The Town of Somerset

Town Clerk's Office

140 Wood Street
Somerset, MA 02726
(508) 646-2818

Dear Reader,

Welcome to Somerset!

This publication is designed to act as a reference guide, providing valuable information about the Town of Somerset and our local community.

I hope you enjoy this booklet and find it to be a convenient source of useful facts and insights about all that Somerset has to offer.

Best,

Caitlin Hadala, Town Clerk

About Somerset

First inhabitants

Somerset was first inhabited by the Pocasset Indian tribe and called Shawomet lands. It wasn't until the end of King Philips war in 1677 that signaled the end of the Pocasset sovereignty on Shawomet lands.

Incorporated in 1790

Somerset was incorporated in 1790, after separating from The Town of Swansea. The town name was decided by Jerathmel Bowers

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Upcoming Events

April 13

Annual Town Election

May 18

Annual Town Meeting

TBD

Fall Special Town Meeting

Town Hall Offices Hours

Monday- Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Phone number: (508) 646- 2800

the first representative at General court. The name was chosen as a compliment to his wife who had lived in Boston on Somerset Square.

Population

In 1790 the population of Somerset was 1125.
As of 2020 Federal Census there are 18,303 residents.

Elections and Town meeting Information

2026 Elections Calendar

Annual Town Election April 13, 2026 12pm-8pm

Elections Polling Location- Precincts 1-5

Somerset Berkley Regional High School

Student Dining Hall

625 County Street

Somerset, MA 02726

2026 Town Meeting

May 18, 2026 Annual Town meeting 6pm

Somerset Berkley Regional High School

Dr. Robert Perry Performing Arts Center

625 County Street

Somerset, MA 02726

Questions about voting, running for office and Vote by mail?

The website covers campaign finance, vote by mail ballot requests and tracking. www.sec.state.ma.us/

Do you need your voting status and precinct information?

My Voter Registration Status: Search

More Information

Visit the Town's website for information regarding date and time of a Town meeting.

Posting of Warrant

A copy of the warrant will be posted on our website as well as around town.

Voter Registration

Voter registration forms are available in our office or online.

Please contact the Town Clerk's Department for any Town meeting or Election Questions.

Municipal Boards

The following is a partial list of municipal committees within the Town of Somerset.

This list consists of appointed and elected boards that meet on a regular basis.

- Advisory & Finance Committee
- Board of Assessors
- Board of Health
- Board of Registrars
- Board of Selectmen
- Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners
- Community Preservation Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Cultural Council
- Diman Regional Vocation Technical High School Board
- Economic Development Committee
- Historical Commission
- Housing Authority
- Planning Board
- Playground & Recreation Commission
- Somerset Berkley Regional School Committee
- Somerset School Committee
- Trustees of the Public Library
- Zoning Board of Appeals

News & Media

Watch or Read about the events in Town.

Somerset Access TV (SATV)

Comcast Channel:

Public Channel 9
Government on Channel 15
Education on Channel 98.

YouTube: @somersetaccesstv

Newspapers

Herald News
The Somerset Spectator
The Somerset Sentinel

Board Meetings

In accordance with the Open Meeting law, the public is welcome to attend all board meetings. Meeting notices are legally posted by the Town Clerk office and are available to view on the town website at https://www.townofsomerset.org/ under the meeting and agenda widget located above news and announcements.

Most of the board meetings are located at:

Somerset Public Library

1425 County Street

&

Somerset Town office Building (Hearing Room)

140 Wood Street.

Animal Information

Animal Control

There is an Officer on-call after normal working hours and on weekends for emergencies only, such as an animal hit by car, vicious animals or a suspect rabid animal. These calls should be reported to the Somerset Police Department at 508-679-2138 and they will dispatch an Animal Officer.

Animal Shelter Hours are by appointment only. Please call 508-679-6446 to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

Dog Licenses

All dogs 6months and older need to be licensed in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws. The licensing is required by March 30th each year. Rabies vaccinations have to be up to date in order to obtain a license. The current fee for a neutered male or a spayed female is $5.00 and $10 for a dog that is not altered.

You can visit our office in person or mail in or utilize our drop box to drop off your current Certificate of Rabies, showing the expiration date of the most recent valid shot and a Spay/Neuter certificate (if applicable), to the Office of the Town Clerk along with the appropriate fee. Checks should be made out to the Town of Somerset. Mail to: Town Clerk's Office 140 Wood Street Somerset, MA 02726

Veteran's Agent

Joshua Rancourt serves as the Veteran's agent for the Town of Somerset. Mr. Rancourt has office hours Monday- Thursday 8 a. m.-4 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Contact 508-646-2827 for additional information or schedule an appointment.

Contact:

Lisa White

Animal Control Officer

Phone: 508-679-6446

Animal Control

Swansea Animal Shelter

68 Stevens Road

Swansea, MA 02777

Important Phone Numbers

For Emergency Dial 911

Fire Department (business)
(508) 646-2810

Police Department (business)
(508) 679-2138

Highway Department
(508) 646-2835

Water Department
(508) 679-2731

Council on Aging
(508) 646-2833

Housing Authority
(508) 672-3348

Trash & Recycling

Transfer Station

Located at: 1263 Brayton Point Road Somerset, MA 02725

Yearly/ Daily Sticker Pass may be purchased at the Highway Department. Stickers must be present in order to access the Transfer Station. Proof of residency and the vehicle registration is required.

Yearly Pass Fee-$25.00

Daily Pass Fee- $10.00

Open on the First Saturday and the Third Saturday of the Month. Starting in April through November.

Trash Information

Information on trash and yard waste can be found on our website under the recycling widget above news and announcements.

Somerset, MA | Official Website

Price of Trash Bags

Town Trash Bags as (July 1, 2025)

Large White Bag (33 gallon) - $3.50 each

Small Yellow Bag (16 gallon) – $2.25 each

More Information

Transfer Station Number

(508) 646- 2835

Places to purchase trash bags

- AUCLAIR'S MARKET
- BUFFINGTON MINI MART CORREIA'S MARKET
- COUNTY FARMS
- CUMBERLAND FARMS
- INDIAN SPRINGS LIQUORS
- LIL' AUDREY'S
- OLDE VILLAGE
- CONV. STORE RED'S QUICK ZONE
- STOP N' SHOP (Somerset)
- SOMERSET COUNTRY STORE
- SOMERSET SUNOCO
- SPEEDWAY
- SAV-ON
- 7 DAYS FOOD MART

Important Community Spaces

Somerset Council on Aging

The Somerset Council on Aging is located on 114 Wood Street, just across from the town office building. All seniors are invited to participate in the Council on Aging Events. Some of the activities include Zumba, Tai Chi with Jamie, Tai-Yo-Ba, Line dancing, movie days, luncheons and much more. If you are interested in their daily activities or monthly events please stop by the Council on Aging Monday through Friday during normal business hours or contact their office.

Somerset Historical Society

The Somerset Historical Society is located in the former Village School and is open March 1st, 2026 Saturdays from 9a.m.-12noon and Thursday Evenings 6 p.m.-8 p.m. or by appointment. By appointment December- February. On display is a varied collection of historical items from Somerset and surrounding communities. For more information please contact: Phone: 508-675-9010 or Email: somersethissoc@gmail.com.

Check out their website: https://somersethistoricalsociety.com/

Somerset Public Library

1464 County Street

Somerset, MA 02726

(508) 646-2829

Visit the library website at: somersetpl@sailsinc.org for upcoming monthly library events.

Contact Information

Council on Aging

(508) 646-2833

Address:

114 Wood Street, Somerset, MA, 02726

Historical Society

Phone Number:

(508) 675-9010

Address:

274 High Street, Somerset, MA 02726

Outdoor Points of Interest

- Pierce Beach & Playground
  Affectionately known as the Home of The Big Red Slide. Pierce Beach is located along the Taunton River which offers a wonderful scenic view and a host of family friendly activities throughout the year, but is fully staffed from Memorial Day through Labor Day with:
  1. Sandy Beach area
  2. Picnic areas with charcoal grills
  3. Basketball Court
  4. Tennis/Pickle ball court
  5. 2 Playgrounds
  6. Little League Baseball Diamond
  7. Concert stage
  8. Canoe/Kayak storage racks for rent
  9. Restrooms
  10. Outdoor Shower
  11. Concession Stand
- Buffinton Park
  Located on Linden St. off of Buffington St. is one of oldest recreational spots in town and recently in the spring of 2025 the old playground was removed and replaced by the town's largest mixed used playgrounds in an open space area. There are walking areas, large area for picnics, and an unofficial area for dogs. Plenty of shade and room for future events.

- Waterfront Park
  The spot on Main St. is probably one of the most scenic sites in Somerset. The area is perfect for fishing, boating and is pet friendly. Located on the site:
  1. Boat Launch
  2. Brand new Pirate Ship Playground
  3. Picnic Areas
  4. Gazebo
  5. Rest Rooms

6. Kayak Storage Shed

- O'Neill Field
  Located on Brayton Point Road is a large softball complex with lights and has recently undergone a transformation of a facility that hosts many events for local leagues and user groups for fundraising.
  The playground on the site was removed from the old Wilbur School in the area and re-installed to keep it in the area for youngsters and families to enjoy along with a recently installed new swing set.
  The site will be renovating an old basketball court later this year.

  Activities include:

  1. Men's Softball League
  2. Flag Football League

Youth baseball and softball tournaments

- South Field Complex

Located on Hot and Cold Lane in the heart of Somerset is a large complex that is the home of Somerset Baseball League and Somerset-Berkley Independent Softball League. The complex has

1. 2 youth softball fields
2. 1 Big League (90') Field
3. 2 Cal Ripken youth fields- 1 of which has lights.
4. New state of the art playground remodeled in 2025
5. Concession Stand on site during baseball/softball season

This is just a few parks highlighted throughout our community. For more information on our parks please reach out to our Playground & Recreation department.

Upcoming Events Playground & Recreation

April 4

Easter Egg Hunt

July 4

Billington 4th of July Race

July 1

July 1st- August 12th Summer Concert Series

Important Announcement

Check out the Playground and Recreation departments' website for more information regarding town events.

Playground & Recreation

Contract:

508 646 2800 ext. 8

Helpful Information

Town Hall Hours: Monday- Thursday 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. - 1p.m.

There is a Town Clerk Drop Box for Town Clerk Business. Located Outside of Town Hall.

Town Census:

- Mailed in Early January. Complete, sign/date form and return to the Town Clerk's office.
- It is very important to respond to the Census, as sending 2nd notices are an added expense to the residents of Somerset.
- Compliance with this state requirement provides proof of residence to protect voting rights, veterans' bonus, housing for the elderly and related benefits.
- **The census from does not register you to vote.**

Town meeting:

- Visit the Towns website (https://www.townofsomerset.org/) for information regarding date and time of a Town meeting.
- Annual Town meeting is the 3rd Monday in May.
- Special Town Meeting-Special Town Meetings are held as necessary and are called for by the Selectmen.
- A copy of the warrant will be posted at: Town Clerk's office, Library, Police Department, Gus' Pizza, Roger's Family Restaurant and the town website.

Voter Registration:

- In order to register to vote you must be at least 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States.
- Voter registration forms are available in our office or online; for information on registering to vote, visit https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx to check your voter status, register to vote, and find your polling place.

Elections:

- All elections for precincts 1-5 are located at Somerset Berkley Regional High School, Student Dining Hall, 625 County Street.
- Annual Town election is the 2nd Monday in April from 12 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- A copy of the warrant will be posted at: Town Clerk's office, Library, Police Department, Gus' Pizza, Roger's Family Restaurant and the town website.

Business Certificates:

- Anyone operating a business in the Town of Somerset should contact the Town Clerk's office or look to our website https://www.townofsomerset.org/326/Other-Services for more information.

Dog Licenses:

- Available January 2nd each year. Proof of rabies certificate is required.
- Fees: Male/ Female $10.00- Spayed/ Neutered $5.00.

Transfer Station/ Trash Information:

- Hours of operation are 8:00am- 12 p.m. Open on the First Saturday and the Third Saturday of the Month. Starting in April through November.
- Transfer station sticker fee: Yearly Pass Fee-$25.00 Daily Pass Fee- $10.00
- Any other question related to the transfer station can be directed to the Highway department (508) 646-2835.
- For more information on Trash, please go to our website (https://www.townofsomerset.org/) and click on the recycling widget above news and announcements.

Veteran's Services:

- For assistance with veteran's services, please contact Joshua Rancourt at (508) 646-2827.

Local News:

- Please follow SATV (https://www.somersetaccesstv.org/satv/) for board/committee meetings, local information and other current events.
- Check out our local newspaper for current events and information follow on Facebook The Somerset Sentinel.