

Council Meeting Actions

The following actions were taken by the Somerset Town Council at its monthly meeting, held December 5, 2022.

- Approved 2023 Town Council meeting dates schedule
- Approved a curb cut application, submitted by **Lina** and **Maurice Asseo**, to increase the size of the existing curb to 20' at the property located at 5524 Greystone Street
- Approved a tree removal permit, submitted by **Deborah Shulman**, for the removal of the following two trees on the property located at 4906 Falstone Avenue, as recommended by the Town Arborist, on the condition that a replacement tree be replanted on the property in consultation with the Town Arborist, or that the applicant demonstrate at a future hearing that there is sufficient canopy coverage on the property and/or that there is inadequate space on the property:
 - 39" Silver Maple – dead branches and cracks in main trunk (hazardous)
 - 33" Red Maple – dead branches and crack at base (hazardous)
- Deferred Action on Ordinance 11-22-1, an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to require the installation of house numbers on existing and future houses and to require certification of compliance in connection with a building permit. The Council will further discuss at a future work session and Council meeting.
- Approved of the reprogramming of \$10,000 from the Town's Capital Budget Contingency Fund to line 62907 – Town Code Consultant, for the appropriation of funds to enter in with a contractor to provide a comprehensive code review and recommendations.

- Re-approved the following five Town Charter amendments, as recommended by the Somerset Board of Supervisors of Elections, to allow for adequate notification via publication:
 1. An amendment to Section 83-21 of the Charter to add a definition of "resided", as recommended by the Somerset Board of Supervisors of Elections
 2. An amendment to Section 83-26 of the Charter to provide that if a resident is registered to vote with the Montgomery County Board of Election, they shall be deemed registered for elections in the Town so long as the resident remains qualified to vote; to provide that voters may be removed from the list if not qualified to vote; and to provide that the removal of voters from the registration list shall comply with the applicable procedures set forth in State law, as recommended by the Somerset Board of Supervisors of Elections
 3. An amendment to Section 83-28 of the Charter to advance the nomination meeting from 4 weeks to 8 weeks prior to the election, and the nomination petition deadline from 21 days before the election to 10 days after the nomination meeting, to allow more time to prepare ballots and administer the election, as recommended by the Somerset Board of Supervisors of Elections
 4. An amendment to Section 83-35 of the Charter to allow uncontested elections to be canceled, as recommended by the Somerset Board of Supervisors of Elections
 5. An amendment to Section 83-30 of the Charter to allow elections by mail and other means, and to remove the requirement for incapacitation or absence for absentee voting, as recommended by the Somerset Board of Supervisors of Elections