property located at 5605 Warwick Place;
- Denied an amendment to the existing building permit for the property located at 5522 Greystone Street, to add an 8.8 ft. overhang structure with glass railing;
- Approved a building permit application submitted by **Jeffrey Lape** and **Jill Caporale** for the construction of an addition, porch, side yard entryway to the first floor, and driveway replacement for the property located at 4524 Dorset Avenue. The application included a variance of 6.3 feet to the front yard setback, for the porch and its roofing;
- Approved the Fall tree planting list, as recommended by the Town Arborist and Parks & Natural Resources Committee:
 - Capello Park—Sycamore
 - Capello Park—Red Oak
 - Capello Park—American Beech
 - Capello Park—Cherokee Princess Dogwood
 - Vinton Park—Redbud
 - 4510 Cumberland Avenue—Commemoration Sugar Maple
 - 4910 Cumberland Avenue— Redbud
 - 4516 Dorset Avenue—Swamp White Oak
 - 4704 Essex Avenue—Commemoration Sugar Maple
 - 4710 Essex Avenue—Red Oak
 - 4716 Essex Avenue—Willow Oak
 - 4815 Falstone Avenue—October Glory Red Maple
 - 5401 Greystone Street—White Fringe Tree
 - 5813 Surrey Street—Yellowwood
 - 5404 Trent Street—October Glory Red Maple
- Approved a contract with Fehr & Peers to conduct a safety study at the Somerset Pool parking lot, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000;
- Approved the formation and Charter of a Revenue Committee, and Mayor Slavin's nomination of **Nick Fox** (Cumberland) as Committee Chair;
- Adopted Ordinance No. 6-21-1, an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to require stormwater drainage plans for new construction projects; to add stormwater drainage plan requirements; to add to the statement of intents and purposes; to add definitions; to require a pre-permit informational meeting; and to apply the existing variance procedures to the new stormwater drainage plan requirements;
- Adopted Ordinance No. 10-21-4, an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers on or after September 1, 2022, as recommended by the Town Environment Committee;
- Adopted Ordinance 9-21-1, an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to require a permit for a food truck operating within a Town park;
- Approved a Resolution endorsing the Somerset PTA position on the Board of Education Boundary Survey and Plan for Somerset Elementary School;
- Introduced Ordinance 10-21-1, an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to remove the sledding hill designation on Cumberland Avenue, as recommended by the Town Public Safety Committee;
- Introduced Ordinance 11-21-2, an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to amend and clarify the exemptions from setbacks for projections;
- Approved a joint statement from the Somerset Town Council to the Montgomery County Council regarding Thrive Montgomery 2050, and to approve of a Town-wide petition on behalf of the Council.