



**State of New Hampshire**  
**Public Employee Labor Relations Board**

**City of Somersworth**

**and**

**Somersworth Professional Administrators' Association,  
Affiliated with International Union of Public Employees, Inc.**

**Case No. G-0248-2**

**&**

**Somersworth Professional Administrators' Association,  
Affiliated with International Union of Public Employees, Inc.**

**and**

**City of Somersworth**

**Case No. G-0248-3**

**Decision No. 2017-098  
(Consolidated Cases)**

**Order**

On October 20, 2016, the City of Somersworth (City) filed a modification petition seeking to remove the positions of Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Public Works Director from the existing bargaining unit. See PELRB Decision No. 2016-228 (October 7, 2016). The Somersworth Professional Administrators' Association, affiliated with International Union of Public Employees, Inc., (Union) objected to the petition.

On November 1, 2016, the Union filed a modification petition seeking to add the following positions to the above mentioned bargaining unit: Recreation Supervisor, Public Works Foreman, Waste Water Supervisor, Water Department Supervisor, Water Distribution Supervisor, Economic Development Supervisor, Property Maintenance Code Officer, Police

Captain, Police Lieutenant, and Human Resource Manager. The City objected to this petition.

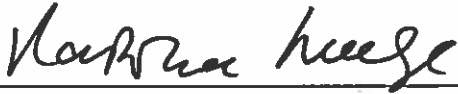
The two cases were consolidated on November 30, 2016. See PELRB Decision No. 2016-279. The adjudicatory hearing was originally scheduled for December 6, 2016 but, at the parties' request, was continued several times.

On April 24, 2017, the parties informed the PELRB that they have reached a settlement and requested a cancellation of the hearing, which was granted. See PELRB Decision No. 2017-074. On June 8, 2017, the parties filed a Joint Agreement/Joint Modification Petition requesting that the PELRB remove the positions of Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Director of Public Works and Utilities from the bargaining unit and add the positions of Code Compliance Officer, Recreation Supervisor, and full-time Economic Development Manager.

The parties' agreement is approved and the consolidated petitions, as modified by the parties' agreement, are granted. A unit modification order shall issue forthwith.

So ordered.

Date: June 12, 2017

  
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