

# Council Meeting Actions

The following actions were taken by the Somerset Town Council at its monthly meeting, held April 3, 2023.

- Approved a Resolution Denouncing Anti-Semitism, as recommended by the Equity & Inclusion Committee
- Approved Budget Work Session minutes from 3/13/2023 & 3/20/2023
- Approved the renewal of the trash, recycling, and yard waste contract with Goode Companies, Inc. for Option Year June 2023 – May 2024 at an annual cost of \$147,34
- Approved the nomination of **Alexis Ettinger** (Surrey) to the Pool Committee, to replace the unexpired term of **Nancy Zuckerbrod** (Dorset), ending 12/31/2025
- Approved the nomination of **Russell Green** (Cumberland) to the Pool Committee, to replace the unexpired term of **Michael Veksler** (Warwick), ending 12/31/2023;
- Approved a three-month extension to the existing building permit granted to Miriam Rosenthal and Michael Phillips for construction at 5522 Greystone Street. The applicants had requested a six-month extension.
- Approved a demolition and dumpster permit submitted by **James Gillis** and **Alison Hooker**, for the demolition of an accessory building at the property located at 4816 Essex Avenue.
- Deferred Action and Continued the hearing for variances of 3.9' and 6.3' for the placement of a new HVAC unit and generator in the side yard of the building at the property located at 4815 Essex Avenue.
- Approved a building permit application submitted by **Elizabeth Ewing** for the replacement of a rear deck on the property located at 4719 Cumberland Avenue.
- Approved a tree removal permit, submitted by **Amy and Geoffrey Buteau**, for the removal of a 27" Red Maple at the property located at 5522 Uppingham Street, as recommended by the Town Arborist due to decay in the tree.
- Approved a tree removal permit, submitted by **Caroline and Stephen Springer**, for the removal of the following hazardous tree on the property located at 4824 Dorset Avenue, under the condition that a replacement canopy tree be planted in consultation with the Town Arborist, as recommended by the Town Arborist:
  - Silver Maple (52") – Extensive decay and close to the house;
  - Ash (20") – Decaying with reduced canopy, and leaning towards neighbor's property.
- Approved the removal of a public tree located at 4520 Cumberland Avenue, as recommended by the Town Arborist.
- Approved the Mayor's appointment of **Elizabeth Harris** as the official Town Beekeeper for a one-year pilot program to maintain an apiary in the woods at Vinton Park.
- Approved a contract with Celestial Solar Innovations, LLC for the installation of solar panels on the Town Hall roof at a cost of \$41,450.
- Approved a budget amendment for the reprogramming of \$85,000 from unencumbered reserves, for the purchase of an electric vehicle at the Town Hall.
- Introduced the FY24 Budget and Tax Rates.