

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020

TIME: 6:00PM

AGENDA

- **6:00PM – ANTICIPATED NON-PUBLIC SESSION REGARDING MCINTYRE RSA 91-A:3 II I**
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WBHn1tLwQjuQoy61rJd1fQ
- I. **6:00PM WORK SESSION – THERE IS NO WORK SESSION THIS EVENING**
- II. **PUBLIC DIALOGUE SESSION [when applicable – every other regularly scheduled meeting] – *POSTPONED***
- III. **CALL TO ORDER [7:00 p.m. or thereafter]**
- IV. **ROLL CALL**
- V. **INVOCATION**
- VI. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- VII. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – MARCH 2, 2020**
- VIII. **RECOGNITIONS AND VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- IX. **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION – (Via Zoom)**
- X. **PUBLIC DIALOGUE SUMMARY [when applicable] – *POSTPONED***
- XI. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND VOTES ON ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS**
 - A. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation from the Water Fund Unrestricted Net Position and from the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund for the Purchase of the Bellamy Reservoir Source Water Protection Land Conservation Easement in the amount of Five Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$574,300.00) is to be appropriated from the Water Fund using \$287,300.00 from unrestricted net position and a grant of up to \$287,000.00 from the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund
 - **PRESENTATION**
 - **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
 - **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**
 - **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

- B. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7.105 C – Designated Motorcycle Parking Area

XII. MAYOR BECKSTED

1. *Citizen Response Task Force Appointments
2. *Osprey Landing JCM Management Company
3. *Cooling Stations

XIII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. ASSISTANT MAYOR SPLAINE

1. Face Coverings or Masks (***Sample motion – move that the City Council respectfully advises residents and visitors to wear face coverings or masks when the social-distancing guideline of six feet or more recommended by the Centers for Disease Control is not possible. To protect their employees and customers, the City Council also respectfully urges all businesses to advise people entering their buildings to wear face coverings or masks as much as is practical when social-distancing guidelines are not possible***)

B. COUNCILOR WHELAN

1. *Update on Islington Street Construction Project

C. COUNCILOR McEACHERN

1. *Report Back on Recreation Board
2. *Outdoor Sidewalk Café License Efficiency (***Sample motion – move to grant City Manager temporary authority to approve sidewalk licenses until October***)

XIV. APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS

1. *Acceptance of Community Development Block Grant - \$533,053.00

XV. CITY MANAGER'S ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION

A. CITY MANAGER CONARD

City Manager's Items Which Require Action:

1. Sidewalk Café License Approvals
 - La Carreta – 172 Hanover Street
 - Tuscan Kitchen – 14 Market Square
2. *Establish June 8th Budget Work Session
3. Summary and Analysis of Bids for the Multi-Purpose Recreation Fields and Stormwater Treatment Project

XVI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Letter from Jay Diener, Seacoast Half Marathon, requesting to hold the 15th annual Seacoast Half Marathon on Sunday, November 8, 2020 (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act***)
- B. Letter from Thomas Haslam, St. John’s Lodge #1 requesting permission to hold the annual St. John’s Sunday Parade on Sunday, June 21, 2020 (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act***)

XVII. PRESENTATIONS & CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

- A. *Presentation by Health Officer Kim McNamara regarding COVID-19 Update
- B. Email Correspondence (***Sample motion – move to accept and place on file***)
- C. Letter from Tom Morgan regarding Floodplain Overlay Zone adopted on December 16, 2019
- D. Letter from Marc Stettner regarding Designated Motorcycle Moped Parking Area

XVIII. CITY MANAGER’S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1. Update from the Public Realm Venues Work Group
- 2. Report Back from Planning Board on Impact Fees
- 3. *Report Back on Little League and Summer Recreation
- 4. Household Hazardous Waste Day

XIX. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS INCLUDING BUSINESS REMAINING UNFINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

XX. ADJOURNMENT [at 10:00 p.m. or earlier]

**KELLI L. BARNABY, MMC/CNHMC
CITY CLERK**

** Indicates verbal report*

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Public Dialogue Session – One Table – March 2, 2020

All members of the City Council were present for the session.

Robin Hussledge said she and her neighborhood have heard nothing regarding the Neighborhood Parking Program. She spoke to the loss of parking spots throughout the neighborhood. She requested a status update on the parking program.

Councilor Whelan said that the Parking, Traffic and Safety Committee will be discussing the Neighborhood Parking Program at an upcoming meeting.

Mayor Becksted said he would like to look at the program and make some changes.

Councilor Whelan said he feels similar to Mayor Becksted and will provide more information soon.

City Manager Conard said that Mayor Becksted and Public Works Director Rice will meet on this matter.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said the next meeting of the neighborhood will be in late March.

Robin spoke on the Pan Am Railroad noise and idling of the trains. She addressed the hazards associated with the idling of trains and the noise pollution it causes. She asked that a representative on the City Council work on this matter.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said the idling is a major issue and the neighborhood group will work on the issue.

Harold Whitehouse spoke regarding artificial turf and the need to think of those playing on the field. He said it is not safe and does not care what other communities do. He said he wants to see a natural turf used.

Tony Coviello said he supports artificial turf fields and said it is about access and kids don't have access to fields and we need new fields. He spoke to the large demand for fields and said that natural turf will not allow for the use as an artificial turf would. He spoke to the limited playing time on natural turf. He advised the City Council that there is misinformation regarding artificial turf and that they need to rely on the experts when seeking information.

Councilor Tabor said in March and April it is important to get the play time in. He said he would like to hear from staff on this matter and if there is a way to get natural grass installed in time

Public Works Director Rice said Weston and Sampson representatives are here to speak to artificial turf versus natural grass.

Councilor Kennedy asked to address how you clean the artificial turf. Mr. Noonan, of Weston and Sampson spoke regarding working on both types of fields. He reported that the grass fields would not be accessible until later in the year and those that have hours of use are in poor shape. He stated that detergent is not used to clean the fields, rather sweeping of the fields is done.

Councilor Huda asked about heat stress on the artificial turf. Mr. Noonan said you do not play on the fields when it is extremely hot and you would not play on a natural field under those conditions as well.

Byron Matto spoke regarding the McIntyre and the Non-Public Session meetings held. He said we need to know as a public what we are asking and does it include suggested impact fees.

Councilor Kennedy said she would like to bring them forward from the Planning Board.

Councilor Whelan said because we are under intent of lawsuit that the Council is working hard and meeting with Redgate/Kane. He spoke to three legal letters coming forward on the McIntyre.

Ian Troost spoke to why use of artificial turf and turf fields provide more use and opportunities for kids. He said the maintenance of a grass field is difficult and takes a great deal of time and commitment. He spoke to the cost benefits of an artificial turf field.

Dave MacDonald said there is some contradiction of documents on the website relative to the McIntyre. He asked if we have the ground lease agreement in any form available to be reviewed.

Deputy City Manager Colbert Puff said there is a draft form of the lease as part of the application dated December 3rd.

The City Council asked for the draft lease dated December 7th be made available on the website.

Lief Harbor, Rye, works with a children's hospital and tests for cancer as part of his job. He said the cancer patterns are not coming from playing on fields. He said the Dutch have studies for types of fields and the kids are not breathing in harsh substances that cause cancer. He stated it is too hasty to say that you need to test all kids using artificial turf fields versus grass.

Recreation and Athletic Director Wilson said one grass field will not provide the playing fields and time we need. He would always take the artificial turf field over grass fields. He spoke to the artificial field being used at the High School and there are rules regarding the temperatures you are allowed to play on the field. He spoke to a recent roof top at a Boston Children's Hospital using crumb rubber for their new constructed playground area for children.

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MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020

PORTSMOUTH, NH
TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Becksted called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Becksted, Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilors McEachern, Whelan, Lazenby, Kennedy, Huda, Tabor and Trace

IV. INVOCATION

Mayor Becksted asked for a moment of silent prayer.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Becksted led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

1. Draft Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit

Deputy City Attorney Woodland and City Engineer Desmarais provided a brief overview and road map of what will be covered during the presentation. Deputy City Attorney Woodland said in order to maintain and improve water quality permit regulations you look at what is discharged from the facilities. She stated the permit limits what the discharge from the pipe is and are operating under the limits on discharge of nitrogen with an impact on stormwater. She said it has non-point sources combination which is an advantage. She spoke to limits and the MS4 permit that regulates discharge of stormwater.

City Engineer Desmarais spoke to the estuary as a whole and the wide load target. He said the total annual nitrogen load target is 100 kilograms/hectare-year. He address structure and reported the following:

- Annual Water Quality Testing Paid by Communities
 - City Responsible for ~30% of Costs
 - No Ability to Adjust Scope and no End
- Robust Program
 - Head of Tide (River Inputs)
 - Continuous Data Sondes Estuary Wide
 - Benthic Organisms and Sediment Surveys
 - Eelgrass Mapping
 - Program Management and Reporting
- Costs estimated >\$1M Annually
 - Portsmouth \$300k to \$500k annually

Deputy City Attorney Woodland said a decision on whether to do a peer review with each of the 12 communities to date have requested a review.

Councilor Kennedy asked City Engineer Desmarais where we are in terms of target. City Engineer Desmarais said we are not meeting the numbers right now and the real challenge is to get to the point where the treatment plant could meet the levels. Councilor Kennedy asked where the CSO's are. City Engineer Desmarais said they are separate from this.

Councilor Trace said reading the permit the CSO's still need to be reported in a designated time frame. She said nitrogen load versus the stormwater abatement program. She read that we had an option to use it if you were not meeting the nitrogen load and that could help with credit towards nitrogen.

City Engineer Desmarais said in terms of permits sets limits that you cannot exceed the stormwater can be offset by treatment.

Councilor McEachern asked about monitoring costs for the 30% in terms of the nitrogen we are expelling into the bay.

Councilor Lazenby said the gap on 100% is that scale. City Engineer Desmarais said the study of the treatment plan is at 70%. He further stated the study is a measured exercise. Councilor Lazenby asked if there would be tracking on this matter. City Engineer Desmarais said yes.

Councilor McEachern asked why Maine is not included in this. City Engineer Desmarais said Maine is a delegating state and the Environmental Protection Agency has a different process.

Councilor Trace asked if we would see a reduction in nitrogen with the upgrades of the plant at Pease. City Engineer Desmarais said we need to look at what level we design to.

VI. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – JANUARY 21, 2020

Assistant Mayor Splaine moved to accept and approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Kennedy and voted.

VII. RECOGNITIONS AND VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORT

There is no recognitions and volunteer committee reports this evening.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

John Ragonese spoke on the bidding and contracting for artificial turf. He said he would like to see the City Council approve the bid process for artificial turf. He spoke to the artificial fields in Spain which there are many that are all over 20 years old. Mr. Ragonese urged the City Council to install the fields with the use of artificial turf.

Craig Welch, Portsmouth Housing Authority spoke to affordable housing provided in the City and the need for more. He reported that there are over 700 families on the waiting list. He spoke to the housing project on Court Street and how that would serve many families in the City.

Tara Kennedy said the City Council puts boards and commissions in place to provide information an asked that the Council trust the recommendations regarding the use of artificial turf.

Tony Coviello said driving by the stump dump is a lack of doing a job to fund the field and now the new version came forward, you have heard from consultants, departments and the City Manager and City groups that all want artificial turf. He asked the Council to get the work done.

Kathy Lynch spoke in favor of the artificial turf field. She has some experience with grass fields over the years with the Portsmouth Little League and the difficulties in using them in adverse weather. She said the play season is significantly impacted by late in the season. Ms. Lynch said every three years you need to remake the fields. She said you must let the fields rest for 6 to 8 weeks and late summer and fall.

Zelita Morgan spoke regarding former City Manager Bohenko's contract and asked if there will be a report on the work and scope of work that is being given to him. She feels he should be enjoying his retirement and it is time to move on. She would like to see the City Council look into the number of consultants and who they are, what they're making and the projects they're working on. Ms. Morgan also spoke in favor of grass fields and suggested having high school students maintain the fields.

Ted Jankowski said he hopes that the Council has reviewed the information provided by him and spoke to the session held last year on artificial turf versus natural fields. He spoke to playability time on natural fields versus artificial turf. He reported that waste from artificial fields are recyclable in Denmark.

Tracy Stewart spoke in support of natural fields and said engineer grass can be on-line in the same time as artificial turf. She reviewed the information from the consultants and gave her opinion regarding the use of crumb rubber.

Valerie Rochon, Chamber of Commerce, spoke regarding supporting local businesses and events that are enjoyed by the community. She has a 7 person full time staff that works with marketing and tourism. She spoke to the grant the City has supplied in support of tourism.

Byron Matto spoke to impact fees and suggested that they are not a remedy. He also spoke regarding affordable homes in the City and the current number of vacant homes. He stated that a change in zoning would be impactful and suggested the Council consider that for the future.

IX. PUBLIC DIALOGUE SUMMARY

Councilor Kennedy gave a brief summary of the topics discussed during the Public Dialogue Session which were McIntyre and Turf Fields.

Councilor Kennedy requested that the December 7, 2019 version of the Ground Lease be placed on the website for the public to review.

Councilor McEachern moved to suspend the rules to take up Item XIV. A.3. – Direction Re: New Athletic Fields. Seconded by Councilor Tabor and voted.

XIV. A.3. Direction Re: New Athletic Fields

City Manager Conard spoke to bidding the project by the end of this month. She spoke to the study which shows fields are safe for use. She reported that bids would look at alternate natural materials for fields. She stated staff will bring back the choice of infill and bring forward the matter of wastewater treatment facility. She advised the Council to date \$507,000.00 has been spent on the project.

Councilor Lazenby moved to direct the City Manager to proceed with bidding the current design for synthetic turf fields, with bid alternates related to the type of infill. Seconded by Councilor McEachern.

Councilor Tabor said he would like to fill the gap we have for playing fields. He said we are in need of additional fields and we should move forward.

Councilor Kennedy said is there a study to look at grass fields by the City. She said some parents are concerned with artificial turf and that needs to be considered. She said currently the numbers are 50% in favor and 50% opposed to the project.

Recreation and Athletic Director Wilson said a needs study recommended the City install 3 to 4 artificial turf fields because that would equal 8 to 12 grass fields. He spoke to the artificial field at the high school and said that was the best decision the City made to install that field. The field is used 16 hours a day year round. He provide statistics on the number of artificial fields in the State and said every ivory league school uses artificial turf and currently UNH is installing a new artificial turf field. He urged the City Council to move this matter forward and support the installation of artificial turf.

Councilor Trace said there are people that are afraid to come forward because of the passion you have for artificial turf fields. She said we need to see and hear from families on both sides of this issue and they cannot feel intimidated.

Councilor McEachern asked about the process if we don't bid by the end of March we don't get the fields. She said does bidding compel us to move forward with the project. He said you don't want to put it out and then pull the project back. He said you can do bid alternates and award the contracts. He asked what other infill will be put in the bid. Public Works Director Rice said walnut shell and chrum rubber.

Councilor Lazenby said he appreciates the input and the last session and the input has been going on for years. He said many people have put a great deal of time and effort into this matter. He said natural turf has environmental impact in maintaining and argue that is not as good for our environment. He stated there are people that said we need to trust in our boards. He said it is time to move forward with this project.

Councilor Kennedy asked Public Works Director Rice has there been a report done on the turf versus natural fields. Public Works Director Rice said an evaluation that was done on fields and their work supported the decision to move forward. Councilor Kennedy asked about walnut shells and other information to provide to residents. She asked if we could put in the RFP on disposal that the person that puts the field in would need to remove it at the end of its life cycle. Public Works Director Rice said many things change in the life cycle of the field.

Deputy City Attorney Woodland said she reviewed the bid documents and said you do not want to separate the field and wastewater treatment facility in terms of disposal. She said they are different vendors and the disposal would be a different price. She said things change a great deal over time.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said he wanted to revisit the artificial turf versus natural fields. He said we have learned a lot in the last 50 years.

Tracy Stewart spoke to the need for grass professional on natural turf and maintenance.

Councilor McEachern said he would like to see bid alternates more around the life cycles and understand the crumb rubber. He said he is glad that we have brought the PFAS issue into the conversation.

Mayor Becksted passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Splaine.

Mayor Becksted thanked everyone coming out on this issue. He said we have spent \$500,000.00 on the discussion of this matter. He said we have not added a field in the last 37 years. He stated we do not have the room or capacity to add grass fields. Mayor Becksted asked the City Council to approve this and give the City what it has been begging for.

Assistant Mayor Splaine return the gavel to Mayor Becksted.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said he wants to see more playing fields and we can't compare apples with oranges and the natural grass fields done correctly will be used more than hundred times per year.

Councilor Kennedy said she feels there are many concerns and what we are putting in a request for proposals.

Councilor Kennedy moved to bring the original motion back at the March 16, 2020 City Council meeting and have information on this matter placed on the website in a usable format. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Splaine.

Councilor Kennedy said she would like the matter of disposable put into the request for proposals. She said we are still meeting the deadline.

Public Works Director Rice said we would come back on selection of final material.

Councilor Kennedy said once we put the bid out we are saying we are ready to move forward. She asked if alternate infills will be put in the bid.

On a roll call 4-5, motion to amend failed to pass. Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilors Whelan, Kennedy and Huda voted in favor. Councilors McEachern, Lazenby, Tabor, Trace and Mayor Becksted voted opposed.

Councilor Trace requested exact specifications on the number of fields the City would like to have and there locations with a report back from staff on the feasibility on the Route 33 location being a natural grass field along with the cost associated.

Public Works Director said it was not part of this approach but is part of the Capital Improvement Plan in 2026.

Councilor Lazenby spoke in favor of moving ahead with the project.

Councilor Whelan said the money is in the budget.

On a roll call 5-4, voted to pass the original motion to direct the City Manager to proceed with bidding the current design for synthetic turf fields, with bid alternates related to the type of infill. Councilors McEachern, Lazenby, Tabor, Trace and Mayor Becksted voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilor Whelan, Kennedy and Huda voted opposed.

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND VOTES ON ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

Public Hearing and Adoption of Elderly Exemption

A. RESOLUTION AND ADOPTION OF ELDERLY EXEMPTION

- **PRESENTATION** (*Presentation was held at the February 18, 2020 City Council meeting*)
- **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
- **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**
- **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

Assistant Mayor Splaine left the dais for the discussion and vote on this matter.

City Manager Conard said the presentation was given at the February 18, 2020 Council meeting.

Mayor Becksted read the legal notice and declared the public hearing open and called for speakers. With no speakers Mayor Becksted declared the public hearing closed.

Councilor Tabor moved to adopt the Elderly Exemption, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Whelan and voted. Assistant Mayor Splaine recused from the vote.

B. RESOLUTION AND ADOPTION OF DISABLED EXEMPTION

- **PRESENTATION** (*Presentation was held at the February 18, 2020 City Council meeting*)
- **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
- **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**
- **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

Mayor Becksted read the legal notice and declared the public hearing open and called for speakers. With no speakers Mayor Becksted declared the public hearing closed.

Councilor McEachern moved to adopt the Disabled Exemption, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Kennedy and voted. Assistant Mayor Splaine recused from the vote.

XI. MAYOR BECKSTED

1. Appointments to be Considered:
 - Reappointment of Barbara McMillan to the Conservation Commission
 - Reappointment of William Townsend to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Reappointment of John Simon to the Peirce Island Committee

- Appointment of Kara Rodeneizer to the Portsmouth Housing Authority
- Reappointment of Robin Pickering to the Portsmouth Housing Authority – Resident Member
- Appointment of David Cosgrove to the Citywide Neighborhood Committee
- Appointment of Mark Syracuse to the Citywide Neighborhood Committee

The City Council considered the reappointments and appointments that will be voted on at the March 16, 2020 City Council meeting.

2. Reappointments to be Voted:
 - Reappointment of Lisa Louttit to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Reappointment of Richard Smith to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Reappointment of Francesca Fernald to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Reappointment of Harold Whitehouse to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Reappointment of John McVay to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Reappointment of Marc Stettner to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Reappointment of Steven Marison to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Reappointment of Stephen Philp to the Peirce Island Committee

Councilor Kennedy moved to approve all the reappointments to the Peirce Island Committee until December 31, 2021. Seconded by Councilor McEachern and voted.

XII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. COUNCILOR McEACHERN

1. Creation of Subcommittee Re: Align Tourism Interest for the Betterment of Portsmouth

Councilor McEachern moved the creation of a Subcommittee comprised of 2 Council members and 4 members of the hospitality industry and 1 member from the Economic Development Commission selected by the Mayor with the addition of a City staff member and approved by the Council to discuss opportunities to align tourism interests for the betterment of Portsmouth with the meetings being posted and open to the public. Seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

Councilor McEachern said the hotel industry reached out on a room fee and a need to better align the City and hotels. He said it is a great step and we should continue the conversation. He said he feels that the Chamber of Commerce should be added to the Committee. He said this goes with the goal to reach out to other communities and continue the dialogue.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said that this is something that could work and a room fee would benefit them on a local basis.

Councilor Lazenby said he would recuse from the vote because he is an employee of the hotel industry.

Councilor Kennedy would like to see Economic Development Commission member be added to the Committee. She also indicated that there is no staff member from the City on the Committee and perhaps there should be.

City Manager Conard said she would to have Nancy Carmer from the staff serve on the Committee.

Councilor Trace said she offers full support with Councilor McEachern's idea.

Motion passed with Councilor Lazenby recusing from the vote.

B. COUNCILOR WHELAN

1. Parking and Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the February 6, 2020 meeting

Councilor Whelan moved to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the February 6, 2020 Parking & Traffic Safety Committee meeting. Seconded by Councilor McEachern and voted. Councilor Kennedy voted opposed.

2. Request for First Reading Amendment to Designated Motorcycle Parking Area Ordinance

Councilor Whelan reported on the request by Parking, Traffic & Safety for a designated motorcycle parking area in the downtown area.

Councilor Whelan moved to bring back ordinance for first reading at the March 16, 2020 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Trace and voted.

3. McIntyre Subcommittee Report

Councilor Whelan reported that two meetings of the McIntyre Subcommittee were held with Redgate/Kane and there was a 30 minute public comment session after which the Subcommittee entered into a Non-Public Session. He spoke to the goals which are open space, public benefit and reduction of mass density, protect views and bring the Post Office back.

Councilor Tabor said we are concerned with wanting to know as much as possibly but it is tricky where we are under threat of litigation. He reported that the Redgate/Kane wants them to be economical neutral.

City Attorney Sullivan said Redgate/Kane would be willing to discuss matters with the City Council as long as they do not lose economic benefit.

Assistant Mayor Splaine thanked Mayor Becksted for the work on this matter. He said he is committed to revisit McIntyre. He said this is the approach of the Subcommittee and City Council. He stated Redgate/Kane knows we need to make modifications to avoid a law suit. He said he would prefer to continue the dialogue and that a law suit not be initiated.

Mayor Becksted passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Splaine.

Mayor Becksted said the City Council will provide all information when the City Council is able. He stated the public will be included in the process and this is still a collaboration and negotiation.

Assistant Mayor Splaine returned the gavel to Mayor Becksted.

Councilor Whelan said the Subcommittee wants to move this matter forward and work with partners on this.

Councilor Lazenby asked what the next steps are.

Councilor Whelan said schedule another meeting with Redgate/Kane and address economic neutrality.

Councilor McEachern said we want to create a time line a present that to the developer and make the public aware of the process. We want to create a process that the public could be involved with.

Councilor Trace said it has been a pleasure to work together on the Subcommittee. We remain committed to working together and with Redgate/Kane to come up with a project that provides benefits to residents of the City. She stated we need to address economic neutrality, avoid a law suit and get what we can for the City.

Councilor Tabor said the City Council is not looking to have litigation, and the best way to avoid litigation is to stay in dialogue and work on a better project.

At 9:50 p.m., Mayor Becksted called for a brief recess. At 10:00 p.m. Mayor Becksted declared the meeting back to order.

C. COUNCILOR LAZENBY

1. Motion to Rescind

Councilor Lazenby moved to Rescind the motion from the January 28, 2020 City Council meeting to “take action and not approve, we deny the current draft form of the Ground Lease dated December 7th, written for use between the City of Portsmouth and SoBow Square, LLC also known as Redgate/Kane. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Splaine.

Councilor Lazenby said he appreciates the work of the Subcommittee and after the 30 day deadline it is important to reduce risk for our taxpayers. He stated the result would not be to approve the ground lease and nothing would preclude the City Council to vote opposed to the ground lease at a later date. He would like to hear from the City Manager on this matter.

City Manager Conard said that it would be the goal of staff and City Council to avoid litigation at all cost.

Councilor Lazenby said he feels rescinding the vote would move us further away from litigation.

Assistant Mayor Splaine expressed his concerns regarding this matter.

City Attorney Sullivan said if Redgate/Kane sees things like we are working together to reach a model development and working in good faith the recession of the ground lease were to be rescinded that is a positive action and moves us further away from litigation. He said if the motion was to fail it would move us closer to a law suit.

Assistant Mayor Splaine moved to postpone the motion. Seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said it allows to revisit this matter at another time. He stated the issue of economic neutrality he supports. He said he supports the motion to rescind but he does not know if the City Council would be willing to do that right now. Assistant Mayor Splaine said we are doing everything to be proactive and we really want to have the dialogue.

Councilor Lazenby said he appreciates where Assistant Mayor Splaine is coming from, we are not in the same place we were two weeks ago. He asked City Attorney Sullivan if a vote to rescind is being more positive. City Attorney Sullivan said a positive vote would be better. Councilor Lazenby asked the City Council to avoid a risk.

On a 8-1 roll call, motion to postpone passed. Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilors McEachern, Whelan, Kennedy, Huda, Tabor, Trace and Mayor Becksted voted in favor. Councilor Lazenby voted opposed.

2. Coordinated Response to Substance Misuse – 2020 Action Plan

Councilor Lazenby provided a status update on the Coordinated Response to Substance Misuse – 2020 Action plan. He stated the funding for the work in the facility was provided by the Rotary and City of Portsmouth. He reported that 5 task forces will be meeting over the next year and some major things addressed regionally and country wide to identify what the needs are. Councilor Lazenby indicated the Steering Committee will continue to work and know that funding considers to be a challenge. He advised the City Council that Seacoast Mental Health is providing a grant in the amount of \$18,000.00.

Councilor McEachern said this is truly great work and that you received funding as an Advisory Board. Discussion followed regarding the membership and the issue of substance misuse.

D. COUNCILOR KENNEDY

1. Creation of a Policy/Procedure to state the following – Any Contract with a value of \$10,000.00 or more will come in front of the Portsmouth City Council for a vote

Councilor Kennedy said she has been bringing forward ideas to look at the budget and people are concerned with the affordability of living here. She wanted to look at other options and think of ways of saving funds and having the City Council more involved. She said she placed two items on the agenda and will be removing the impact fees. She would like to put it on right now with information written but her written information was not included into the packet. She indicated she would like boards to provide information and we will revisit it at the next meeting in March. She is asking to look at any contract with a value of \$10,000.00 or more to come in front of the City Council for a vote.

Councilor Kennedy moved to first reading at the March 16, 2020 City Council meeting to amend the current ordinance requiring any contract with a value of \$10,000.00 or more will come in front of the Portsmouth City Council for a vote. Seconded by Councilor Huda.

Councilor Kennedy said there are million going towards contracted services and we are worried. She spoke to the Executive Council looking at contracts over \$10,000.00.

Councilor Lazenby asked City Attorney Sullivan or City Manager Conard how you view the motion by Charter or Ordinance.

City Manager Conard said a report back would be done and she looks forward to sharing concerns on this matter. She said it creates issues some related to the Charter and some Ordinance related. She said there is a function divide between the City Council and City Manager, between the Finance Director and City Manager to suggest the motion take effect would be an issue. She indicated we understand that the Governor and Executive Councilor act under different regulations and rules from the State of New Hampshire.

Councilor McEachern said he would like to see the effects of changes in light of the work we have done.

Councilor Huda said maybe we could just approve the authorization amount by data. She said we are looking at cost expenditures for Human Resources, Planning, IT, Spinnaker Point that were for furniture and fixtures. She asked how this happened if the money was not appropriated.

Finance Director Belanger said during the budget process a resolution is adopted for the budget which is a line item budget. She indicated no department head can over expend their budget however, line items maybe over spent but the bottom line is not going over budget.

Councilor McEachern said he would like to learn about the procurement process as broadly as possible.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said Councilor Kennedy's moved to have a first reading.

Councilor Kennedy said she supports the non-interference clause and the protection to make sure that no one has 10 bosses and we need to go through the City Manager to speak with a staff member. She said she does not see any issues with voting for first reading to have a discussion and learn from other communities.

Councilor Tabor said the Executive Council and Governor is an Executive Branch and in our City the City Council is not the executive function, we are more like a legislature and dealing with the number of contracts would not be its role. He stated he would not support the approach as we are a deliberative body.

Mayor Becksted passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Splaine.

Mayor Becksted said as we get closer to the budget and contracts to him mean consulting. He said the cost of consultants would be for the City Council to decide and he would like oversight on the larger contracts.

City Manager Conard said she hears the concerns and she would like to provide Requests for Qualifications and Requests for Proposals and bids we have in mind. She said there is a level of transparency and trust to show her as City Manager. If there is a question of a consultant we would answer those.

Councilor Trace said she understands where Councilor Kennedy and City Manager Conard are coming from the report on consultants and attorney outside fees and had nothing to do with the current City Manager it had everything to do with how the City was run last year. She stated when you look at the long list and money spent.

Councilor Kennedy said she would like to see more options and transparencies. She said the residents need to see a break in taxes and the elderly need us to raise the elderly exemption so they can stay in their homes. She would like to review the RFP's we need to find a way to not cut programs. She would like to look at every position.

Councilor Kennedy withdrew the motion and Councilor Huda agreed.

Councilor Kennedy moved to suspend the rules and continue the meeting beyond 10:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Whelan and voted.

E. COUNCILOR HUDA

1. Discuss the Annual Budget Process for the Benefit of the Residents – Purpose, Timing, Results, and Relationship to Property Taxes

Councilor Huda discussed the budget and spoke to the City Council setting the guidelines and reviewed the process. She asked what it means if a surplus goes back into the general fund and who decides where to apply the surplus.

City Manager Conard said we could provide information and a report back at a later time.

Finance Director Belanger explained what happens with a surplus and spoke to fund balance, assigned and unassigned. She advised if you look at \$15 million essentially since 2017 through end year 2019 fund balance has been reduced by \$1.5 million. She said we have used \$16 million to offset the taxes. She indicated that you less the money and long term financial planning and if you use the fund balances by which you would then need to replenish it.

Councilor Kennedy asked why we have fund balances. Finance Director Belanger said that the government accounting you have to hold assets and liabilities and financial statements you would not have zero fund balances and this is current resources and \$15 million would not cover all liabilities in debt services if something was to happen.

Councilor Trace said each year some general fund is sent out into other specialized funds. Finance Director Belanger said general fund is where your property tax is when you have a surplus everything is under the general fund. She further stated it is in every budget work session and fund balance is voted to offset the tax rate.

Councilor McEachern said department heads provide estimates and if they are efficient it goes to fund balance. He asked if there was any way to highlight on a tax bill to show the savings.

2. Final Review and Discussion of Proposed F221 Budget Guidelines

Councilor Kennedy moved to adopt Councilor Huda's FY21 Annual Budget Guidance. Seconded by Councilor Trace.

FY21 Annual Budget Guidance

- ***To build a culture of cost management among all employees while maintaining the integrity and quality of life in Portsmouth.***
- ***To create a fy21 budget that is flat to the fy19 actual spending.***
- ***Implement zero-based budgeting. (modified model)***
- ***Where all line item expenses not associated with salaries & benefits shall start at zero and be justified by the department.***
- ***The following is the definition of zero-based budgeting:***
- ***A repeatable process that organizations use to:***
 - ***Review every dollar in the annual budget.***
 - ***Manage financial performance on monthly basis.***
 - ***Implement a culture of cost management among all employees.***
- ***To support a new financial transparency and assist the council in making informed decisions on the budget. The following format changes are requested:***
- ***All departmental expenses associated with each cost center should include all personnel & other costs associated with that cost center. The goal being too quickly identify the "total cost to run each cost center". The following is an example of this point:***
 - ***For police, add the cost center "police dept. Benefits" into the detective, general patrol, administration, etc. Not to be shown as a separate cost center.***
 - ***For the school department show each school separately & the total expense to run that school.***
 - ***To include the salaries & benefits of all employees associated with that school and the expenses related to the other instructional budgets. (I.e. art, music, tech careers, athletics, etc.)***
 - ***The administrative costs that support all schools known as "central office" should be identified separately.***
- ***As we move through the budget presentations, we request the implementation of a consistent format of prior year budget dollars you requested, the actual dollars you spent for that year, then your fy21 budget dollar request***
- ***A few cost saving opportunities are:***
- ***Implementing central purchasing that includes all city departments.***
- ***Setting a dollar limit on office supplies, miscellaneous supplies & general supplies per department.***
- ***Central purchasing of all furniture & fixtures and cell phones.***
- ***Implementing a coordinated citywide vehicle sharing program among departments, where possible.***

- ***A coordinated effort to cost share needed software security upgrades and ADA compliance requirements among various departments.***

Assistant Mayor Splaine said the guidelines are excellent and in 1971 Richard C. Levy served on the City Council with Councilor Paul McEachern and Richard was known as the levy curve to turn the budget back a bit. He said if he suggested then we would have seen more oversight and careful evaluation of the budget.

Councilor Lazenby said he has concerns on some of the items and the change for our staff and government.

Councilor Kennedy said Assistant Mayor Splaine is not the only one with history. She said Peter Weeks provided an article in 1996 regarding City Council adopted a zero base budget. She said we need to look at this problem again and make a difference on how much that we have to pay to live in the City.

City Manager Conard said we are meeting the intent with many bullets. She is concerned with bullet #2 we would need to cut services and could not achieve to meet the objective and have to make significant cuts and the City Council would need to provide guidance.

Councilor McEachern said we could look at what was submitted and bring forward two to three versions and speak to reductions in the budget to meet the objective would be significant cuts and needed guidance because we need a policy directive from the City Council.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said what if we cut the budget by 5%, what that would mean and what would be cut. He said the City Council could make decisions for entire concepts and encourage department heads to be as efficient as possible. He stated there are always ways to make cuts and the guidance is to challenge our administrators to be as efficient as possible.

Councilor McEachern said if it would be better to provide FY19 actuals.

Finance Director Belanger said the CPI going from 20 to 21 is 2.1%. She said contracts have increases over 2%.

Councilor McEachern asked would it be easier to get non-salaries and benefits adjusted to fiscal year it is a way to bring transparency to the budget process and limited to non-salaries employees and benefits.

City Manager Conard said we can show many of the scenarios and you would have all the information but understand we will show it, but not recommend it.

Councilor McEachern said we have an allocation of where the money is going.

Motion passed. Councilor Lazenby voted opposed.

XIV CITY MANAGER'S ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION

A. CITY MANAGER CONARD

1. Adoption of Proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) FY2021-2026

City Manager Conard said the public hearing was held on January 18, 2020 and copies of the plans were available to the public for review and the proposed budget will be made available April 24, 2020.

Councilor Lazenby moved to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Seconded by Councilor Tabor.

Councilor Huda said she would like to see what the cost of a project makes up. She said these are all for infrastructure that need to be done.

Motion passed.

2. Proposed Resolution to Request Peer Review of the Great Bay Total Nitrogen Permit

City Manager Conard said the presentation was held on this matter and we would join the other 9 communities on the resolution. She said we have been extended for a month.

Councilor Kennedy asked what is the cost for us to join the 9 communities

Deputy City Attorney Woodland said much of the back-up shows the Committee has not engaged Hall & Associates. She said we are not joining anything we are not part of a coalition, we have common interest. She indicated we are getting Attorney Taylor it is the City Council's call.

Councilor Lazenby moved to adopt the proposed resolution to request a peer review of the draft General Permit, and advise the Governor and regulators of the request in accordance with its term. Seconded by Councilor McEachern.

Councilor Kennedy expressed concerns regarding the bay. She said she does not want to do anything to make the bay better than it is today we need to put the environment first.

Deputy City Attorney Woodland said it is based on the best interest of the bay. She said the staff is committed to the resilience of the Great Bay.

Councilor Tabor said he supports the motion and it is smart to do this.

Councilor Lazenby appreciates the manner of drafting the resolution. He appreciates looking at environment concerns.

Councilor Trace echoed Councilor Kennedy opinions.

Motion passed.

4. Council Rules – Order of Business

City Manager Conard reviewed the memorandum regarding this matter.

Assistant Mayor Splaine moved to amend Rues #7 – Order of Business as outlined in the City Manager’s memorandum dated February 27, 2020. Seconded by Councilor Whelan.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said he wants to see comments to come earlier.

Councilor Kennedy said we are still able to do presentations at first reading.

Motion passed.

XV. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Kennedy asked to remove Item B. – Acceptance of Easements for 60 Penhallow Street (Brick Market) from the Consent Agenda.

- A. Letter from Richard Mason, Veterans Count, requesting permission to hold the Veteran’s Count 5k Road Race on Saturday, July 4, 2020 (***Anticipated action – moved to refer to the City Manager with authority to act***)

Councilor Kennedy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Splaine and voted.

- B. Acceptance of Easements for 60 Penhallow Street (Brick Market)

City Manager Conard reported on January 16, 2020, the Planning Board granted site plan review approval for an application from Dagny Taggart,, LLC for property located on Daniel Street (aka 60 Penhallow Street) for the second part of the proposed Brick Market development to construct a new four-story commercial building with a footprint of 17,200 square feet and 59,600 feet square feet of gross floor area.

She indicated this building is part of the Brick Market development project that also includes 3 Pleasant Street and 30 Penhallow Street, all of which are owned by the project proponent. The total combined lot area for these properties is 1.12 acres.

Per Section 10.5A.43.33 of the Zoning Ordinance, a development that is not located in an incentive overlay district and that contains at least one acre of lot area shall be allowed an additional story in height (up to 10 feet) if at least 20% of the property is assigned and improved as community space. The building height requirement in this zoning district is three stories or 40’. The project as approved by the Planning Board has a building height of 39’, but is four stories. Therefore, the project must include a minimum of 20% of community space, which must have permanent deeded access to the City. In November 2019, the City Council accept easements dedicating 20% of the total project area as deeded community space. No further action is required by the City Council on this item.

In addition to approval for an increase in the number of stories, the 60 Penhallow Street project was granted a conditional use permit by the Planning Board to exceed the maximum building footprint

allowed by 2,200 square feet (17,200 where 15,000 is the maximum allowed). Per Section 10.5A43.43 of the Zoning Ordinance, for a building that contains either ground floor parking, a parking garage, or underground parking levels the Planning Board may grant a conditional use permit to allow a building footprint of up to 30,000 square feet in the CD4 District if all of the following criteria are met:

- a. No story above ground floor parking shall be greater than 20,000 square feet.
- b. All ground floor parking areas shall be separated from any public or private street by a liner building.”
- c. At least 50% of the gross floor area of the ground floor shall be dedicated to parking.*
- d. At least 30% of the property shall be assigned and improved as community space required under 20.5A46.20. The size, location, and type of the community space shall be determined by the Planning Board based on the size and location of the development, and the proposed and adjacent uses.
- e. The development shall comply with all applicable standards of the ordinance and the City’s land use regulations.

**Items b) and c) apply only when ground floor parking is proposed as part of the development. In this case, the project is proposing underground parking.*

Per item d) above, the Planning Board conditional use permit approval requires an additional 10% of community space above the 20% previously approved for this project. The total community space required for this project as approved by the Planning Board is shown on the enclosed plans and is described in the enclosed easement deeds. The plan enclosed shows all of the community space areas described in the enclosed easement deeds. The plan enclosed shows all of the community space areas color-coded by community space type. As there are three separate easement deeds required.

In addition to the community space easements, the project as approved by the Planning Board includes four areas where the upper story of the building will encroach into the City’s right-of-way and therefore require an easement. These four locations are shown on the second plan enclosed.

All of the forgoing has been approved by the Planning Board and is recommended by the Planning & Legal Departments.

The City Council is required to accept any easements for which the City is a grantor or grantee.

Councilor Kennedy asked about the public benefit.

Planning Director Juliet Walker said there are two type of easements. She stated the community space easements are part of the Zoning Ordinance to receive density of the requirement in the ordinance. She spoke to conditional use permits and different types associated. She indicated the community space would have access to the open space. She said the encroachment is the overhanging and what the Historic District Commission approved to projected out into the sidewalk.

Councilor McEachern said the easement is required because of what the Historic District Commission wanted.

Planning Director Walker said it is what was approved by the Historic District Commission.

Councilor Lazenby moved to grant authority for the City Manager to accept the easement deeds and plans for community space and building encroachment in a form similar to those as provided in the City Manager's comments dated February 27, 2020. Seconded by Councilor Tabor.

Mayor Becksted passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Splaine.

Mayor Becksted said he would not support the motion because views will be lost.

Assistant Mayor Splaine moved to allow the comments by Attorney FX Buioton. Seconded by Councilor Whitehouse and voted.

Attorney FX said we are looking at the City Council view limited and there are protections in place and not looking at defacto review. He provided context on the easement. He said it is to build footprint not for building height.

Councilor Lazenby said that is not our role to approve the project but look at the easements.

Councilor McEachern said what happens if we do not approve the easements.

City Attorney Sullivan said in other to get development benefits the developer has to come for developer would not use the.

Councilor McEachern asked if we did not accept the easements the policy decisions have been met.

FX said there is a case in Concord there was approval by Planning Board related to utilities and tried to look at reviewing the Planning Board decisions. He stated in the case there looking at the costs in the case the developer agreed to pay all the costs. He said these are standard deeds and the developer assumes all costs. He said it is something the City does and the previous City Council did.

City Attorney Sullivan said he would look up the case.

Councilor Kennedy said we are asked to vote on a grant permission for easements is community space because the developer is going beyond the map of the building.

Councilor McEachern said he does not believe our role can take into account the savings of the building or anything the Historic District Commission has approved. He is concerned with us over stepping the role of the Planning Board. He said this opens us up to a host of liability issues. He said he is concerned with City Council speaking against this process in the past and the vote was not accepted as a community benefit.

Councilor Whelan said we look at community spaces and make sure it stays open for the public spaces to be used by the public.

Mayor Becksted passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Splaine.

Mayor Becksted said Councilor Kennedy spoke on the issue. He stated if we can be for or against something this is a large building in the center of the City.

Assistant Mayor Splaine returned the gavel to Mayor Becksted.

Councilor Trace said she spoke to the project as a citizen and she agrees with Councilor Whelan and the Planning Department and Planning Board and we may not like the decisions and accept the public benefit for the residents of the City.

Councilor Lazenby said if we vote no we are not accepting public community space.

City Attorney Sullivan said in terms of assuring the public gets to use the space the Planning Department and the Legal Department spent time on these documents and the developer is meeting the criteria of the City.

On a unanimous roll call 9-0, motion passed.

XVI. PRESENTTION & CONSIDERATIO OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- A. Email Correspondence

Councilor Lazenby moved to accept and place on file. Seconded by Councilor Whitehouse and voted.

- B. Letter from Steve Hillman, PHS Lacrosse Coach supports a tuft field

Councilor Lazenby moved to accept and place on file. Seconded by Councilor Kennedy and voted.

- C. Letter from Jeff Johnston regarding a reasonable hospitality tax, but disagree with legislation as it is currently proposed

Councilor McEachern moved to accept and place on file. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Splaine and voted.

XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS INCLUDING BUSINESS REMAINING UNFINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

City Manager Conard spoke on the COVID-19 and stated she will provide a link to the CDC site and everyone is on top of this matter.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said he has been watching the information on this matter and this could be a serious issue. He stated some communities are providing local guidance and he would like the City Manager to coordinate with schools and travel policy and Fire and what Recreation there are. He said as we need to get on top of this matter as it could affect tourism and work to get a news release out.

Councilor McEachern asked if working from home could keep City staff more safe and make them aware of that.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:15 a.m., Councilor McEachern moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Whitehouse and voted.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelli L. Barnaby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

KELLI L. BARNABY, MMC/CNHMC
CITY CLERK

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Portsmouth City Council on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers, Municipal Complex, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH on a Resolution authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation from the Water Fund Unrestricted Net Position and from the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund for the Purchase of the Bellamy Reservoir Source Water Protection Land Conservation Easement. The complete Resolution is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk and Portsmouth Public Library, during regular business hours.

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**CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020**

RESOLUTION # -

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE WATER FUND UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION AND FROM THE NH DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER TRUST FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BELLAMY RESERVOIR SOURCE WATER PROTECTION LAND CONSERVATION EASEMENT.

RESOLVED: **BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSEMBLED AS FOLLOWS:**

THAT, the City Council has determined that the sum of up to **Five Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand, Three Hundred (\$574,300) Dollars** is to be appropriated from the Water Fund using \$287,300 from unrestricted net position and a grant of up to \$287,000 from the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (DWGTF) to defray the expenditures related to purchase of the Bellamy Reservoir Source Water Protection Land Conservation Easement for the Fiscal Year ending in June 30, 2020.

THAT, to meet this appropriation, the City Manager is authorized to transfer these funds from the Water Fund Unrestricted Net Position.

APPROVED BY:

**_____
RICK BECKSTED, MAYOR**

**ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL
DATE**

**_____
KELLI BARNABY, CMC/CNHMC
CITY CLERK**

SECTION 7.14-AMENDMENTS TO BUDGET AFTER ADOPTION

No appropriation shall be made for any purpose not included in the annual budget as adopted unless voted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Council after a public hearing held to discuss said appropriation. The Council shall, by resolution, designate the source of any money so appropriated.

City of Portsmouth

Department of Public Works



MEMORANDUM

TO: KAREN CONARD, CITY MANAGER

CC: BRIAN GOETZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

FROM: AL PRATT, WATER RESOURCE MANAGER

DATE: APRIL 28, 2020

SUBJECT: BELLAMY SOURCE PROTECTION EASEMENT – DUFFY PROPERTY

The City's Water Division has been actively identifying and protecting properties adjacent to the City's surface water supply, the Bellamy Reservoir (see attached map). The City has partnered with Southeast Land Trust (SELT) for the negotiation, due diligence, installment payments of the Purchase Price, and completion of a conservation easement on an approximately 107-acre portion of the Property owned by Mary Ellen Duffy ('Duffy Property' on the attached map) in order to benefit the protection of one of the City's primary water supplies.

The Property was appraised by McManus & Nault Appraisal Company, Inc. in 2019. A conceptual build-out analysis was also performed to assist with the valuation. Their analysis resulted in development potential for between 6 and 13 house lots on the property. The estimated value of the whole parcel without an easement was \$730,000. The value of this parcel was also appraised with an easement on all but 5 acres that will remain as a buildable lot, and this amount was estimated as \$200,000. Thus, the value of the conservation easement was identified to be \$530,000.

In addition to the value of the conservation easement of \$530,000, there are costs for the property survey, conservation easement preparation, an environmental site assessment and baseline documentation that are estimated by Southeast Land Trust as \$44,300. The total cost for the acquisition of the conservation easement on 107 acres is \$574,300. Grant funding for up to \$287,000 from the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (DWGTF) has been approved by the DWGTF Advisory Commission (see attached letter) leaving a balance of \$287,300 to be paid for by the Water Fund. In order to meet the total appropriation of \$574,300 for the purchase of the easement, a supplemental appropriation from the Water Fund using \$287,300 from unrestricted net position and a grant of up to \$287,000 from the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund for a total of \$574,300 would need to be approved by the City Council following a public hearing.

The subject parcel is ranked as the second most valuable parcel with respect to protection of the Bellamy Reservoir based on an assessment of abutting parcels ('Duffy Property' on the attached map). The parcels on this map are ranked based on parcel size, percent wetlands, development potential, slope, length of shoreline, proximity to water supply intake, and aesthetics. This ranking approach is intended to assist with the prioritization of protection efforts as they pertain to the land surrounding the reservoir. Development has the potential to greatly affect surface water quality through direct impacts of chemical runoff, septic system leachate, and stormwater sediment loading, and indirect affects in terms of higher nutrient loading which can cause an increased likelihood of harmful algal blooms and impacts to dissolved oxygen concentrations. For these reasons, efforts to protect land that has the greatest potential to impact water quality, such as Ms. Duffy's property, is important for the long-term management of the Portsmouth water supply.

City Staff recommends the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase of the 107-acre conservation easement on land owned by Mary Ellen Duffy in Madbury;
- 2) Refer the acquisition of the 107-acre conservation easement to the Portsmouth Planning Board for a recommendation back to the City Council;
- 3) Enter into Grant Agreement with the State of New Hampshire to accept up to \$287,000 from the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund to be use towards the purchase of this conservation easement; and
- 4) Establish a public hearing date for a supplemental appropriation for the purchase of the conservation easement through the allocation of funds from the water enterprise fund net position and the DWGTF grant.

The next step in this process will be to finalize the Agreement and it will then be put before the City Council for a vote. A separate two-thirds vote of the City Council following a public hearing will be needed in order to utilize water enterprise fund net position for this purpose.

PROPOSED MOTION:

- 1) *Move to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a Purchase & Sale Agreement for the purchase of a conservation easement on the subject parcel in a substantially similar form to the attached agreement;*
- 2) *Move to refer the acquisition of the 107-acre conservation easement on the subject parcel to the Portsmouth Planning Board for a recommendation back to the City Council;*
- 3) *Move to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement to accept up to \$287,000 from the State of New Hampshire's Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund's Land Conservation Grant and Loan Program to be used toward this purchase; and*
- 4) *Move to establish a public hearing for June 1, 2020 for the supplemental appropriation to utilize \$574,300 from the water enterprise fund net position with the understanding that up to \$287,000 will be reimbursed by the New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund.*

Bellamy Reservoir Protected Land Near Reservoir



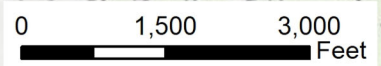
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**Proposed Easement
City of Portsmouth in 2020**

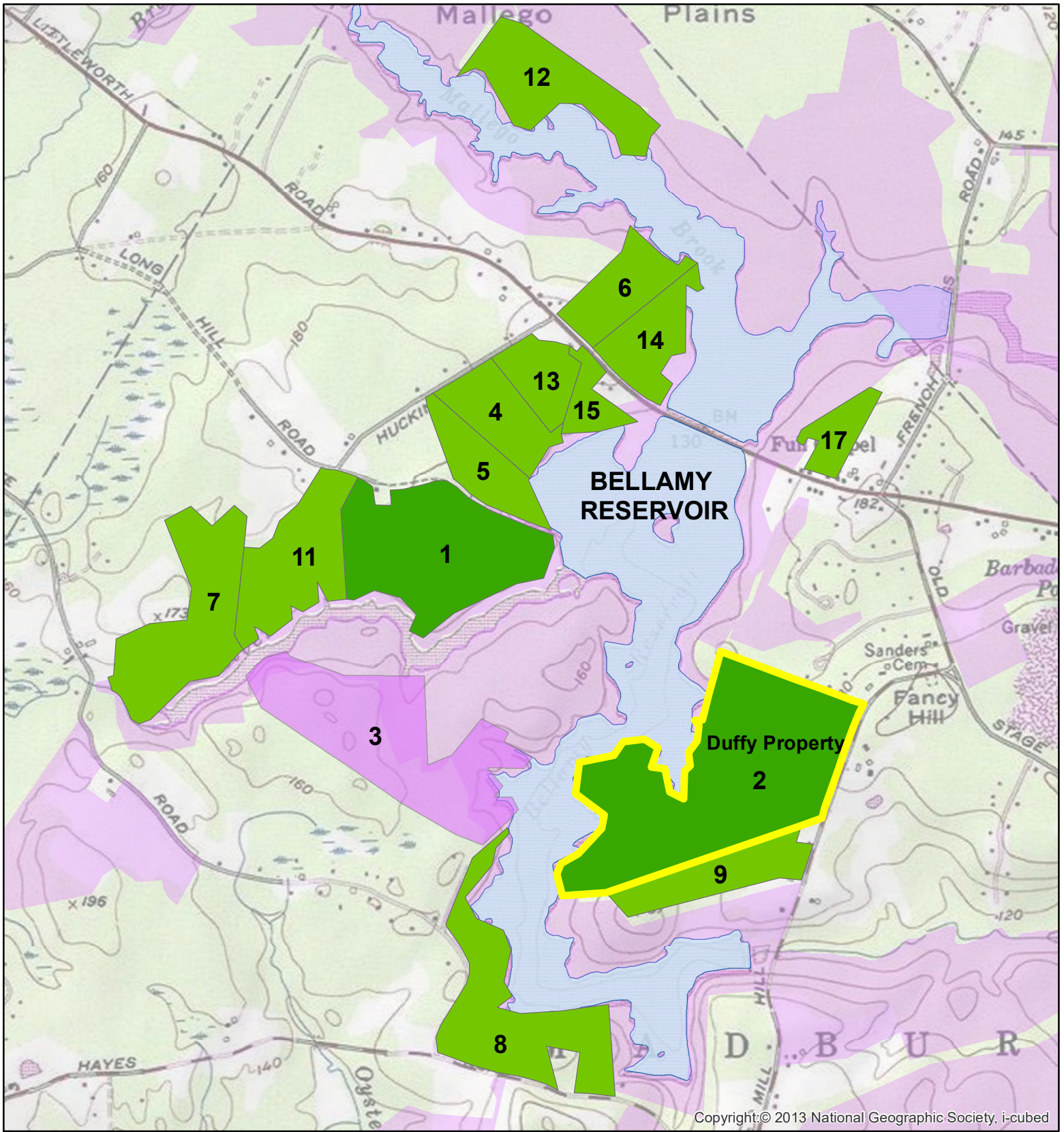
**Easement purchased by
City of Portsmouth in 2018**

Legend

- Watershed Boundary
- Bellamy Reservoir
- Duffy Property (Proposed Easement)
- Property Owned By Municipality
- Property Under Easement Protections



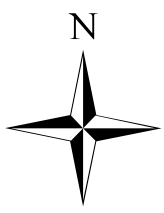
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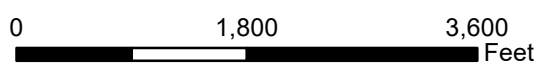
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Legend

- Duffy Property (Proposed Easement)
- Target Parcels for Protection**
- Rank - Labeled by Priority**
- 1 - 2
- 4 - 17
- Protected in 2018
- Protected Land
- BellamyReservoir



**Bellamy Reservoir
Key Parcels
For Source Protection**





NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER & GROUNDWATER TRUST FUND



Commission Members

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Senator Tom Sherman, *Vice Chair*

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Paul Sanderson, NH Fish and Game Department

Bernie Rousseau, Public Member

Robert R. Scott, NH Department of Environmental Services

Christopher S. Way, NH Economic Development

December 20, 2019

Albert Pratt, Water Supply Operations Manager
City of Portsmouth
1 Junkins Avenue
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Subject: 2019 Drinking Water Groundwater Trust Fund Project Application Selection

Dear Mr. Pratt,

Congratulations on the City of Portsmouth's successful application for a grant from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund. The Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Commission intends to award up to \$287,000 toward the cost of acquiring a conservation easement in order to further the protection of the Bellamy Reservoir, a source of drinking water for the City of Portsmouth.

To award the funds, the NH Department of Environmental Services must enter into a grant agreement with the City of Portsmouth, subject to approval by Governor and Executive Council (G & C). Enclosed is a grant agreement and certificate of authority/vote for you to complete and return. You are also required to submit a Certificate of Good Standing and Certificate of Insurance for the Request for G& C approval.

Subsequent to G & C approval, you must complete and submit a Final Application Form with all required attachments to WSLP@des.nh.gov before receiving payment of the grant. This form can be downloaded from https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-dwg-trust/?page_id=98.

Please contact Holly Green at holly.green@des.nh.gov or 603-271-3114 if you have any question regarding this grant.

Sincerely,

Erin Holmes
DWG Trust Fund Administrator
MtBE Remediation Bureau

Enclosures: Grant Agreement, Certificate of Authority
CC: Paul Susca, NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau
Holly Green, NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau

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ORDINANCE #

THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH ORDAINS

That Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7.105 – **PARKING** of the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth be amended as follows (deletions from existing language **stricken**; additions to existing language **bolded**; remaining language unchanged from existing):

ARTICLE I: PARKING METERS

Section 7.105: PARKING

C. MOTORCYCLE PARKING

A. Designated Motorcycle Parking Area.

The following location is established as an exclusive “Designated Motorcycle Parking Area” for the months of April 1st through November 30th only:

1. Pleasant Street: On the easterly side of Pleasant Street, beginning at a point 24 feet South of the extension of the southerly curb line of Market Square running southerly the distance of 24 feet.

~~Motorcycles are subject to reduced parking meter fees for the hours of enforcement as set forth in this Chapter in this Designated Motorcycle Parking Area. When more than one Motorcycle parks in a regular parking space only one of the Motorcycles occupying the space shall be required to pay for the parking space at the regular parking rate as set forth in this Chapter.~~

Motorcycles parking in the Designated Motorcycle Parking Area shall pay the “Designated Motorcycle Parking Area Rate” which is \$0.50 less than the Downtown High Occupancy Rate. Parking for verified Portsmouth residents shall be \$0.50 less than the Designated Motorcycle Parking Area Rate. Payment of the reduced rate is achieved through the use of a mobile phone application.

B. Motorcycle Parking.

Motorcycles parking in parking spaces other than the Designated Motorcycle Parking Area shall pay the rate of the

parking meter zone in which the parking space is located less the verified Portsmouth resident reduction of \$0.50 per hour if applicable. One or more motorcycles may park in a single parking space. When more than one motorcycle parks in a single parking space, payment is required from only one of the motorcycles occupying the parking space.

Motorcycles are subject to reduced parking meter fees for the posted hourly time limits within the hours of enforcement as set forth in this Chapter.

The City Clerk shall properly alphabetize and/or re-number the ordinances as necessary in accordance with this amendment.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby deleted.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

APPROVED:

Rick Becksted, Mayor

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

To: Portsmouth City Councilors

From: Jim Splaine

I have asked that the following item be placed on the City Council Agenda for our Monday, June 1st meeting:

"That the City Council respectfully advises residents and visitors to wear face coverings or masks when the social-distancing guideline of six feet or more recommended by the Centers for Disease Control is not possible. To protect their employees and customers, the City Council also respectfully urges all businesses to advise people entering their buildings to wear face coverings or masks as much as is practical when social-distancing guidelines are not possible."

I offer this motion to generate a positive discussion about the need to avoid the spread of Covid-19 in our community. As we begin and continue the re-opening process of our businesses, parks, and activities during the next several months, our collective obligation as citizens is to avoid the spread of this highly infectious disease, which the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, and almost all medical authorities agree is passed on person-to-person. And if we want to continue the process of re-opening, we have to find a way to live with this disease, and reduce its spread.

It's still here, and it's not going away soon. There will be no miracle, so we have to learn to live with it. Right now, we do not know who may have Covid-19, even if they are tested because the next day they could become infected. There is no outward sign of who has the disease, nor who may spread it. There is no standard treatment for those who get the disease. There is no pill or medicine to avoid getting it. There is no vaccine yet, and may not be for months to come. Even then, it will take some time for our population to be fully vaccinated.

Authorities tell us our best choice right now is to avoid being infected. They tell us there are three things we CAN do:

ONE: Keep our distance from one another, 6 feet or more ("social-distancing");

TWO: Wash hands frequently, and don't touch our mouths, nose, or eyes until we do;

THREE: Wear a mouth covering or mask -- that limits the exposure of our spittle droplets that occur by speaking or coughing from infecting others, and it provides some protection for ourselves as well.

That's it. Of course, we can stay inside our homes, and have no contact with others. But in most cases, we can't do that for long or forever. Nationally, a hundred thousand people have died from Covid-19, and while it is worse for people over 60, thousands have died who are younger and healthy, and it also affects children. Many others who get the virus but survive say it was the sickest they had ever been in their lives. None of us want to get this thing. By protecting ourselves and others, we can avoid or delay infections until there are better treatments, or a vaccine.

At the Council meeting of May 18th, we took action to put up signage in our community: "The Mask Is All We Ask." That helps. But it is obvious to any observer that over Memorial Day Weekend and at other times, many people visiting our community from elsewhere were not wearing masks. We need to do more and do better.

A week ago, I had publicly advocated taking a stronger step, as has been taken in numerous states, cities, and towns, to mandate that masks be worn, with exemptions for medical reasons and children. From comments I heard from friends and others, I realize that is a step that takes more data and experience to gain support and compliance. But our very close proximity to one of the states with the highest numbers of Covid-19 infections, where mask requirements are in force, may make it imperative for us to consider future steps.

I do think it is likely that there will be an increase in infections as more people become exposed to Covid-19, perhaps even what has been referred to as a "second wave." As an alternative to again having to restrict our businesses and activities, we can visit the matter of mandating masks if that time comes. Nevertheless, short of further action, this discussion -- and passage of this advisory motion -- will continue to generate more awareness and thought.

Until we know what will happen next during the coming weeks, I think that it is reasonable to make this strong statement respectfully asking that our residents and visitors wear face coverings or masks when social-distancing is not possible, to protect each other, and themselves. We will get through this, but we have to listen to health officials who have had experience with similar viruses, and take smart actions in our communities.



Karen S. Conard
City Manager

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

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Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801
kconard@cityofportsmouth.com
(603) 610-7201

Date: May 28, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor Rick Becksted and City Council Members

From: Karen S. Conard, City Manager *KSC*

Re: City Manager's Comments on City Council Agenda of June 1, 2020

XI. Public Hearings and Votes on Ordinances and/or Resolutions:

A. Public Hearing – Funding Conservation Easement Purchase:

On May 4, 2020 the City Council voted to "...establish a public hearing for June 1, 2020 for the supplemental appropriation to utilize \$574,300 from the Water Enterprise Fund net position with the understanding that up to \$287,000 will be reimbursed by the New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund." And to "... refer the acquisition of the 107-acre conservation easement on the subject parcel to the Portsmouth Planning Board for a recommendation back to City Council."

On May 21, 2020, the Planning Board voted to "recommend that the City Council proceed with the acquisition of a conservation easement for the 107-acre property in Madbury owned by Mary Ellen Duffy."

Al Pratt, Water Resource Manager, is prepared to give a presentation at this evening's Council meeting. [Attached is the Resolution for the Supplemental Appropriation](#), as well as the [original memo](#) and [attachments](#) to the City Manager as shared at the May 4th Council meeting. In February 2018, the Public Hearing for a similar easement project included a presentation, council questions, public hearing, and additional questions and deliberations.

I recommend that the City Council move to adopt the resolution as presented.

B. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7.105 C – Designated Motorcycle Parking Area:

In June 2019, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee approved an amendment to the Designated Motorcycle Parking Area Ordinance (Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7.105 C). A citizen raised concerns regarding the amendment, and in August 2019 the Committee rescinded its approval and requested a report back from City staff. Upon review, the Committee voted to request a revised amendment in September 2019.

On February 6, 2020, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee voted to approve the [attached](#) amendment to Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7.105 C and to refer it to the City Council to request first reading.

At the March 16th Council meeting, Ben Fletcher, Director of Parking, provided a brief presentation on the amended ordinance. Subsequent votes of approval took place at the May 4th Council meeting to pass the first reading, and at the May 18th Council meeting to pass the second reading and have it return for a third and final reading at this evening's meeting.

The ordinance in question is [attached](#).

I recommend that the City Council move to adopt the third and final reading of an amendment to Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7.105 C, the Designated Motorcycle Parking Area Ordinance.

XIV. Approval of Grants/Donations:

1. Acceptance of Community Development Block Grant:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has informed the City that a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$533,053 will be made available to Portsmouth for FY2021. This amount represents an increase of \$6,119 from last fiscal year. These grant funds are awarded annually and are used to carry out a variety of public facility/infrastructure improvements and accessibility projects that primarily benefit low-income individuals and families, as well as for other CDBG-eligible community development projects and assistance to social service agencies who serve low-income populations in the City.

These funds are **NOT** related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I recommend that the City Council move to accept and expend a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$533,053 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

XV. City Manager's Items which Require Action:

1. Sidewalk Café License Approvals:

The City has received two additional applications for sidewalk cafés providing alcohol service from La Carreta at 172 Hanover Street and Tuscan Market at 14 Market Square.

La Carreta: City staff representatives from Police, Fire, Public Works, Building Inspection, Health, and Code Enforcement have reviewed those applications, found the applications complete, and recommend issuance of the Area Service Agreements in accordance with [City Council Policy 2012-02](#), and with the Governor's orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. As you will see in the [attached application](#), La Carreta proposes to place its seating on Vaughan Mall.

Tuscan Market: Tuscan Market submitted an original proposal that has been revised to comply with the sidewalk café requirements. At the time of agenda preparation, most members of City staff had reviewed and found [the applications](#) complete and recommended issuance of Area Service Agreements in accordance with [City Council Policy 2012-02](#), and with the Governor’s orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fire Department staff have reviewed the submitted plan for egress compliance, and are expected to recommend approval (as of Thursday, May 28th). I anticipate I will have that review and am prepared to make a verbal report upon it at this evening’s meeting.

Tuscan Market’s liquor license agreement with the City prohibits alcohol service outside. As a result, if the City Council approves of the sidewalk café, their liquor license would require amendment to conform with the Council’s desire. The Legal Department could accomplish this task.

Record #	Establishment	Location	Area	Tables	# of Chairs
20-10	La Carreta	172 Hanover St.	336	8	32
20-7	Tuscan Market	14 Market Square	495	11	40

I recommend the City Council move to authorize the City Manager to enter into Area Service Agreements with La Carreta and Tuscan Market for outdoor alcohol service on City land for the 2020 season subject to City Council Policy No. 2012-02, and further subject to all Governor’s orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Establish June 8th Budget Work Session:

I would like to request that the City Council establish a Budget Work Session on June 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to have an additional opportunity to review the proposed FY2021 budget.

I recommend that the City Council move to schedule a Budget Work Session on June 8, 2020.

3. Summary and Analysis of Bids for the Multi-Purpose Recreation Fields and Stormwater Treatment Project:

Following a presentation on the status of the City’s Multi-Purpose Recreation Fields and Regional Stormwater Treatment Project at the City Council meeting of March 2, 2020, the City Council voted to “direct the City Manager to proceed with bidding the current design for synthetic turf field, with bid alternatives related to the type of infill.”

On May 19, 2020, the City received bids for the Multi-Purpose Athletic Fields and Regional Stormwater Treatment System Project. The project base bid included the construction of one multi-purpose artificial field with crumb rubber infill, drainage, site improvements, utilities and amenities for the field as well as the regional stormwater treatment facilities. Bid alternates were included for two different infills, Envirofil and Safeshell. Other alternates in the bid included a second synthetic turf field, field lighting, snow storage area, a sewer force main and a scoreboard.

The City received five bids ranging from a low of \$3,961,246.50 to a high of \$5,092,560. The low bid was reviewed for completeness and accuracy and recommended for award by the City's consultant. The total cost of the project with engineering and contingency is approximately \$4,600,000. The alternates for infills came in at \$248,000 for the Envirofill, and \$158,000 for the Safeshell. A copy of the bid tabulation as well as the engineer's recommendation for award is [attached](#).

The total funding available for construction is approximately \$4,770,000 which allows the City to proceed with the base bid and, if desired, award the Safeshell alternative infill. City staff and consultants will be available this evening to review the project.

If an infill alternative is not desired, no further action is required by the City Council and the City Manager will proceed with the award of the contract in the usual course.

If the Safeshell alternative is desired, I recommend that the City Council move to authorize the City Manager to proceed with awarding the base bid plus the Safeshell alternative for the Multi-Purpose Athletic Fields and Regional Stormwater Treatment System Project.

XVII. Presentations and Consideration of Written Communications and Petitions:

A. Presentation by Health Officer Kim McNamara Regarding COVID-19 Update:

City Health Officer, Kim McNamara, will provide a verbal update to City Councilors and the public on COVID-19.

XVIII. City Manager's Informational Items:

1. Update from the Public Realm Venues Work Group:

Please find [attached a report back](#) from the Public Realm Venues Work Group which outlines recommendations for consideration by the City Council and the Citizen Response Task Force to aid in the guidance of City policies related to COVID-19.

2. Report Back from Planning Board on Impact Fees:

[Attached is a memorandum](#) which details the Planning Board's review and report back regarding suggested development impact fees, as proposed by Councilor Kennedy.

3. Report Back on Little League and Summer Recreation:

City Health Officer, Kim McNamara, and Recreation Director, Rus Wilson, gave a brief presentation to the Recreation Board on May 27, 2020 on the topic of summer recreation.

In summary, the City of Portsmouth agrees with Governor Sununu's guidelines for allowing youth and amateur sports teams to have limited practices according to the four-page guidelines the State has provided.

These guidelines would be effective immediately in the City of Portsmouth and allow groups of ten or less to start instructional training as of May 28, 2020 and would be in effect for a minimum of three weeks. If the Governor chooses to extend his recommendations to allow games at a future date, the City will consider his recommendations after the three week period has ended and further COVID-19 data has been reviewed. Any future allowances will be made by the City's Health Officer, Kim McNamara.

This decision was well received by the Recreation Board and youth sports team supporters at their meeting. While the leagues and teams will be responsible for monitoring themselves, the City will also have Recreation Department staff observing these actions to ensure everyone is in compliance.

4. **Household Hazardous Waste Day:**

Please find [attached a press release](#) announcing Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, June 6th.

Sidewalk Cafe Application

CAFE-20-10

Status: Active

Submitted: May 12, 2020

Applicant



Yolanda Munoz

6036825594

portsmouth@lacarretamex.com

Location

172 HANOVER ST
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Cafe Information

Restaurant Name

La Carreta Mexican Restaurant

Restaurant Address

172 Hanover Street

of Tables

8

of Chairs

32

Cafe Area (s.f.)

336

Additional information

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Acknowledgement & Authorization

Policy Adherence: I hereby certify that I have read and agree to comply with City Council Policy No. 2012-02 pertaining to sidewalk cafes.

true

Signature: I hereby agree that my electronic signature (indicated by checking this box) is equivalent to a handwritten signature and is binding for all purposes related to this transaction.

true

I hereby agree that my electronic signature is equivalent to a handwritten signature and is binding for all purposes related to this transaction.

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May 18, 2020



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May 18, 2020

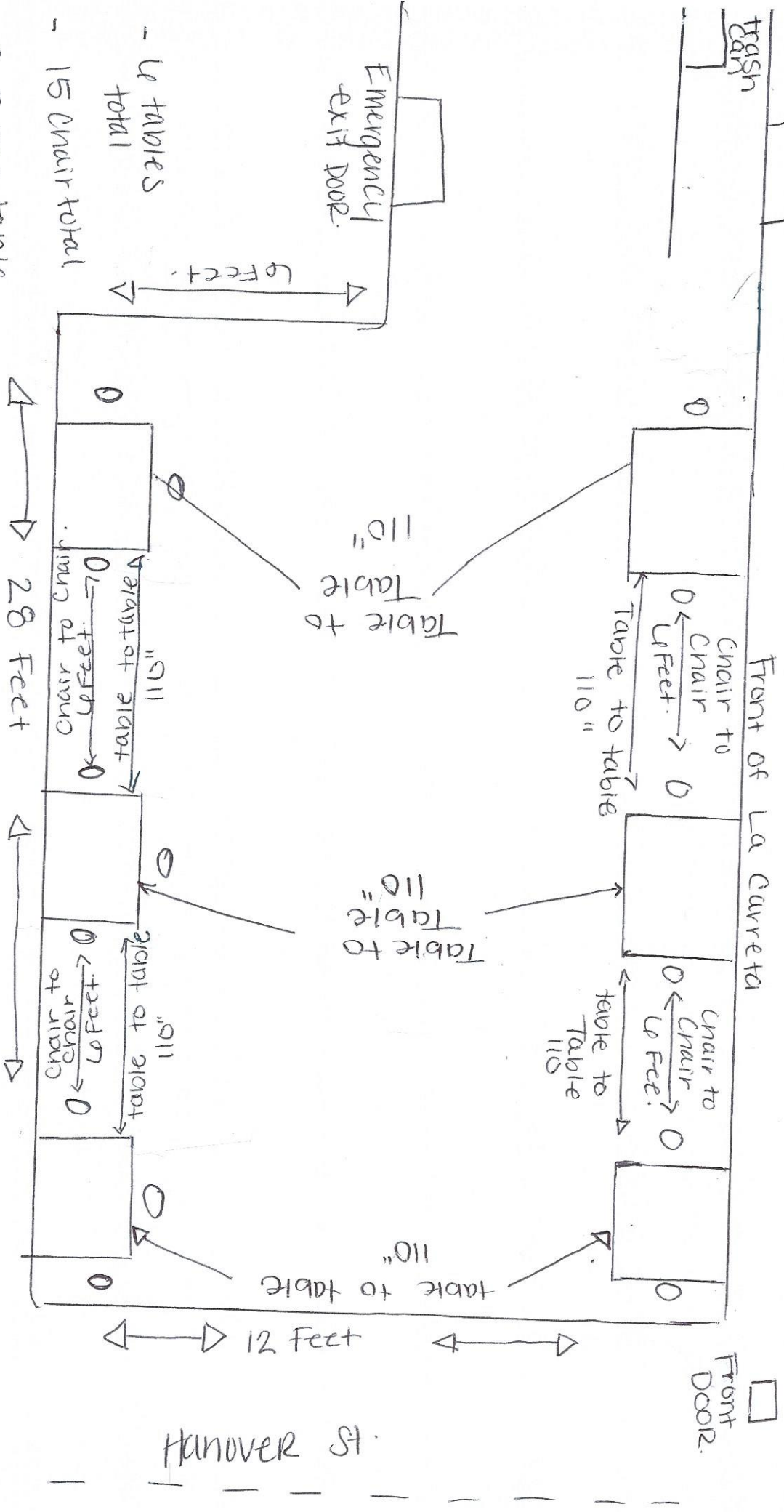
Door to Restaurant.

Trash Can

Front of La Carreta

Front Door.

EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR.



6 Feet.

28 Feet

12 Feet

HANOVER ST.



- 4 TABLES total
- 15 CHAIR TOTAL
- 3, 3 TOP TABLE.
- 3, 2 TOP TABLE.
- TABLE TO TABLE 110"
- CHAIR TO CHAIR 6 FEET.

Sidewalk Cafe Application

Applicant

Location

CAFE-20-7

 John Bosen
 6034275500

14 MARKET SQ
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Status: Active

Submitted: Mar 18, 2020

 smontgomery@bosenandassociates.com

Cafe Information

Restaurant Name

Tuscan Market

Restaurant Address

14 Market Square

of Tables

11

of Chairs

40

Cafe Area (s.f.)

495

Additional information

We have a total of 40 seats. Of the 11 tables, there are (9) four person rectangular tables and two (2) two person round tables.

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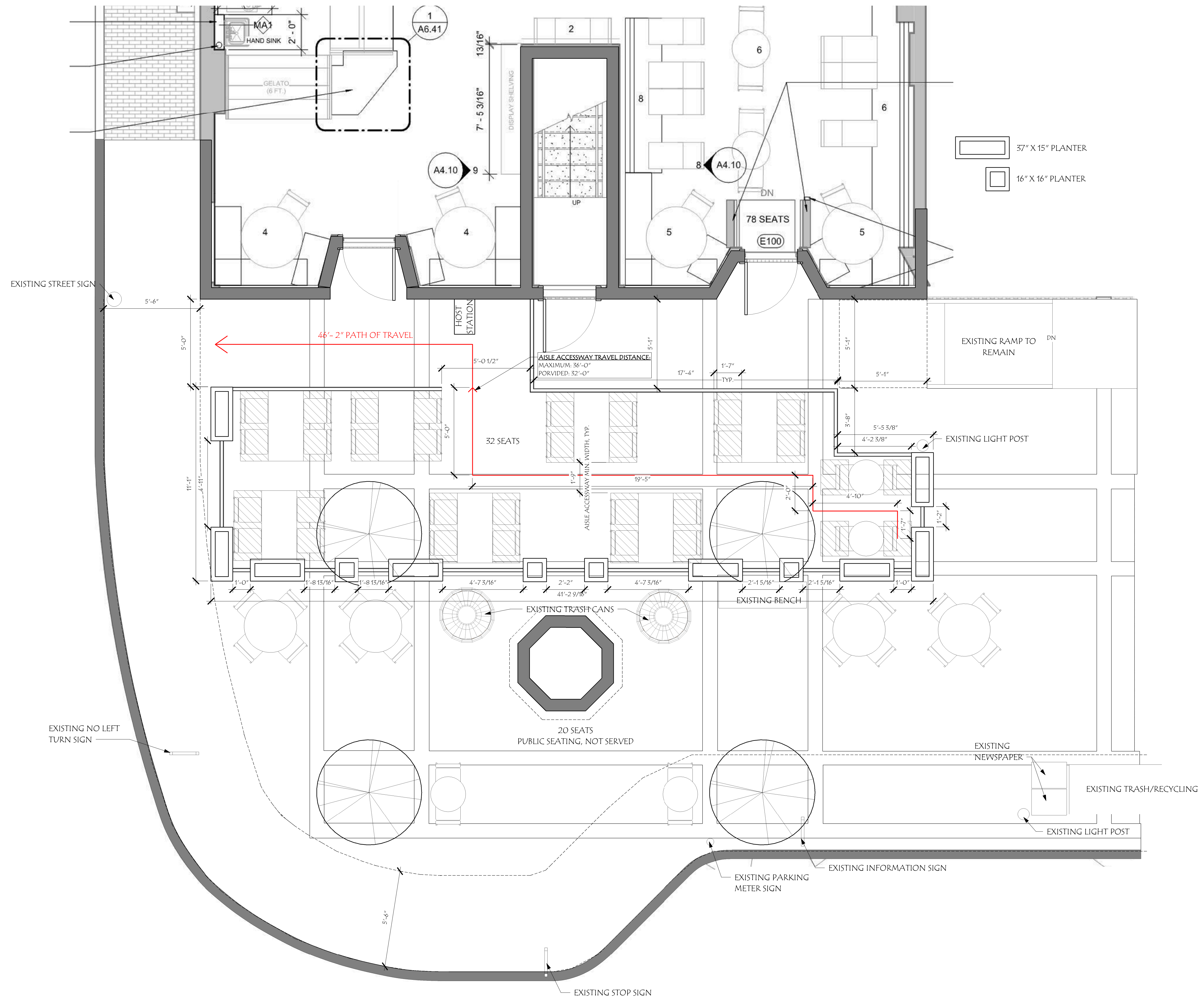
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NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

TUSCAN MARKET

14 MARKET SQUARE
 PORTSMOUTH, NH



1 OVERALL PLAN - 1ST FLOOR
 3/8" = 1'-0"

Revisions:	#	Description	Date

Scale:	3/8" = 1'-0"
Drawn By:	VLA
Checked By:	Checker
Project No.:	2019046
Date:	05/07/2020

Title:	FLOOR PLANS
	A1.00

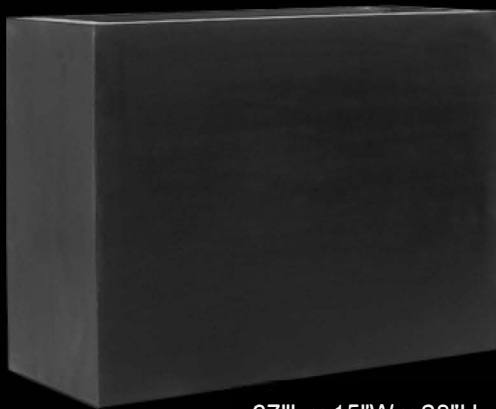
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Exterior Terrace

Foxtail Fern



Pottery Pots Matte
Black Resin



37"L x 15"W x 28"H



16"L x 16"W x 31"H



WINSTON FLOWERS.
SINCE 1944



STYLE 9
3 Rails

PROJECT NO. 2019092

14 MARKET SQUARE

14 MARKET SQUARE PORTSMOUTH, NH

06 JANUARY 2020



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May 22, 2020

Peter Rice, P.E. Director
 Portsmouth Public Works Department
 680 Peverly Hill Road
 Portsmouth, NH 03801

**RE: Bid #37-20
 Multi-Purpose Recreation Fields & Regional Stormwater Treatment Project
 Bid Evaluation
 CMA #1119**

Dear Peter:

This letter summarizes our evaluation of the bids received for the **Multi-Purpose Recreation Fields & Regional Stormwater Treatment Project**, City bid #37-20. On May 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Public Works Department, 680 Peverly Hill Road in Portsmouth, NH, five bids were received and publicly opened:

	Bidder	Base Bid
1	Quirk Construction Corporation	\$3,961,246.50
2	R.A.D. Sports	\$4,123,686.00
3	David W. White and Son, Inc.	\$4,158,424.42*
4	Severino Trucking Co., Inc.	\$4,579,900.00
5	Heimlich Landscaping & Const. Corp.	\$5,092,560.00
	<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$4,324,995.00</i>

*Corrected value per bid review.

The bid alternates are shown in the attached bid tabulation. Selecting bid alternates in any combination does not affect the low bidder.

The bids were reviewed for completeness of the bidding packages. Each bidder acknowledged the bid addenda, signed the bid forms and submitted 5% bid bonds. All bids appear to be in order notwithstanding the following bid exception:

- David W. White and Son, Inc had several math errors. For bid items where the unit price was not a whole dollar amount, the quantity multiplied by the unit price did not equal the total price,

because they rounded the cents in total price. These math errors do not impact the bid ranking or the apparent low bidder. They also did not fill out the unit prices in words.

Based on the information above, the apparent low bidder is Quirk Construction Corp. (Quirk) of 1 Martel Way, Georgetown, MA 01833. The full Bid Tabulation is attached for reference. Regarding the Quirk bid, we have the following comments:

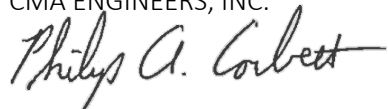
1. CMA Engineers has no experience working with Quirk, but we called references from recently completed projects. The reference reported Quirk performed well and completed projects in conformance with the contract documents.
2. Quirk's bonding company, Western Surety Company, is certified to practice in New Hampshire, as documented on the US Department of the Treasury's Circular 570 publication. We spoke with their bonding agent and he reported they are an excellent client with capacity to bond this project.
3. We reviewed the System for Award Management (www.sam.gov) and found no active or inactive Exclusion Records that would indicate they're currently debarred or ever previously were.
4. The submitted Base Bid is 8% lower than the Engineer's Estimate.
5. The bid appeared balanced and there were no discrepancies between the numerical and written unit prices or mathematical computation errors.

Based on the bids received and our review of the material with respect to the contract requirements, **we recommend you award the contract to Quirk Construction Corp. in the amount of \$3,961,246.50.** The City may further evaluate if the available project budget supports including bid alternates.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

CMA ENGINEERS, INC.



Philip A. Corbett, P.E.

Project Manager

Enclosures: Bid Tabulation
cc (via email): David Allen, Project Manager



Multi-Purpose Recreation Fields and Regional Stormwater Treatment System

Bid Tabulation

Bids Received at 2pm on May 19, 2020

Bid Item No.	Item Description	Units	Estimated Quantity	Engineers Estimate		Quirk Construction Corp.		R.A.D. Sports		David W. White and Son, Inc.		Severino Trucking		Heimlich Landscaping	
				Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
Schedule 1 - Common Items															
1.00	Mobilization, Project Management, and Demobilization (Max 8% of Total Base Bid)	LS	1	\$ 249,000.00	\$ 249,000.00	\$ 286,780.00	\$ 286,780.00	\$ 178,000.00	\$ 178,000.00	\$ 206,347.00	\$ 206,347.00	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
1.01	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) & Monitoring	LS	1	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 11,320.00	\$ 11,320.00	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 8,160.00	\$ 8,160.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
1.02	Implement & Maintain Approved Dust & Erosion Controls	LS	1	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 90,025.00	\$ 90,025.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 240,654.00	\$ 240,654.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
1.03	Maintenance of Traffic	LS	1	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 11,450.00	\$ 11,450.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
1.04	Site Preparation - Rec Fields	LS	1	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 71,825.00	\$ 71,825.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 140,832.00	\$ 140,832.00	\$ 162,000.00	\$ 162,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
1.05	Exploratory Excavations	CY	100	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 36.80	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 12.56	\$ 1,256.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,000.00
1.06	Turf Establishment, Cleanup & Restoration	LS	1	\$ 116,000.00	\$ 116,000.00	\$ 31,100.00	\$ 31,100.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 236,411.00	\$ 236,411.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
				Schedule 1 Total	\$ 548,300.00	Schedule 1 Total	\$ 497,590.00	Schedule 1 Total	\$ 494,500.00	Schedule 1 Total	\$ 845,110.00	Schedule 1 Total	\$ 789,000.00	Schedule 1 Total	\$ 595,000.00
Schedule 2 - Recreational Fields Earthwork, Drainage & Site Improvements															
2.00	Earthwork for Recreational Fields, Earthen Berm & Parking Lot	LS	1	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 506,060.00	\$ 506,060.00	\$ 830,000.00	\$ 830,000.00	\$ 585,002.00	\$ 585,002.00	\$ 485,000.00	\$ 485,000.00	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 550,000.00
2.01	Ledge Removal and Disposal (\$50 min/CY)	CY	800	\$ 120.00	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 67.90	\$ 54,320.00	\$ 79.00	\$ 63,200.00	\$ 53.45	\$ 42,760.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 80,000.00
2.02	Stockpiled Re-handle & Material Compaction	LS	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 66,600.00	\$ 66,600.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 25,428.00	\$ 25,428.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
2.03	Gravel Parking Lot & Emergency Access Drive (General Gravel Section)	SY	2,100	\$ 20.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 44,100.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 44,100.00	\$ 18.41	\$ 38,661.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 39,900.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 52,500.00
2.04	Gravel Access Road (Access Drive Section)	SY	2,200	\$ 5.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 3.25	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 2.18	\$ 4,796.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 55,000.00
2.05	DPW Access Road (Access Drive Section)	SY	2,100	\$ 5.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 3.25	\$ 6,825.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 2.26	\$ 4,746.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 21,000.00
2.06	Grass-Lined Swale	LF	1,260	\$ 10.00	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 8.90	\$ 11,214.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 6,930.00	\$ 18.08	\$ 22,780.80	\$ 18.00	\$ 22,680.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 6,300.00
2.07	BMP-1 Subsurface Stormwater Chamber, Stone & Fabric	LS	1	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 148,716.00	\$ 148,716.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 139,747.00	\$ 139,747.00	\$ 183,267.00	\$ 183,267.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
2.08	BMP-2 Subsurface Gravel Wetlands Construction	SF	22,200	\$ 2.00	\$ 44,400.00	\$ 2.42	\$ 53,724.00	\$ 3.30	\$ 73,260.00	\$ 3.32	\$ 73,704.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 55,500.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 111,000.00
2.09	Wetland Soil	CY	140	\$ 35.00	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 15,680.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 43.04	\$ 6,025.60	\$ 43.00	\$ 6,020.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 11,200.00
2.10	3/4" Washed Stone (AASHTO #5 Stone)	Ton	570	\$ 25.00	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 24,510.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 20,520.00	\$ 34.62	\$ 19,733.40	\$ 27.00	\$ 15,390.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 14,250.00
2.11	3/8" Pea Gravel (AASHTO #8 Stone)	Ton	72	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 3,240.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 3,312.00	\$ 53.22	\$ 3,831.84	\$ 32.00	\$ 2,304.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,600.00
2.12	Stone Fill, Class C (NHDOT Item 585.3)	Ton	265	\$ 32.00	\$ 8,480.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 16,960.00	\$ 57.00	\$ 15,105.00	\$ 82.28	\$ 21,804.20	\$ 28.00	\$ 7,420.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 7,950.00
2.13	Outlet Control Structure (Subsurface Chambers POC5-1)	EA	1	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,614.00	\$ 11,614.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 7,555.00	\$ 7,555.00	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
2.14	Outlet Control Structure (BMP-2 - POC5-2)	EA	1	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,374.00	\$ 8,374.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,262.00	\$ 7,262.00	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
2.15	8" Perf. Underdrain	LF	56	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 1,848.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 1,904.00	\$ 24.84	\$ 1,391.04	\$ 52.00	\$ 2,912.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,680.00
2.16	12" Perf. Underdrain	LF	635	\$ 35.00	\$ 22,225.00	\$ 35.50	\$ 22,542.50	\$ 32.00	\$ 20,320.00	\$ 31.88	\$ 20,243.80	\$ 61.00	\$ 38,735.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 22,225.00
2.17	15" Perf. Underdrain	LF	125	\$ 40.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 35.50	\$ 4,437.50	\$ 36.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 41.26	\$ 5,157.50	\$ 76.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 5,000.00
2.19	12" CPE Plastic Pipe (Smooth Interior)	LF	5	\$ 75.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 7.40	\$ 37.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
2.20	15" CPE Plastic Pipe (Smooth Interior)	LF	220	\$ 80.00	\$ 17,600.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 7,920.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 27.65	\$ 6,083.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 10,340.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 7,700.00
2.21	18" CPE Plastic Pipe (Smooth Interior)	LF	60	\$ 90.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 2,580.00	\$ 33.87	\$ 2,032.20	\$ 58.00	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,400.00
2.22	24" CPE Plastic Pipe (Smooth Interior)	LF	30	\$ 125.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 84.50	\$ 2,535.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,800.00
2.23	15" Reinforced Concrete Pipe (Class V)	LF	55	\$ 85.00	\$ 4,675.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 3,465.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 49.49	\$ 2,721.95	\$ 62.00	\$ 3,410.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 3,575.00
2.24	18" Reinforced Concrete Pipe (Class V)	LF	295	\$ 100.00	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 17,405.00	\$ 57.00	\$ 16,815.00	\$ 43.77	\$ 12,912.15	\$ 73.00	\$ 21,535.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 20,650.00
2.25	24" Reinforced Concrete Pipe (Class V)	LF	50	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 3,850.00	\$ 68.76	\$ 3,438.00	\$ 88.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,000.00
2.26	Catch Basins	EA	5	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 2,276.00	\$ 11,380.00	\$ 3,290.00	\$ 16,450.00	\$ 2,650.80	\$ 13,254.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
2.27	Drainage Manhole (4' Diameter)	EA	8	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 2,365.00	\$ 18,920.00	\$ 3,845.00	\$ 30,760.00	\$ 3,789.25	\$ 30,314.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 36,800.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
2.28	2" - 6" Washed Stone (Forebay Floor and Forebay Weir)	Ton	80	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 5,520.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 44.28	\$ 3,542.40	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 4,000.00
2.29	Headwall	CY	16	\$ 800.00	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 635.00	\$ 10,160.00	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 729.38	\$ 11,670.08	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 17,200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,200.00
2.32	Porous Media Infiltration Bed	SY	1,690	\$ 18.00	\$ 30,420.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 29,575.00	\$ 18.50	\$ 31,265.00	\$ 20.64	\$ 34,881.60	\$ 23.00	\$ 38,870.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50,700.00
2.33	Porous Pavement	Ton	350	\$ 160.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 209.00	\$ 73,150.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 215.25	\$ 75,337.50	\$ 175.00	\$ 61,250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 122,500.00
2.34	General Hot Bituminous Pavement	SY	930	\$ 35.00	\$ 32,550.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 51,150.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 55,800.00	\$ 54.77	\$ 50,936.10	\$ 51.00	\$ 47,430.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 27,900.00
2.35	Pavement Marking	LF	250	\$ 3.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5.04	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,250.00
2.36	Pavement Symbols	SF	14	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 308.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 2.64	\$ 36.96	\$ 3.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 700.00
2.37	Bituminous Sidewalk	SY	110	\$ 75.00	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 5,060.00	\$ 67.00	\$ 7,370.00	\$ 48.45	\$ 5,329.50	\$ 56.00	\$ 6,160.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,500.00
2.38	Stone Dust Walk	SY	465	\$ 20.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 10.50	\$ 4,882.50	\$ 28.00	\$ 13,020.00	\$ 16.61	\$ 7,723.65	\$ 20.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 13,950.00
2.39	Wood Guardrail	LF	260	\$ 45.00	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 10,920.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 11,180.00	\$ 41.58	\$ 10,810.80	\$ 70.00	\$ 18,200.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 15,860.00
2.40	6' Chain Link Fence	LF	850	\$ 45.00	\$ 38,250.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 38,250.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 36,550.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 35,700.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 41,650.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 40,800.00
2.41	Security Gate	EA	2	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 8,720.00	\$ 17,440.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 8,240.00	\$ 16,480.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 9,000.00
2.42	Traffic Signs	EA	15	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 6,675.00	\$ 326.00	\$ 4,890.00	\$ 101.60	\$ 1,524.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,500.00
2.43	Bollard	EA	6	\$ 900.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 715.00	\$ 4,290.00	\$ 504.00	\$ 3,024.00	\$ 920.00	\$ 5,520.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
2.44	Removable Bollard	EA	3	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 1,092.00	\$ 3,276.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
2.45	Tree Planting (2.5-3" Caliper)	EA	60	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 677.50	\$ 40,650.00	\$ 860.00	\$ 51,600.00	\$ 979.13	\$ 58,747.80	\$ 890.00	\$ 53,400.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
2.46	Landscaping	LS	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 151,120.00	\$ 151,120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 575.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 108,000.00	\$ 108,000.00

Bid Item No.	Item Description	Units	Estimated Quantity	Engineers Estimate		Quirk Construction Corp.		R.A.D. Sports		David W. White and Son, Inc.		Severino Trucking		Heimlich Landscaping	
				Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
2.47	Solar Powered Lights for Parking	EA	3	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,496.00	\$ 13,488.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 4,924.00	\$ 14,772.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
				Schedule 2 Total	\$ 1,467,705.00	Schedule 2 Total	\$ 1,547,173.50	Schedule 2 Total	\$ 1,738,826.00	Schedule 2 Total	\$ 1,433,028.87	Schedule 2 Total	\$ 1,482,130.00	Schedule 2 Total	\$ 1,728,190.00
Schedule 3 - Utilities															
3.00	8" Water Main	LF	1,120	\$ 90.00	\$ 100,800.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 53,760.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 76,160.00	\$ 54.15	\$ 60,648.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 86,240.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 95,200.00
3.01	Water Main Connection (SS Tapping Sleeve w/ 8" Valve)	EA	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,875.00	\$ 10,875.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 8,496.00	\$ 8,496.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
3.02	Fire Hydrant	EA	1	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,045.00	\$ 10,045.00	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 5,557.00	\$ 5,557.00	\$ 6,350.00	\$ 6,350.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
3.03	Water Service Connection and Valve Box	EA	1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,641.00	\$ 3,641.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
3.04	1-1/2" Water Service Pipe	LF	260	\$ 75.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 8,320.00	\$ 33.34	\$ 8,668.40	\$ 31.50	\$ 8,190.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 11,960.00
3.05	Water Meter Pit	EA	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,010.00	\$ 3,010.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 2,236.00	\$ 2,236.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
3.06	Water Spigot	EA	2	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 6,720.00	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
3.07	8" Gate Valve and Valve Box	EA	1	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,845.00	\$ 1,845.00	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
3.08	Water Fountain	EA	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 6,191.00	\$ 6,191.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
				Schedule 3 Total	\$ 153,300.00	Schedule 3 Total	\$ 98,405.00	Schedule 3 Total	\$ 123,380.00	Schedule 3 Total	\$ 104,002.40	Schedule 3 Total	\$ 128,205.00	Schedule 3 Total	\$ 142,460.00
Schedule 4 - Recreational Field Synthetic Turf & Site Amenities															
4.00	Field 1 Synthetic Turf Field	LS	1	\$ 1,145,000.00	\$ 1,145,000.00	\$ 754,523.00	\$ 754,523.00	\$ 810,000.00	\$ 810,000.00	\$ 746,180.00	\$ 746,180.00	\$ 857,000.00	\$ 857,000.00	\$ 935,000.00	\$ 935,000.00
4.01	Ball Netting System	LF	920	\$ 138.00	\$ 126,960.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 143,520.00	\$ 142.00	\$ 130,640.00	\$ 142.10	\$ 130,732.00	\$ 313.00	\$ 287,960.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 92,000.00
4.02	4' BVCL Fence	LF	1,230	\$ 60.00	\$ 73,800.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 55,350.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 47,970.00	\$ 46.20	\$ 56,826.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 72,570.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 76,260.00
4.03	4' BVCL Single Swing Gate	EA	2	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00
4.04	4' BVCL 10' Wide Double Swing Gate	EA	2	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,600.00
4.05	Goal Posts	EA	2	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 7,902.50	\$ 15,805.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 8,591.00	\$ 17,182.00	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
4.06	Soccer Goals	EA	4	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 6,960.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 15,200.00	\$ 2,826.25	\$ 11,305.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
4.07	Portable Toilets (2) in Shelter on Concrete Pad	EA	2	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 20,641.50	\$ 41,283.00	\$ 22,400.00	\$ 44,800.00	\$ 21,520.50	\$ 43,041.00	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 22,400.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
4.08	Mobile Bleachers	EA	1	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 38,230.00	\$ 38,230.00	\$ 32,400.00	\$ 32,400.00	\$ 33,612.00	\$ 33,612.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
4.09	Storage Shed on Concrete Pad	EA	1	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 28,282.00	\$ 28,282.00	\$ 29,300.00	\$ 29,300.00	\$ 29,052.00	\$ 29,052.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
4.10	Bike Rack	EA	3	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 498.50	\$ 1,495.50	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 1,138.00	\$ 3,414.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
4.11	Sport Light Foundations	EA	4	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 13,880.00	\$ 55,520.00	\$ 16,400.00	\$ 65,600.00	\$ 17,193.50	\$ 68,774.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 70,000.00
4.12	Sport Light Conduits & Handholes for Future Service	LS	1	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 43,918.00	\$ 43,918.00	\$ 49,300.00	\$ 49,300.00	\$ 49,970.00	\$ 49,970.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
				Schedule 4 Total	\$ 1,559,710.00	Schedule 4 Total	\$ 1,188,586.50	Schedule 4 Total	\$ 1,258,910.00	Schedule 4 Total	\$ 1,193,238.00	Schedule 4 Total	\$ 1,608,805.00	Schedule 4 Total	\$ 1,374,660.00
Schedule 5 - Regional Stormwater Treatment Systems															
5.00A	Site Preparation - BMP_R1	LS	1	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 11,995.00	\$ 11,995.00	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 34,745.00	\$ 34,745.00	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
5.00B	Site Preparation - BMP R2&R3	LS	1	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 9,430.00	\$ 9,430.00	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 20,273.00	\$ 20,273.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
5.01	Ledge Removal and Disposal (\$50 min/CY)	CY	500	\$ 120.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 66.11	\$ 33,055.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50,000.00
5.02	BMP-R1 Subsurface Gravel Wetlands Construction	SF	47,000	\$ 2.80	\$ 131,600.00	\$ 1.88	\$ 88,360.00	\$ 1.62	\$ 76,140.00	\$ 1.99	\$ 93,530.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 94,000.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 235,000.00
5.03	BMP-R2&R3 Bioretention Basin w/ Internal Storage Reservoir	SF	39,000	\$ 3.25	\$ 126,750.00	\$ 2.90	\$ 113,100.00	\$ 2.10	\$ 81,900.00	\$ 3.17	\$ 123,630.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 117,000.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 195,000.00
5.04A	Wetland Soil	CY	580	\$ 35.00	\$ 20,300.00	\$ 83.50	\$ 48,430.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 28,420.00	\$ 35.53	\$ 20,607.40	\$ 42.00	\$ 24,360.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 46,400.00
5.04B	Bioretention Soil Mix	CY	580	\$ 35.00	\$ 20,300.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 48,720.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 26,680.00	\$ 42.63	\$ 24,725.40	\$ 57.50	\$ 33,350.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 46,400.00
5.05	3/4" Washed Stone (AASHTO #5 Stone)	Ton	2,450	\$ 25.00	\$ 61,250.00	\$ 37.25	\$ 91,262.50	\$ 32.00	\$ 78,400.00	\$ 29.95	\$ 73,377.50	\$ 32.00	\$ 78,400.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 61,250.00
5.06	3/8" Pea Gravel (AASHTO #8 Stone)	Ton	545	\$ 25.00	\$ 13,625.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 21,800.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 22,345.00	\$ 37.90	\$ 20,655.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 19,075.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 27,250.00
5.07A	Stone Fill, Class B (NHDOT Item 585.2)	Ton	750	\$ 32.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 39.51	\$ 29,632.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 30,000.00
5.07B	Stone Fill, Class C (NHDOT Item 585.3)	Ton	915	\$ 32.00	\$ 29,280.00	\$ 55.50	\$ 50,782.50	\$ 41.00	\$ 37,515.00	\$ 41.85	\$ 38,292.75	\$ 30.00	\$ 27,450.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 36,600.00
5.08	Outlet Control Structure (BMP-R1 - POC3-3)	EA	1	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,620.00	\$ 11,620.00	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 10,366.00	\$ 10,366.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
5.09	Outlet Control Structure (BMP-R2&R3 - POC3-4)	EA	1	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,841.00	\$ 3,841.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
5.10	Outlet Control Structure (BMP-R2&R3 - POC3-5)	EA	1	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,873.00	\$ 3,873.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 5,997.00	\$ 5,997.00	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
5.11	Outlet Control Structure (BMP-R2&R3 - POC3-6)	EA	1	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,620.00	\$ 11,620.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,470.00	\$ 7,470.00	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
5.12	Headwall	CY	10	\$ 800.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 628.00	\$ 6,280.00	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 13,750.00	\$ 1,231.40	\$ 12,314.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,000.00
5.13	Culvert Cleaning and Inlet Clearing	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,120.00	\$ 5,120.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
5.14	Riprap, Class VII	Ton	140	\$ 75.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 8,260.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 9,240.00	\$ 34.05	\$ 4,767.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 5,600.00
5.15	Drainage Manhole (5' Diameter)	EA	2	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 2,705.00	\$ 5,410.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 4,118.00	\$ 8,236.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
5.16	2" - 6" Washed Stone (Forebay Floor and Forebay Weir)	Ton	215	\$ 25.00	\$ 5,375.00	\$ 72.50	\$ 15,587.50	\$ 52.00	\$ 11,180.00	\$ 57.54	\$ 12,371.10	\$ 55.00	\$ 11,825.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 10,750.00
				Schedule 5 Total	\$ 595,980.00	Schedule 5 Total	\$ 629,491.50	Schedule 5 Total	\$ 508,070.00	Schedule 5 Total	\$ 583,045.15	Schedule 5 Total	\$ 571,760.00	Schedule 5 Total	\$ 1,252,250.00
Base Bid Total (Items #1.00-5.16):					\$ 4,324,995.00		\$ 3,961,246.50		\$ 4,123,686.00		\$ 4,158,424.42		\$ 4,579,900.00		\$ 5,092,560.00
										(submitted value)	*\$4,158,332.00				
Bid Alternate A - Synthetic Field 2 Turf															
Bid Item No.	Item Description	Units	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
A1	Field 2 Synthetic Turf Field	LS	1	\$ 1,003,500.00	\$ 1,003,500.00	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 805,200.00	\$ 805,200.00	\$ 667,079.00	\$ 667,079.00	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 700,000.00
A2	Ball Netting System	LF	500	\$ 125.00	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 154.83	\$ 77,415.00	\$ 142.00	\$ 71,000.00	\$ 155.59	\$ 77,795.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 162,500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50,000.00
A3	4' BVCL Fence	LF	900	\$ 60.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 45.44	\$ 40,896.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 35,100.00	\$ 46.20	\$ 41,580.00	\$ 57.00	\$ 51,300.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 49,500.00

				Engineers Estimate		Quirk Construction Corp.		R.A.D. Sports		David W. White and Son, Inc.		Severino Trucking		Heimlich Landscaping	
Bid Item No.	Item Description	Units	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
A4	Porous Media Infiltration Bed	SY	290	\$ 18.00	\$ 5,220.00	\$ 16.41	\$ 4,758.90	\$ 18.50	\$ 5,365.00	\$ 21.62	\$ 6,269.80	\$ 34.00	\$ 9,860.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 8,700.00
A5	Porous Pavement	TON	60	\$ 160.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 223.75	\$ 13,425.00	\$ 198.00	\$ 11,880.00	\$ 215.25	\$ 12,915.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 11,100.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 21,000.00
A6	Mobile Bleachers	EA	1	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 31,350.00	\$ 31,350.00	\$ 34,576.00	\$ 34,576.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
A7	Tree Planting (2.5-3" Caliper)	EA	6	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 789.00	\$ 4,734.00	\$ 962.50	\$ 5,775.00	\$ 1,207.50	\$ 7,245.00	\$ 890.00	\$ 5,340.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
A8	Sport Light Foundations	EA	2	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 16,570.00	\$ 33,140.00	\$ 21,450.00	\$ 42,900.00	\$ 20,459.00	\$ 40,918.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 44,000.00
A9	Sport Light Conduits & Handholes for Future Service	LS	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 12,650.00	\$ 12,650.00	\$ 13,310.00	\$ 13,310.00	\$ 10,610.00	\$ 10,610.00	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
A10	Gravel Parking Lot (General Gravel Section)	SY	2,000	\$ 20.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 21.41	\$ 42,820.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 14.56	\$ 29,120.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50,000.00
A11	Solar Powered Lights for Parking Lot	EA	3	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 7,950.00	\$ 4,924.00	\$ 14,772.00	\$ 12,900.00	\$ 38,700.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Bid Alternate A Total (Items #A1-A11):					\$ 1,260,320.00		\$ 979,088.90		\$ 1,053,830.00		\$ 942,879.80		\$ 1,128,000.00		\$ 996,200.00
										(submitted value)	*\$942,884.00				
Bid Alternate B - Sport Field Lighting															
Bid Item No.	Item Description	Units	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
B1	Sport Field Lighting Poles and Fixtures	EA	6	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 390,000.00	\$ 64,300.00	\$ 385,800.00	\$ 66,700.00	\$ 400,200.00	\$ 64,108.33	\$ 384,649.98	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 570,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 390,000.00
B2	Electrical Service Conduit	LF	1,300	\$ 50.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 48.25	\$ 62,725.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 83,200.00	\$ 80.22	\$ 104,286.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 91,000.00	\$ 43.50	\$ 56,550.00
B3	Electrical Cabinet and Transformer	LS	1	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 38,650.00	\$ 38,650.00	\$ 41,250.00	\$ 41,250.00	\$ 39,459.00	\$ 39,459.00	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,000.00
B4	Utility Connection (Eversource)	Allow	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Bid Alternate B Total (Items #B1-B4):					\$ 525,000.00		\$ 527,175.00		\$ 564,650.00		\$ 568,394.98		\$ 750,000.00		\$ 520,550.00
										(submitted value)	*\$568,394.00				
Bid Alternate C - Snow Storage Gravel Area & Public Works Access Road Improvements															
Bid Item No.	Item Description	Units	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
C1	Heavy Duty Gravel	SY	3,800	\$ 25.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 27.90	\$ 106,020.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 62,700.00	\$ 14.66	\$ 55,708.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 106,400.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 95,000.00
C2	DPW Access Drive	SY	2,300	\$ 20.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 52,900.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 37,950.00	\$ 24.85	\$ 57,155.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 57,500.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 57,500.00
Bid Alternate C Total (Items #C1-C2):					\$ 141,000.00		\$ 158,920.00		\$ 100,650.00		\$ 112,863.00		\$ 163,900.00		\$ 152,500.00
										(submitted value)	*\$112,868.00				
Bid Alternate D - Sewer Forcemain															
Bid Item No.	Item Description	Units	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
D1	Sewer forcemain	LF	1,060	\$ 35.00	\$ 37,100.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 29,680.00	\$ 15.50	\$ 16,430.00	\$ 23.85	\$ 25,281.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 32,860.00
Bid Alternate D Total:					\$ 37,100.00		\$ 29,680.00		\$ 16,430.00		\$ 25,281.00		\$ 53,000.00		\$ 32,860.00
										(submitted value)	*\$25,280.00				
Bid Alternate E - Alternative Infill - Envirofill with Shock Pad															
Bid Item No.	Item Description	Units	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
E1	Alternative Infill - Envirofill with Shock Pad	LS	1	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 248,000.00	\$ 248,000.00	\$ 233,500.00	\$ 233,500.00	\$ 245,856.00	\$ 245,856.00	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00
Bid Alternate E Total:					\$ 275,000.00		\$ 248,000.00		\$ 233,500.00		\$ 245,856.00		\$ 275,000.00		\$ 350,000.00
Bid Alternate F - Alternative Infill - Safeshell with Shock Pad															
Bid Item No.	Item Description	Units	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
F1	Alternative Infill - Safeshell with Shock Pad	LS	1	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 158,000.00	\$ 158,000.00	\$ 154,300.00	\$ 154,300.00	\$ 152,576.00	\$ 152,576.00	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
Bid Alternate F Total:					\$ 275,000.00		\$ 158,000.00		\$ 154,300.00		\$ 152,576.00		\$ 210,000.00		\$ 250,000.00
Bid Alternate G - Scoreboard & Footings															
Bid Item No.	Item Description	Units	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
G1	Scoreboard & Footings	EA	2	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 25,900.00	\$ 51,800.00	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 24,299.50	\$ 48,599.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 96,000.00
Bid Alternate G Total:					\$ 60,000.00		\$ 51,800.00		\$ 61,000.00		\$ 48,599.00		\$ 95,000.00		\$ 96,000.00



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5/26/20

May 20, 2020

Mayor Becksted and the Portsmouth City Council
Portsmouth City Hall
1 Junkins Ave
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Dear Honorable Mayor Becksted and the City Council,

This is to request your approval to hold the 15th annual Seacoast Half Marathon on Sunday, November 8, 2020. We expect to have 1,200 participants on race day. 'Competitive walkers' will start at 8:00am, and the runners will start at 8:30. The 13.1 mile course starts and finishes at Portsmouth High School and travels through Rye and New Castle, as well as parts of Portsmouth. We avoid the 'downtown' area of Portsmouth to help minimize traffic interruptions. Each year, we work with the Police departments in Portsmouth, Rye and New Castle to minimize the impact of the race on local communities, and to maximize the safety for the racers. Our plan is to use the same race course we have used for 13 of the past 14 years. (Course map attached.)

Because of the extraordinary circumstances brought on by the coronavirus this year, we will also follow whatever public health guidelines are in place at that time of the race. As we plan for this year's race, we are exploring the options for protecting the health of our racers and volunteers. One of those options is to also offer a "virtual" Seacoast Half Marathon for those who may not feel ready to participate in a road race by November, but who still want to run or walk, and to support our beneficiary.

In past years, we have met with the City Manager and representatives of the Portsmouth Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments in September to finalize plans for the Seacoast Half Marathon. We look forward to doing so again this year, so that everyone can understand and be satisfied with the safety measures being proposed.

The Seacoast Half Marathon chooses a different local non-profit organization as its beneficiary each year. Past beneficiaries include New Heights, Cross Roads House, Womenade, Great Bay Services, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Seacoast, Families First, Sexual Assault Support Services/Child Advocacy Center, Chase Home for Children, the Seacoast Mental Health Center, and the Seacoast Family Food Pantry. In the first 14 years of the race, we contributed over \$1,200,000 to the race beneficiaries. This year's beneficiary is The Cornerstone Visiting Nurse Association. Our goal this year is to raise and donate a minimum of \$80,000-\$85,000 to support the great work that Cornerstone VNA has done on the front lines of this year's outbreak, and that they do to care for over 4,000 people of all ages in their homes each year. In addition to our beneficiary, other local non-profit organizations have staffed our 'water stops,' and those enthusiastic groups each receive \$500 for their efforts on race day. This is not a 'for-profit' race, so after race expenses are paid, all of the revenue raised from the race is donated.

The Seacoast Half Marathon attracts runners and walkers from 16-20 states across the nation, plus a small handful of people from outside the country. So local hotels, retailers and restaurants also benefit from the people who visit Portsmouth for this road race on Veteran's Day weekend. Especially with the recent business shutdowns, we're sure that any additional revenue would be appreciated.

We thank your office and the Council for your support of the Seacoast Half Marathon in past years, and hope that you will provide your support again for this year's race.

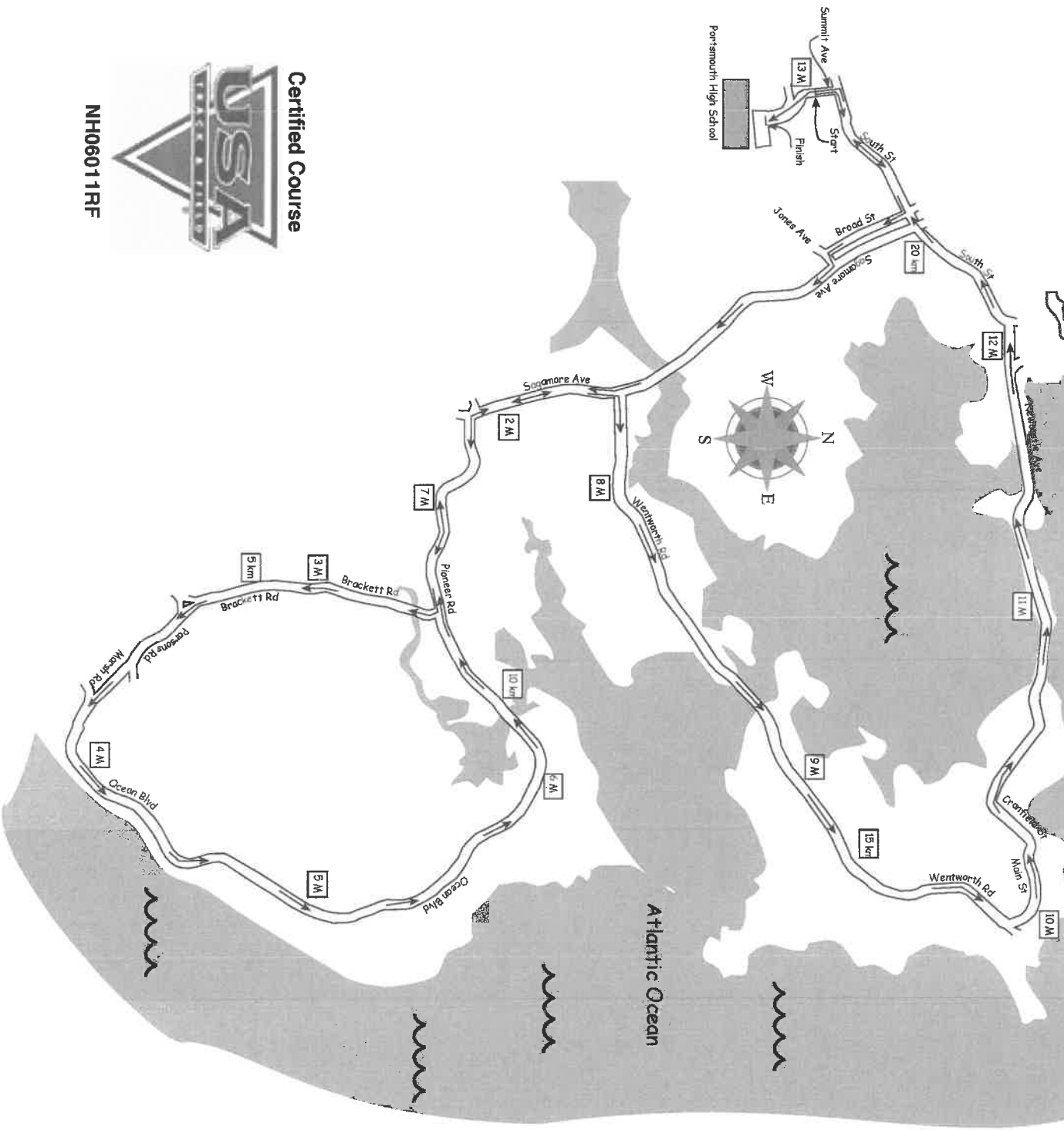
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Diener". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "D".

Jay Diener
Co-race director, Seacoast Half Marathon
206 Woodland Rd
Hampton, NH 03842
603.758.1177
shmracedirector@gmail.com

SEACOAST HALF-MARATHON

PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE



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Thomas W. Haslam - Secretary
St. John's Lodge No 1 F. & A. M.
351 Middle Street – Portsmouth, NH 03801

May 10, 2020

To: The City Manager
1 Junkins Ave.
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Dear Ms. Conard:

The Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge #1, Wors. Brother Jason DeStasio requests that we be allowed to hold our annual St. John's Sunday Parade on Sunday June 21, 2020. This tradition has gone on for over 100 years and we propose to assemble at the William Pitt Tavern at 416 Court Street and commencing at 8:50 AM we will march to St. John's Church for church services at 9:30 AM. After the conclusion of services, we propose to march back to the William Pitt Tavern. Understandably, this is all subject to regulations in place relating to the Governor's Emergency Order's on that date. We will have the usual insurance that is required and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Haslam, Secretary
stjohnstom@comcast.net
603-498-7205 mobile

CITY COUNCIL E-MAILS

May 18, 2020 (after 1:00 p.m. – May 28, 2020 (11:00 a.m.)

June 1, 2020 Council Meeting

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kristie Jorgensen (knejorg@gmail.com) on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 12:44:30

address: 774 Middle Street, Unit 1

comments: After reviewing the staff response to the the March 2020 public comments, it is very clear to me and the residents of Middle Street that the our efforts have been disrespected and ignored. There is complete and blatant disregard to the concerns of the residents of this city and I find the responses unsubstantiated. The staff have failed to acknowledge the reasonable and factual data that was presented by the residents that spoke up and also those residents who wrote letters addressing their concerns and personal experience regarding the negative impact of this bike project. The staff's lack of admitting and accepting the fact that this project is a complete failure now has the city mired in another ridiculous waste of funding that is unnecessary while the residents suffer due to the lack of common sense and practical reasoning by members of the planning department. Very disappointing to say the least.

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Engage: Submit

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Charles Pesik (chuckpesik@comcast.net) on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 15:00:10

address: 699 Middle St

comments: May 18, 2020
Honorable Members of the Portsmouth City Council

This morning we were made aware of City Planning Department's proposal for several short, medium and long-term revisions to the Middle Street Bike Lanes. We very dismayed to see little in the way of the safety and practical changes we and numerous other residents proposed during the Council's discussion of this topic in March 2020. We had previously presented our concerns in comments to you dated February 26th. Since the declaration of a state of emergency there appears to be some increase in bike lane usage along with a larger increase in pedestrian traffic. Interestingly, if you live on the street much of the increased lane usage is from families or children biking alone, many of them riding on the sidewalks. Even with substantially reduced traffic and dedicated bike lanes they still do not feel comfortable using the lanes. The increase in pedestrian traffic leads to walkers having to yield to bikers on the sidewalks along the bike lane route. It is somewhat ironic to see pedestrians moving off the sidewalk into the bike lanes while the bikers are on the sidewalks. Perhaps once bikers start their ride on side street sidewalks getting to the dedicated bike lanes, they just stay on the sidewalks because the bike lanes end a few blocks. The increased pedestrian traffic has also aggravated the lack of a crosswalk between Lincoln Ave and Cass Street.

We recommend the Council not accept the Planning Department's proposals for the Spring of 2020 except for implanting a 25 MPH speed limit along the route. This will only be effective if there is aggressive enforcement. The current speed limit is often exceeded especially during weekends, "commuter" times and late evenings.

In lieu of the remainder of the City's Planning Department Spring proposals and all of their proposed Summer 2020 proposals, we recommend the City Council have the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee review and hopefully accept the alternative proposals from Tom Gruen another concerned Middle Street resident. Mr.

Gruen's proposals are well thought out and balance the need for changes with the necessity for minimizing costs and moving quickly to improve the configuration. On the surface Mr. Gruen's proposals could be implanted this summer with similar costs as those proposed by the Planning Department.

Below is Mr. Gruen's proposal:

"It is very clear that our arguments to address the needs and safety of the Middle Street residents most affected by the bike lane design have fallen on deaf ears in the Planning Department. While all of the changes suggested by Juliet are necessary (lower speed limit, elimination of parking that blocks sight lines, fewer bollards) will help the current situation, they only take the perspective of the existing bike lane, and they neglect the interests of the Middle Street residents.

I can also sympathize that with the changes due to Covid-19 pandemic that it will be difficult to make any major changes to the bike lane given the current conditions. Indeed, since Portsmouth residents have been confined to homes and have few alternative places to go, the pedestrian and bike traffic in the bike lane has increased considerably. It is one of the few open places for social distancing.

A review of the comments listed in the City Council packet, pages 35-39 appears to be very callous towards the Middle Street residents. The responses to the many arguments presented by the large number of residents who turned out for the public meeting have been met with a general "you live on a busy street that is designed to move a lot of traffic, and not provide a place to park your car." I am very disappointed by the defensiveness of the responses throughout the document. I could also accept Juliet's argument if the bike lane would actually continue north past Highland/Cabot. But it mysteriously ends there, as parking is important north of this intersection but not to the south. Somewhat surprising to me is the absence of any consideration of extending the bike lane further north, up to Richards Ave where Middle Street narrows. Why the favoritism?

The issues we presented in the March meeting focused on the needs and safety of Middle Street residents, particularly in the short stretch between Lincoln and Highland, where parking is permitted on the West side, but outside of the bike lane. This poses two issues: the placement of the parking next to traffic is unsafe to get in and out of the driver's side of the car but to the proximity of the southbound traffic lane, and those living on the East side of Middle Street have to cross the street in order to have any parking. This also puts a strain on delivery and service vehicles that have to park across the street.

I would like the Planning Board to consider one solution posed at the March meeting which would be to simplify the Lafayette Road/Middle Street bike lane. Right now the bike lane has three components: 1) High School to Lincoln (protected bike lane, no parking either side); 2) Lincoln to Highland (protected bike lane, designated parking on West side); 3) Highland to State ("Sharrow" bike designation, with no specified bike lane).

The proposal was (and is) to keep the first component as is (thus continue the presence of a protected bike lane for most of its existing route), and then start the "Sharrow" portion at Lincoln instead of Highland, allowing curbside parking on both sides of Middle Street. This would only change about 2,000 feet of the bike lane, simplify things, and allow for safe parking for the Middle Street residents along this portion of the route. While making this simplification (which will be less costly and still protect the grant funding), we would still encourage longer distances for parking from all intersecting roads (which would improve safety for bicyclists and motorists), and reduction in the speed limit (to 25). Additionally, Lincoln Ave. could be designated a "bicycle boulevard" (part of the existing master plan anyway). The goal for this would be to maximize the overall interests and safety for all involved, bicyclists, motorists, and residents."

Thank you for considering our proposals. We look forward to seeing meaningful positive changes and improvements to the Middle Street Bike lanes.

Charles & Deborah Pesik
699 Middle Street

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Engage: Submit

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by CJ Fleck (cj.fleck@gmail.com) on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 18:49:40

address: 6 Rockaway Street

comments: Now is the time to really improve the bike lanes and the sidewalks! People are out in droves and we have a chance to really improve the city to make it more friendly for cyclists and walkers.

Despite the naysayers on Middle, more people are biking than ever before. Cities all over are permanently closing roads for cycling and pedestrians. Let's make our bike lane better! Real separation. Make it clear where the parking spaces are with actual curbing. Make it beautiful!

You all know it can be done. Don't go backwards. Make it right!

includeInRecords: on
Engage: Submit

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jacqueline Pitts (cali0917@aol.com) on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 10:17:43

address: 40 Bedford Way

comments: Please all task force and committee meetings should be open.
open tp the public. I also did not hear the most vulnerable being represented. Transparency is vital in these times .I assume that all decisions will be made by the city council in public as they should be..

includeInRecords: on
Engage: Submit

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Gabriel Markley (gabriel.markley@gmail.com) on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 11:47:24

address: 239 RALEIGH WAY

comments: To whom it may concern,
Please widen your vision and shutdown side streets to traffic. Allow open public space for walking and dining using our streets. Give space for restraints to have seating in front of there stores using sidewalk and street parking. I have no need to drive through town if there is only enough space for outdoor seating at a handful of places. Think big, COVID has changed our normal, create a new normal, and save our city. Close Market Street from Bow to Danial st.; Pleasant St.; Panhallow St.; Ceres st. to traffic to allow outdoor seating and 6' to walk around town.

Think big to try something new. Make us feel safe and give us our city back even if it's only for walking and outdoor seating. We have a new parking garage and a limited flow of traffic and most streets have no one parking on them when I do come through town. Let the creativity flow.

Thank you have a nice day.

Cheers,
Gabriel Markley

includeInRecords: on
Engage: Submit

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Mark Brighton (markbrighton1@gmail.com) on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 20:38:47

address: 99 Hanover St

comments: So Councilors, should we be giving away 15 million gallons of water to the PDA golf course for free? I believe it represents about \$242,000. Former speaker of the House Everett Dirksen summed it well, "Million here, a million there, pretty soon you are talking serious money. Just shift the decimal point and it applies here.

includeInRecords: on
Engage: Submit

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jill Lampert (massageisgood4u@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 12:11:47

address: 123 Spinnaker way

comments: Dear council members,

First of all thank you for all that you do. I am writing because my understanding at the city Council meeting the other night, Was that if the governor opened up organize sports, Portsmouth would as well. I am asking that you think about the secondary ripple effects of mental health that social isolation has on our kids, and act quickly. I one hundred percent trust in the Little League board to make sure that they open safely, but we also need to think about Babe Ruth and legion baseball as well.

Thank you,
Jill Lampert

includeInRecords: on
Engage: Submit

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jonathan W Sobel (jwsobel@gmail.com) on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 14:17:56

address: 49 SHEAFE ST., PORTSMOUTH

comments: Please shrink the budget
Name the new park on market st after WW 1, 2, or vietnam heros Name the empty garage Bohenko's Folly
Thank you JWS

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Matthew O'Donnell (mjodonnell@contractor.usgs.gov) on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 09:59:22

address: U.S. Board on Geographic Names U.S. Geological Survey 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS 523 Reston VA 20192-0523

comments: Dear City Councilors,

I work for the US Board on Geographic Names (BGN, <https://usgs.gov/geonames>) which is responsible by law for standardizing geographic names for use by the Federal Government. To make decisions, the BGN relies on recommendations from local communities.

A Portsmouth resident sent a proposal to the BGN to change the spelling of Hodgson Brook to Hodgdon Brook; the proponent is a member of the local Hodgdon family.

I tried to send an email to you on May 12, but the email was blocked by your server. An earlier email I sent to you about this on March 4 appeared to be delivered successfully.

hope that you and your families have been healthy and have been able to adapt to the restrictions put in place to help stop the spread of COVID-19. And I sincerely hope that any effects felt by your community have been as minimized as possible and the pandemic continues and normal operations begin to safely get back to normal.

I understand that a request about a geographic name proposal is not a high priority for the City Council at this point when compared to other matters of health and safety of residents. The BGN staff has been able to keep up its operations while working remotely in the Washington, DC area and we hope to continue to process proposals that have been sent to the BGN. There is no deadline for your response at this time, but I hope that you may be able to consider the request.

Please feel free to contact me for more details by email or by phone (703-648-4553) or refer to my March 4th email for the proposal packet.

Sincerely,

Matthew O'Donnell

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Bill St. Laurent (billstl60@aol.com) on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 11:41:47

address: 253 Colonial Dr.

comments: As a member of the Association of Portsmouth Taxpayers, I am supporting the City Managers proposal of a 0% increase or more so a possible 2% decrease in the 2021 budget, suggested by some city councilors. I am currently noting the push back from speakers at recent budget hearings to increase our 2021 city budget.

This should be a time when we all must, along with struggling with a world wide pandemic, help with the financial pandemic of millions of out of work Americans who are, for an unknown amount of weeks, months or maybe years are struggling to keep their head above water, due to the loss of millions of jobs. Along with the government trying to support Americans financially, the reduction of our budget would be a small way for our city to pitch in to help our local citizens financially. So please stick to the City Managers or a reduced budget to support the business and personal taxpayers who really need financial assistance in these drastic times.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kyle Langelier (aprazits@gmail.com) on Friday, May 22, 2020 at 06:35:36

address: 304 LESLIE DRIVE

comments: Attn: Manager Conard and City Council Members

I am requesting that if any future spot zoning changes are made that you protect the residential neighborhoods whose properties will be affected by the insertions of these large buildings into their neighborhoods.

An example of a neighborhood that was not protected is 200 Chase Drive now spot zoned Gateway district which abuts residential SRB zoning. This property is an island surrounded by Cutts Avenue, Chase Drive, Michael Soucy Drive and Market street Extension.

After receiving an abutter notice for the proposed 200 Chase Drive project and being involved for over a year with the permit process my request was denied. I was informed by the Planning Department that my property and the surrounding residential properties loose their abutter rights because public rights of ways or streets separate the zoning districts. In this case all residential properties that surround 200 Chase drive cannot depend on zoning to protect their rights as they are not considered abutters other than a piece of paper in the mail.

How many other properties in the city are affected by the Planning Departments creative zoning with out them even knowing?

We are having problems paying our tax bills and don't have the extra resources as large developers or the city do to hire a group of professionals or attorneys to decipher the complicated zoning that you are adopting. We depend on visits to the Planning department to review projects and get information to base our comments on before attending public meetings.

There needs to be a system in place so that property owners can ask questions, get honest answers from the Planning Department and not be led on and then blindsided a year later after decisions are made by the boards.

If you are going to make changes to zoning you must make sure that surrounding residential properties abutter rights are protected and loopholes are not in place to protect the developers.

I have submitted my comments in hopes of opening your eyes to the ramifications of future and past spot zoning changes on unprotected residential properties.

Respectfully
Kyle Langelier

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by James Hewitt (samjakemax@aol.com) on Friday, May 22, 2020 at 20:09:58

address: 726 Middle Road

comments: On this Memorial Day Weekend, I am resending a slightly revised letter I sent to you in January this year.

May 22, 2020

Dear Mayor Becksted and City Councilors:

As you are aware, Portsmouth has begun construction of a new public park along Market Street extension across from Albacore Park. At about 2.5 acres, it's the largest park to be constructed in Portsmouth in a generation, maybe two. Arrogantly, but predictably, the previous City Council chose to name this park without a public hearing and without public input. This park belongs to the people of Portsmouth. We paid for it. We should have a say in who the park is named for.

I offer the following exceedingly more worthy candidates: TSGT Clyde Douglas Alloway (1937-1970), Major John Christopher Archbold (1929-1969) SGT James B. Bartlett (1942-1966) PFC Ronald Raymond Corner (1948-1967), PFC Ralph Ronald Cummings (1951-1970) CPT William Newcomer Feaster (1938-1966), PVT George Edward Joyce (1943-1965) 1SG Bradley Elliot Sandford (1923-1970) CPL Michael Lawrence Succi (1947-1968) PFC Eugene Frederick Sweet, Jr. (1949-1968). These native sons of Portsmouth, some just teenagers, gave their lives for our country in the Vietnam War.

To the 129 sailors and civilians lost on the USS Thresher (SSN-593) on April 10, 1963.

1985 Portsmouth High School graduate and Warrant Officer David Gordon Plasch (1967-1991) was killed in the Persian Gulf War.

Portsmouth resident, Navy veteran and First Officer Thomas F. McGuinness, Jr. (1959 - 9/11/2001) was a co-pilot of one of the planes that was hijacked into the World Trade Center.

There is a Native American saying to the effect that a man never dies until he is no longer remembered. Portsmouth should never forget its fallen heroes and the sacrifices they, and their families, made for our country. I ask you to properly honor these valiant men and dedicate the park in their memory.

Regards,

James A. Hewitt
726 Middle Road
Portsmouth, NH 03801

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jane Zill (janezill@comcast.net) on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 09:04:14

address: 27 Shaw Road

comments: Dear City Councilor,
I'd like to thank Councilor McEachern for introducing the topic of testing wastewater for COVID-19 at the last city council meeting and to all of you who are interested and supportive of this idea. As our community struggles with safely reopening it's great to have a city council that is willing to think out-of-the-box when it

comes to enhancing public safety and protecting our local economy, two concerns that are mutually interdependent. Given this interdependence, I hope that our community will not be "penny wise and pound foolish" when considering the cost of testing.

Additionally, while discussion commences about how data obtained through wastewater testing can be applied, I hope the council does not become weighed down by it before initiating testing. A golden opportunity exists now, close to time zero and going forward, for prospective data collection.

Time zero is now, once it's passed the opportunity to collect baseline data is also lost along along with the opportunity for present time analysis and high quality research.

Additionally, I believe that testing wastewater as a model can and should be applied to other public health concerns, for example, opioid use and the presence of toxic pharmaceuticals that get into our water system through wastewater. But, for now, testing wastewater for COVID-19 is essential. I will continue to follow this issue the best I can. Thanks, again, for your community service and hard work.

Best, Jane Zill

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Laurel DiMatteo (laurel26@msn.com) on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 15:39:18

address: 579 Sagamore Ave #68

comments: Dear Council members, Masks help stop the spread of COVID-19 period. It's obvious from my observations in downtown Portsmouth this weekend that regardless of the posted signs, there are people who don't care about the safety of others. Unless we mandate the wearing of masks when outside of your home or car, as they do in some others states, there are those who will not comply. This avoids any gray area. Sorry to say, but not everyone can be counted on to do the right thing. Wearing a mask is a public safety issue. Thank you for considering my opinion.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kate Beland (katembeland9@gmail.com) on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 16:58:45

address: 373 Union Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801

comments: Mandating masks goes against the American Disabilities Act...there are people who simply cannot wear them for reasons that frankly are nobody's business...and you dont want to get into asking people what their disability is. That is a violation as well. If a business chooses to make them mandatory for their store that is fine. But making them mandatory??? No!! And I'd like to know who changed the message downtown "A mask is all we ask"...sounds elitist & not very inclusive. I will fight the hell out of this if need be...since when did we become a town who doesnt include ALL people, the able bodied & not....

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Anne Schwartzman (akey5@nycap.rr.com) on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 17:50:22

address: 118 Spinnaker Way

comments: I do not feel masks should be required at all times, nor if you are simply moving/walking/biking through town and can maintain 6 ft. of distance. I will put my mask on when I feel I may encounter someone else - always if they will be within 6 ft. But when no one else is around; it should not be mandated.

I fully support businesses that require them as science supports that they are needed inside more than outside to stop virus spread.

Thank you.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Judy Miller (jamiller37@gmail.com) on Monday, May 25, 2020 at 14:47:16

address: 77 Hanover Street, Unit #7

comments: In today's Washington Post, an article by M. Laris describes how cities have been prompted to close some public roads, parking spaces, and sidewalks to make room for restaurants to space out their tables.

Please consider this idea as many of our restaurants are dealing with the financial strain of providing outdoor seating with a reduced number of tables.

Thank you.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by katie Hillman (katriehillman@hotmail.com) on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 07:06:09

address: 85 Madison St

comments: Dear City Council,

I understand you will be deciding whether to require masks in public. I do not support requiring masks in public. While I do wear a mask in stores and other similar places, I do not think they should be mandated anywhere, especially outside. Please do not require that we wear them while outside. I could go into my reasoning but I assume you have many details to tend and already know the pros and cons of mandating.

Also, I have read comments regarding the budget and our schools. I see no reason why the school budget should be flat. I support a tax increase if it means the schools will have increased funding during this pandemic. How can we not provide them additional support? Perhaps the fields at community campus, if they are still in the works, could be put on hold to support our schools until life normalizes enough.

It often seems that the dominant voice that is heard in town has become the retired community or those without children. This trend needs to change. I do have a family, am very invested in multiple ways locally, hold higher education degrees, and am married to a doctor if it matters. We come from very humble beginnings and we are reasonable middle ground folks. This situation of requiring masks in NH and not supporting our schools adequately seems to be the result of a small vocal group. Please decide wisely and with families in mind.

Thank you for your time.

Katie Hillman

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jane Zill (janezill@comcast.net) on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 08:15:17

address: 27 Shaw Road

comments: Dear City Councilor,

Here is another article about testing wastewater as a strategy to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Please let me know if you can't open the link. I'll be glad to send a PDF.

Best,
Jane

Is Coronavirus Sewage Testing the Key to Slowing the Spread of COVID-19? Here's What Experts Say

<https://www.health.com/condition/infectious-diseases/coronavirus/coronavirus-sewage-testing>

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Lisa Rapaport (lisarapa@icloud.com) on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 17:00:28

address: !39A South St Portsmouth NH

comments: Dear councilors,

I'm writing to vigorously protest the steep proposed budget cuts for Portsmouth schools, which would be devastating for students at a time when so many children will need remedial academic support and additional social and emotional support to rebound from the many challenges of remote learning.

My family moved to Portsmouth specifically for the schools, when we could have chosen many more affordable seacoast communities nearby, and we would be especially upset as homeowners and, business owners, and active members of this community to see our schools deteriorate at a time when our students will need academic and social support more than ever.

Our family is struggling, like so many people, because of lost work and the impossible challenges of parenting and teaching during a pandemic. And we fully understand that raising taxes would be a financial hit to many hard working people in our community - it would be a hit to us too. But we would hate to compound the escalating cost of living here by also making the value of living here so much less by gutting our schools. If we take the long view, failing to invest in our kids is failing to invest in our community. And, failing to maintain our high quality schools will ultimately lower property values and encourage families to move away.

I think about so many school employees who have made an outsize difference in my kids' lives, from the amazing guidance counselor at PMS who helped my sixth grader manage temporary disabilities from a concussion, to the cafeteria staff at LHS who have taken a special interest in encouraging my underweight, picky eater to try new foods. These people may not teach core subjects, but they are just two of many people who have made an outsize difference in my kids' ability to learn. Cutting these kinds of jobs might seem like losing "nonessential" workers, but it would be leaving my two kids less able to learn and I'm sure there are many other children who need support outside the classroom to succeed in the classroom who would miss out.

I am speaking as a person who has made Portsmouth my adopted home, and chosen to raise my family here, and as an active member of the LHS PTA, and as a homeowner, and as a business owner.

I hope we won't be short sighted and short change our kids at a time when they will need more support from schools than ever before.

Thanks so much for your time and consideration!

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Elizabeth George (Eciesluk@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 18:33:04

address: 134 Lincoln Ave Portsmouth

comments: Hello,

I am writing to implore the city council not to impose significant budget cuts on our schools. In these uncertain times, our kids need support from their schools and teachers more than ever and will no doubt have even greater needs when they return in the fall.

Thank you for protecting the future of our students'™ education as they are our future.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Adrienne Harrison (adeharrison@gmail.com) on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 18:59:19

address: 238 Highland St

comments: I am writing in support of the Portsmouth school budget needs and requesting that the city council not take the budget cuts from the schools. I realize that the city will need to make hard decisions about the budget. The reality is that after the impacts of COVID-19, the schools will need more resources to help students who fell behind, replenish supplies including computers and books that were shared with students in need, hire staff to support emotional and academic needs of students, and maintain impeccably clean facilities. This is not the time to cut local funds. Public schools are facing unprecedented challenges in funding and our children deserve a community that can rise above the "easy cuts" to education and stand our ground to support an excellent school system. I live in Portsmouth for the school system. I could pay a lot less for a home in another community if I didn't care about the schools - but I do care and I am willing to pay for the schools.!

Please do not cut the budget - especially not this year given the recovery the schools and students will require.

Thank you,
Adrienne (mother of Maia and Will)

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kelly Weinstein (Kellyamweinstein@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 19:13:26

address: 373 Lincoln ave

comments: Please, we beg you, NO! Do not cut this budget. This is all our children have right now! Please!

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Joe Harrison (JoeHarrison415@gmail.com) on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 20:01:11

address: 238 Highland

comments: Dear City Councilors, thank you very much for your service. I would like to encourage you not to reduce funding for the school system. At this point, we don't know if we will be back full-time, or not at all, or some hybrid approach. How can we take away funding at a time like that? We have a rainy day fund, and a global pandemic is the time to use it. Let's figure out a long-term solution, but let's not cut funding for our children. Having just spent three months working from home and helping my children online learn, I can tell you that my first grader is not exactly getting what he needs out of public education right now. He has certainly fallen behind where first grader should be, as have most of his peers. Maybe older kids can online learn more efficiently, but obviously the school department needs time and resources to figure all of this out. If I were a city counselor, I would not rest easy unless I knew that low income students were getting the same access to technology as people with money. That means that we need to get them Wi-Fi, provide them with laptops, and make sure that they are not falling way behind in this new reality. I can't imagine reducing funding further at a time like this. It is literally the opposite of what should happen. Schools need more resources right now. Please consider increasing funding if anything. Also consider that school budgets have already been completely gutted. Parents now pay for most field trips and enrichment programs. Schools are running on the bare minimum essentially.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jonathan Steinberg (Jonathan@sprk.agency) on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 20:09:22

address: 353 Miller Ave

comments: To Whom It May Concern,
Now is not the time to cut the budget for schools. Teachers and students need more resources than ever. Cutting the already tight budget, will further limit the support and facilities provided to our next generation. Instead of cutting the budget, we should be increasing it. Teachers are working nights and weekends to support students during this unprecedented time and they need paraprofessionals and other resources to sustain this type of environment.

Also, by cutting the budget, it will be harder to get future funding to replace the money that has been allocated elsewhere. We pay an extreme amount in taxes currently and I would personally prefer that money go towards schools than other unnecessary items. The budget is going to be scrutinized during this time and cutting money for education will draw more negative press and have a greater impact than other areas.

Prioritize education and if possible, add more funding. We must support our future and those who are helping it thrive.

Thank you.

Jonathan Steinberg

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Brendan Cooney (br_cooney@me.com) on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 20:27:47

address: 57 Mount Vernon St

comments: Dear Mayor and Councillors, I am joining my voice to many others in asking you to please not cut the school budget. I believe you can find other opportunities to tighten our collective belts while keeping the current school budget in place. Indeed, in this time of dramatic change it is likely that our schools are going to need more money than before to effectively adjust to a new way of educating our City's children. More importantly, families that have limited financial resources are more likely to suffer negative impacts of budget cuts. If we are a city that shows compassion to families and that wants to encourage strong and successful children, we need to maintain at least the current budget levels for our schools. Thank you.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jessica Peelman (jessicapeelman@gmail.com) on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 21:12:31

address: 99 Broad St

comments: I wanted to voice my families deep concern about the proposed budget cuts to the school department. Part of the reason my family moved to Portsmouth was for the fantastic public schools. I'm very concerned that the quality of our children's education will be severely impacted by the proposed cuts. This may give people pause when considering to move to Portsmouth, cause more families to send their kids to private schools or move out of Portsmouth all together. This is a very difficult time for everyone and our children are already suffering. Negatively impacting their education in this unprecedented time of need is unconscionable.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Erika Beer (Erika_beer@hotmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 06:22:20

address: 64 Mount Vernon Street

comments: Our children have suffered emotionally and academically as a result of this global crisis. This is a time to put our schools first and not cut the budget. Our school needs to function well moving into next year with a possible combination of remote and in-person learning. Our kids will need extra support From our schools to get up to speed academically and socially. This it isn't the time for cuts.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Julia Buck (Buckjulia@hotmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 06:36:15

address: 398 Lincoln Avenue

comments: Imagine, as a parent, homeschooling 1-4 children for, say, 3 months. Now imagine a classroom of 18-22 children. Rooms of 18-22 five year old children. Rooms of 18-22 thirteen year old kids. Imagine creating and teaching curriculum to those students 193 days a year (minimum). Imagine the majority of those teachers with Masters degrees. Every one of those classrooms are filled with children with special needs - 504s, IEPs, social/emotional needs, kids who need more challenges academically, kids who need free

breakfast and lunch, kids who need a psychologist. Support staff, school councilors, schools nurses, United Arts teachers, are all involved in in each child's growth and development on a daily basis.

Now add a pandemic.

Buildings will need to be cleaned constantly. Children and staff will need to be screened. Buses may need to run at multiple times a day to keep numbers low in buildings. Food will need to be served, bagged, delivered perhaps throughout the day, not just in the am and pm.

And what about technology? Any student who needed a device for remote learning received one. More will be needed, especially if remote learning resumes. IT staff will step in to help staff and Principals deliver working hardware.

Every family with school- aged children who were not able to bring a nanny into their home during the last three months have been blind-sided with the amount of work it is to guide learning, feed, and maintain the mental health of their own children.

This current healthcare situation has revealed who the essential workers and institutions are. Schools are essential. Excellent, well funded schools are highly desirable. Portsmouth claims this to businesses, retirees and double-income, no kid families. Do the right thing. Support families and schools.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Cullan Spiller (cullan.spiller@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 06:43:57

address: 33 Cabot Street

comments: As a 32 year taxpayer in Portsmouth, I implore you not to cut the school budget! This year of all years, we need all of the staff, supplies and support that our students deserve!!!! They will be sitting where you are sitting right now in years to come I need the knowledge and the power to do this!

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kristin Trapane (Kristin_01@comcast.net) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 06:51:52

address: 46 mcNabb court

comments: School budgets with no increase are fake news.. The cost of providing quality education increases yearly. Now more than ever our students should have all educational and extracurricular needs and desires met. Please vote to meet the proposed school board budget.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Martha Ratay (Weathersmartha@yahoo.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 06:54:34

address: 139 Willard Ave

comments: Good Morning,

I would like to formally voice my objection to the proposed School budget cuts. Our schools and our children deserve better and as a resident I expect more from the city to make our schools a priority. Education is the foundation for our youth and a \$1.8 million trim is not a trim it is truly an amputation. Please ensure that this budget cut is not implemented or forced on the school district!

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Melissa Lore (melissafolklore@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 07:16:44

address: 4 McDonough St

comments: The proposed budget cuts to the school system are a travesty. My family moved to Portsmouth because it is a great place to raise kids and that includes well-funded, high-quality schools. Cutting the budget will have long term implications, including driving away affluent young families, driving down property values, and most importantly harming our next generation at the very moment we most need to be investing in the future. I implore you to keep our schools FULLY funded and find a different way to make up for any budget shortfalls.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Katinka de Ruiter (kjideruiter@yahoo.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 07:18:31

address: 420 Lincoln Ave. Portsmouth, NH 03801

comments: I strongly disagree with the proposed school budget cut. The school district needs, now, more than ever, appropriate funding to support the new health guidelines. Instead, they are being asked to do more with significantly less. Years ago, I moved to Portsmouth specifically because of the stellar reputation of the public school system. Budget cuts would cause children's education to suffer, the schools reputations to suffer, and, as a result, property values to suffer. I understand that not all Portsmouth residents currently have children in the school system. However, I assume that most of them have either had child in the public school system, will have a child in the public school system, or were a child themselves in the public school system. It is our social responsibility to invest in children. They are our future. We want them to be well-educated, well-rounded and good citizens. The Portsmouth School System currently provides this. With the proposed budget cuts, it may not be able to do so in the future.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Ruth Ganev (Ruthella@hotmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 07:23:02

address: 80 Fleet Street

comments: This is absolutely shameful. Budget cuts to our schools will have far reaching consequences in our community. Portsmouth prides itself on having great schools, as well as being a wonderful community. Many of the affluent people who keep Portsmouth alive by frequenting the restaurants and other social events in this community, moved here because of the great schools!! You will be ruining our great community by destroying our schools, not to mention ruining lives of young people! I urge you to reconsider these drastic budget cuts to the lifeline of our community - our schools!!

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Sally Stebbins (Sally.stebbins@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 07:29:07

address: 117 Bow Street unit 201 Portsmouth NH

comments: I am opposed to any cuts in the upcoming Portsmouth School District Budget. The Covid Crisis and the need for home schooling and social distancing in the schools is going to demand unprecedented Resources like additional classrooms, teachers, home computers, on line learning resources, and cleaning the physical buildings. This is not the time to reduce the budget! Instead we should be investing more in the schools to help them meet the new guidelines for learning in this pandemic.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Natalie Safley (nataliesafley@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 07:45:58

address: 1121 South Street

comments: Portsmouth City Councilors,

I am writing in response to your recent request asking the Portsmouth School Department to cut \$1.8 million dollars from its proposed 2020-2021 budget. I emphatically ask you to reconsider. We are living in a pandemic. We are living in the middle of a traumatic event. Schools are being asked to do more than ever before. So, you are asking them to do more with less. Why? In the matter of two days, Portsmouth Schools created remote learning for all students, provided technology for those in need, provided meals to students and families (even on the weekend). They could have said "No." They could have said, "Wait." However they said, "Okay, let's go! Let's help our COMMUNITY during this tragic and unforeseen circumstance." It is now time for the City of Portsmouth to support and commend the district leadership, teachers, staff, parents and students for meeting the challenge of this difficult time by awarding the proposed budget to Portsmouth School Department as proposed.

Let's put a face on what you are asking the School Department to do in order to meet your request (line numbers listed from proposed budget): cut the salaries of all teachers at Dondero (102) or New Franklin (105), or cut all Performing Arts (111) or cut the Technical Career Center (114), cut the technology plan for the district (177)--along with the district Psychologist (137) and Health Budget (134). One may look at these proposed cuts and think that is not what is being asked, however I see it that way. We are going to need more technology and wellness support for our students, teachers and staff. Cutting even one program, one position, is detrimental to the health and wellness to all of those involved. The proposed \$1.8 million dollars in cuts asked by the city councilors is not going to ease the high anxiety of our current situation, it is only going to exacerbate it.

Eight years ago, my family and I wanted to get away from the urban sprawl of Northern Virginia. We wanted to be a part of a community that valued education, the arts and knowing one's neighbors. When my husband's work brought him to Boston, we looked at several communities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. After months of research, we chose to make Portsmouth, NH our home. We found a community of individuals who valued education, the arts and supporting one another. I hope the current Portsmouth City Council will continue to show it's support of these values by honoring the work of our School Department and providing the funding--more importantly the support that is needed during these devastating times.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Natalie Safley
1121 South Street
nataliesafley@gmail.com

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Lauren Adamek Cook (adamekcook@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 07:59:44

address: 86 Coakley Road

comments: City Councilors,

I was dismayed to see the monumental cuts proposed to our school budget. Our children deserve a school environment that is safe, full of qualified educators, and provides ample opportunities for enrichment. I fear that critical staff and programs will need to be cut to fit the budget. Further, during this time of the

pandemic, the schools will need sufficient funds to make potential changes in cleaning, staffing, busing, hours, social-emotional supports and technology. I implore you to reconsider the magnitude of your proposed cuts.

Sincerely,

Lauren Adamek Cook

Parent of an incoming Kindergartner and Child Psychologist

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Christina Dallesandro (christina@momsrising.org) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:05:12

address: 140 Walker Bungalow

comments: Hello,

I am the parent of two middle schoolers and a Portsmouth tax payer. The schools have been a god send in this time of crisis. I have full faith in the schools to continue to provide excellent instruction with the proper support. Please support this budget and allow our schools to continue to do the great work they are doing.

Best,

Christina Dallesandro

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Laura Stoll (lauralstoll@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:05:47

address: 55 Lovell St

comments: Please keep the proposed budget increase. I have three kids and a cut to the budget would be detrimental to the schools. Homeschooling is a challenge and without the additional resources to help facilitate that, we would be lost. No one knows what school will look like come Fall, but I think we can all agree it will be different than in past years and will require more resources than before. Please don't cut budgets. It will make it harder on the schools and on the families of Portsmouth.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kim Hasty (kimberlyhasty@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:06:10

address: 634 State St Portsmouth

comments: We must commend our district for all their hard work in making remote learning possible (I have family in other states that went months without any type of learning at home), accessible for everyone and for all the extra support from teachers and administration. In light of what we as Portsmouth families and the teachers, staff and administrations have adjusted to and the unknowns of the fall now is NOT the time to make budget cuts that directly affect the children of Portsmouth! All the schools need to function with the utmost financial support in order to tackle the challenges of possibly yet another new version of learning in the fall. Every student will need some sort of additional support or intervention in varying areas (educational, social, emotional) to process the impacts of this time and now isn't the time to not make those things a priority by cutting positions. Looking at the even bigger picture, property values will be directly affected if we

decimate the schools. Families choose Portsmouth over other areas because of the amazing schools! We know we are not the only parents who feels this way. As a city council, PLEASE listen to your community and make ALL members of our town a priority - INCLUDING OUR CHILDREN! Thank you!

Nate and Kim Hasty
Parents to Landon @ PMS and Noah, Eli and Quinn @ LHS

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Katie Jenkins (Katie.jenkins@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:09:31

address: 35 Mark St. Ports

comments: I am outraged that school budget cuts would even be considered at a time when our students have suffered great educational and emotional loss over the past few months. We owe it to our children and the future of this great city to double down and invest in their educational needs. The teachers of Portsmouth have gone well above and beyond the call of duty during the pandemic and should not be facing cuts when providing for our children's educational needs. Thank you. Katie Jenkins

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Paulette Dinulos (paulettenh@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:17:20

address: 3 Hancock St Portsmouth

comments: To the Portsmouth City Council,

I hope that you will reconsider the budget cuts for the Portsmouth District. I understand the economic difficulties presented by the current pandemic. I hope that all involved will remember that the children attending our schools have already endured much during this historic time and that they represent the future of this town.

Despite the best efforts of their teachers and administrators, all have struggled to not regress socially and academically. All have lost a valuable support network at school and the ability to connect 1:1 with educators on a regular basis. This is particularly true for children with special needs for which the regression may not be easily recovered. Many have lost the ability to say goodbye to friends, teachers, and mentors through traditional moving on ceremonies. Many students experienced anger and sadness from the recent firebombing at PMS. The students may not be there in person but they are in spirit as they learn remotely.

Our community may be re-opening but this pandemic is far from over. These children will likely have many more months of social and educational disruption. It is one thing to approve a ZERO increase in challenging times, but it is quite another to CUT funding. Now is not the time to make budget cuts that will adversely affect their long-term learning AND the quality education our district has worked so hard to achieve.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Rebecca Woods, MHA (rebeccawoods1013@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:19:35

address: 99 Hanover Street, Suite 203

comments: Don't cut the budget we will Teachers more than ever starting in September post Covid these kids are behind and need help both education mentally physically

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Thomas A Holbrook (tomholbrook1970@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:21:34

address: 86 Morning St

comments: Please don't cut the school budget. If you wonder whether healthy schools are important to the fabric and quality of Portsmouth, I will tell you that I have considered moving out of Portsmouth many times, but it is the schools that have kept me here. My daughter went to New Franklin, and is now at the Middle School. Cuts would greatly hamper the administrations ability to give her the quality of education she, and all kids, deserve. Thank you.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Molly Shaw Wilson (mollyshawwilson@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:22:31

address: 1360 South St

comments: I want to comment that i am very concerned about the school budget cuts. As a resident, professional and business owner in this town who works with our students, we know that these times are unprecedented in regards to the health and well being of us all. The mental health ramifications that this quarantine will have on our children is grave. For many families, the school is the only access to supports and services to begin to heal what is going on. School budget cuts at any time are concerning, but in these times they seem criminal.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Meg Berling (Megberling@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:22:35

address: 117 Ash Street

comments: My name is Meg Berling and I was a reading specialist prior to having my girls. I have 3 girls in the Portsmouth School right now and was saddened to hear about the large budget cut that is being discussed. My husband and I wanted our kids to go to school in Portsmouth because of the good reputation of the schools. My fear of this big cut is that it will take away some of the subjects that make our kids successful, especially those kids that do not excel in the common core classes and need those extras to build confidence and succeed in the outside world. Now with Covid 19 and how unsure the re-opening of schools look, how are the schools going to deal with the different level of kids coming back and kids that may not come back. You are asking the school board to basically figure out an entirely new school system for ages K-12 by asking them to cut over a million dollars worth of programs AND deal with the reopening of school during Covid 19.

How can anyone deal with all this and make quality decisions about our kids education??? Please reconsider cutting our kids future. Please give them the gift of a sound education.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jennifer Chapnick (jennifer.chapnick@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:23:16

address: 97 Meredith Way

comments: Good morning,

I am writing as a very concerned parent regarding the school budget cuts. As a mom of three elementary aged students, I find it shocking and disheartening that even more than usual is being taken away from our youngest community members. Now is the time to step up and help them become the best community members they can be through the best education possible, and to enhance this incredibly trying time for them, instead of making it worse. While I understand that these are trying times for everyone, including huge financial burdens on many people -- many, many in our community still have the financial means to help our kids, and the kids do not deserve to lose any more than they have already lost. While I love the Portsmouth community, and I LOVE the school my kids attend, I am saddened to be part of a community that is currently not valuing education in a meaningful way, and is willing to ignore the needs of our towns children during this difficult time. PLEASE do not cut the school budget and harm our littlest of littles. Portsmouth will come back stronger and better than ever when it is able to, but in the meantime, please support out children!

Best Regards,
Jenny

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Amy Baker (amyparrottbaker@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:24:03

address: 75 Humphreyâ€™s Court

comments: I am vehemently opposed to the \$1.8 million budget cuts to our school budget. Schools our one of the most important parts of our city!

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Katie Marble (KatieK62@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:24:59

address: 226 Marcy Street

comments: Dear City Council,

I am writing as a parent of two students at LHS (K and 2). Throughout our time at LHS, we have utilized a number of services that have been incredibly beneficial to my children. In addition, the school has done an amazing job coming up with new and interesting activities, such as the meditation room and movement path, that have truly benefited my children in a way that cannot be measured. With the cuts that the Council is considering, I am concerned that these non-academic initiatives, as well as a number of others, will be cut to the detriment of the students. Given the situation that we find ourselves in today, and the stress that it is

creating on our children, taking away resources from our students when they return to a physical school building will only continue to create stress and anxiety. It is critical that our students are provided the resources needed to come back from this trying time. These budget cuts will directly impact our students' emotional and physical well-being, and will impair their ability to achieve academically. I ask that you continue to at least fund our schools at the same level they are funded now so that our students have the necessary support in the coming school year.

Regards,
Katie Marble

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Lindsay Pappas (LindsBenj@comcast.net) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:31:40

address: 2 Brackett Lane

comments: Dear City Councilors,

I am writing today to tell you that I SUPPORT the budget the City Manager proposed at the May 21st meeting.

I do NOT support the \$1.8M budget cut.

My family moved to our neighborhood because of the schools. We have two elementary children. Our children are our future. These budget cuts are short sighted will leave us with a skeleton of programs and services creating a rippled effect for years to come.

I urge you to not make a short sighted decision. Please pass the budget the City Manager proposed at the May 21st meeting.

Thank you,
Lindsay Pappas @ 2 Brackett Lane

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by KathleenSlover (Mcslover2000@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:33:17

address: 346 Richards ave

comments: Thank you for giving me this opportunity to let you know that I disagree with school budget cuts. At the very least, please consider the May City Manager's plan for zero increase or decrease.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Brian Porter (bsporter99@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:34:10

address: 319 Lincoln Ave

comments: In these challenging times I strongly urge the City Council to protect the school budget so that we can fully fund the education of Portsmouth children. Cuts to education to reduce current taxes for property owners will have negative ramifications for our city, our state, and our nation that will last decades. Wonderful stewardship of city resources over the years has delivered us a strong financial position as we endure this crisis. Our AAA bond rating and our savings exist to be used in just such an emergency. A primarily tax cutting agenda that may have made sense in December 2019 is no longer the correct approach in May 2020.

Whether or not you have children yourselves, the children of Portsmouth are our future and our collective legacy. We are depending on you to do the right thing.

Finally, thank you for your service to the city. It is clear that the time and effort you spend on city affairs is very significant. I also appreciate your openness to public input. Thank you!

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Lisa HÃ©bert (mllisahebert@hotmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:36:38

address: 183 Hillside Drive

comments: Dear City Council,

Our family moved to Portsmouth nearly two years ago. We chose this amazing community for a number of reasons, with one particular piece in mind- the amazing schools. Please consider supporting our public schools with a forward thinking budget and refuse all budget cuts. The pandemic as impacted us all in varying degrees- please know this is not the time to cut funding to our children. The children of our community deserve better and need support now more than ever. I urge you to support our children at this unprecedented time of global crisis and refuse all school budget cuts and know our schools are the foundation for a thriving and robust community. Thank you.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Bridget & John Stebbins (john.stebbins@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:37:05

address: 390 Richards Ave

comments: Councilors,

We are strongly opposed to any decrease in the school budget. The school system has made a valiant effort at supporting the remote learning of the city's children during this pandemic, but everyone understands remote learning cannot make up for the kids being removed from their classrooms for a quarter of the school year. It is vital that we give our children every opportunity to succeed and excel with their education this coming year. If anything we should be adding to the school budget, not cutting it.

Thanks for your time, understanding and service.

Bridget & John

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Gregory LaCamera (greglacamera@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:42:14

address: 34 Rock Street

comments: Hello.

I hope you all are healthy and well. This is a follow up email to the Islington Phase 2 delay.

Islington Phase 2 (Dover to Congress) has been delayed yet again. This project has been delayed a number of times. This process started in 1997, 23 years ago.

Recently, it was delayed in early 2017. Residents came and strongly voiced their opinions. The result was moving it to FY22 from FY24... it was then moved to FY25 in late 2018 without public input. Rebecca Perkins raised this delay last March 2019 and it was moved back up to FY22. As of today, it is back to FY24.

How can we get this back to FY22 as promised? I believe the upper West End taxes have increased the most in the city over the past 5 years. Tax dollars should be allocated for the poor conditions. This is an opportunity for both improved resident living conditions but also increased tax revenue from business growth. Here is the timeline... we are looking at 30 years from start to finish. Many who have contributed to the process have now moved out of Portsmouth or moved on completely from this world:

1997 - Islington Streetscape Study, Sherman Grenier Halle, 8/12/17, p. 9

2003 - Islington plans referenced in the Master Plan

2009 - Completed Islington Corridor Improvement Action Plan

2012 - CIP Adopted on March 19th, 2012: TSM-CITY/NHDOT-31: ROADWAY: Islington Street Improvements with funding FY13 and construction starting FY14

2013 - CIP Adopted February 19th, 2013: TSM-CITY/NHDOT-24: ROADWAY: Islington Street Improvements with funding FY13 and construction starting FY14

2014 - CIP Adopted February 18, 2014: TSM-CITY/NHDOT-26: ROADWAY: Islington Street Improvements with funding FY14 and construction starting FY14

2015 - CIP Adopted February 17, 2015: TSM-CITY/NHDOT-26: ROADWAY: Islington Street Improvements with final design is underway with the first phase of improvements starting at Congress St. with construction anticipated Summer 2015.

2016 - CIP Adopted March 14, 2016: TSM-PW-33: ISLINGTON STREET IMPROVEMENTS with final design is underway with the first phase of improvements starting at Congress St. with construction anticipated Summer 2016.

2017 - CIP Adopted March 7, 2017: TSM-PW-35: ISLINGTON STREET IMPROVEMENTS with final design is underway with the first phase of improvements starting at Congress St. with construction anticipated Summer 2017.

2018 - moved to FY25, after input from residents had it moved to FY22; it was then moved back to FY22 based on feedback

2019 - moved to FY24, after input in 2018 had it moved to FY22; it was then moved back to FY22 (again) based on feedback

2020 - moved to FY24

I know we are dealing with a pandemic. However no matter when we establish the bond purchase, there will certainly be recessions until maturity. Since 2000 we have had the 2001 dot-com Recession, 2008 Great Recession and 2020 pandemic recession.

Thank you for your public service and taking this into consideration.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kerrin Parker (parkerkerrin@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:49:34

address: 86 Haven Rd

comments: I support restrained spending in many areas in order to alleviate the recent tax inflation. However, trying to cut the school budget in the middle of a pandemic is ill advised. Many kids will have fallen behind this year requiring additional support next year. I'd like to see some of the more ambitious, less pressing, public works projects wait a few years while we work together to adjust the school budgets over 2-3 years.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Tom Driscoll (tom@sashandsolder.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:51:36

address: 48 Orchard Street

comments: You've got be kidding me. 1.8 million dollar cut in our school budget? There's a reason why our school system is one of the best in the entire state of New Hampshire. That reason is called funding. This school system has performed heroically during a pandemic. We're all stretched. You might as well cut all the funding to first responders. It feels like the same thing. Give me a break.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Deb Gordon McNeilly (dgordon11@hotmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 08:57:21

address: 205 Wibird Street

comments: Hello - I support the budget the City Manager proposed at the May 21st meeting. I understand that these are extraordinary times and that we have to make tough choices with limited funding but I think we need to look elsewhere to cut. There is nothing more important than our children—they are the future of our state and our country. Thank you.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Stephanie Deihl (stephanie.guay@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:05:12

address: 380 Richards Ave

comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to go on record saying I support the budget the City Manager proposed at the May 21st meeting. Proposed cuts to the school budget should have been considered before contracts were negotiated in March. Asking for \$1.8M in cuts at the last minute seems irresponsible from an outsider perspective, especially in light of the current pandemic. Going into next year, our children will need support and services more than ever. Increases in childhood trauma and ACEs have already been documented around the country (less so in our region, because wellness checks from social workers are not happening as frequently because of stay-at-home orders). We are in unprecedented times and if we do not support our children now, we will feel the ripple effect for years to come. If we want our school system to continue to strengthen, in order to attract families that are willing to pay our high property taxes, then we need to protect our school programs and services.

Respectfully,
Stephanie Deihl

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Ashley Parsons (Ashley@parsonsnh.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:08:12

address: 95 Nathaniel Drive

comments: Absolutely protect the current budget that our school system needs. At a time like this due to coronavirus I can only imagine the new resources that will be needed to bring normalcy back to the children that have been remotely learning since March. Programs and staff must be available at all costs. This is a time to protect and let our young community thrive. It is selfish to expect our school systems to cut budgets in such a dramatic way. Cutting the budget now will create a ripple effect for years to come. Investing in our younger community is worth every penny. It will allow our community as a whole to thrive and continue to be the special place that it is.

I whole heartedly do NOT support cutting out school budgets.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Thomas Silverman (TOM.SILVERMAN@GMAIL.COM) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:10:41

address: 171 Willard Ave

comments: I understand that budget will be tight this year, but I would like to encourage city councilors to NOT cut budget for schools. A robust education system pays significant dividends for the town in many short-, medium, and long-term ways. As a town we need to continue to invest in this resource as it helps us attract residents - and hence businesses - to move here because of the quality of the schools. A cut to the school budget (which I might add is heavily subsidized by contributions from parents to multiple money raising events) would adversely affect our town's ability to attract new families and businesses and might encourage other families to move to towns with better schools.

I know there is a budget challenge this year, but cutting school budgets is not the way to go.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Priscilla French (Frenchfam5@comcast.net) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:10:57

address: 45 Driftwood Lane

comments: Please think very carefully about cuts to the school dep't budget - and, in particular, the arts. Music, art, dance and theatre have never been more important to our city schoolchildren during this pandemic for developing self-esteem, learning teamwork and leadership skills, improving academic outcomes and so much more. The list goes on and on. (I'm sure you've read many studies about the importance of the arts in educating the "whole person")

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Emily Doe (ecmo15@hotmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:12:52

address: 127 Willard Ave, Portsmouth, NH

comments: I chose to move to Portsmouth mainly because of the school system, and the stellar reputation the Portsmouth school district has. I am willing to pay the outstanding tax rate because of the phenomenal teachers and staff the Portsmouth schools maintain. I am 100% percent opposed to the \$1.8 million budget cut, it would create such severe damage to our schools, we would not be able to maintain the level of education our children not only need, but deserve! We need to do better for our children, cutting the educational program is not an option.

Thank you,
Emily Doe

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jake Weinstein (jakeweinstein77@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:13:31

address: 373 Lincoln Ave

comments: If we can agree on anything, it's that Education is the most important investment we can make as a community. Please consider the ramifications of cutting the school budget by any amount. It would be a mistake to degrade our children's future. I can pretty much guarantee if you do this then you will all be voted out of office next election and the next council will reverse this ill-sighted decision. I advise you focus your budget cuts in other areas.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Sophia Berling (sberling2025@sau52.org) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:17:14

address: 117 Ash Street

comments: My name is Sophia Berling and I am a seventh grader at Portsmouth Middle School and I love art and music at my school. My art and chorus classes were the highlight of my seventh grade year. Please do not cut the creative arts at our school because in my experience they are one of the best parts of students' years at Portsmouth Middle School. If you cut the creative arts programs then many, many students will be devastated, and many middle school students are just finding out what they enjoy doing. These programs

are crucial to the development of the kids of Portsmouth, and for many a place where they can be themselves and have fun! On behalf of myself and many others I ask you to not cut the creative arts at PMS, because it completely changes many kids experiences at the middle school, in an amazing way!

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Charles Smith (cssmythe3@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:18:39

address: 139 South Street, Unit A

comments: I'm completely stunned at the school budget cut proposal. Given the results of the COVID mandated remote learning, the schools are going to be facing vast differences in the school readiness of students in fall as some families were able to fully support stay at home students and others could not.

It's clear that with the next flu season the chances of a subsequent shutdown in the schools will further impair our kid's ability to recover educationally.

Gutting the funding of the schools robs them in their time of highest need, when new tools and staffing will be needed to keep our kids safe and learning through these trying times - from high tech remote learning tools to having enough janitors to clean the schools. Please reconsider any options you have that would allow us to support the schools in their hour of need.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Lisa Brown (Lisafbrown@comcast.net) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:22:45

address: 176 Orchard Street

comments: I am a mother of 4 children in the Portsmouth public schools. I support the school officials who have warned that cutting the budget at this time could have far reaching negative impacts. The kids, teachers and staff will continue to need support as they navigate through the changes that COVID 19 has presented us with.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Stephanie Cohen (stephcohen331@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:24:02

address: 114 Crescent Way Portsmouth NH

comments: Hello City Councilors, I am urging you to reconsider the budget cuts to our schools. Our schools and services they offer are huge part of our kids, community and families. We honestly don't know what we would have done without them during this pandemic. The teachers have worked so hard, have showed up for our kids and even put in their own money to help facilitate the take home packets. Please don't take away the services these kids need and deserve during these trying times. These kids are the future of this community and if we begin to take away what will we have left.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Adam Ruedig (ruedig@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:25:10

address: 70 Highland Street

comments: I am writing to express my concern at the Council's proposed cuts to our school budget. These cuts will have a long-term negative impact on the quality of our schools and the vibrancy of our community.

At this time when the schools and our children are facing such extraordinary difficulties, our community should rise to the challenge of providing them with support. Instead, the Council seems determined to inflict damage on our schools that will last for a generation.

Please consider the impact that our schools' excellence has on business in Portsmouth - both through ability to attract businesses by appealing to parents who work for and own those businesses, but also in our ability to keep working through this pandemic. Neither of these things would be possible without excellent schools.

One only needs to look to other communities that have not funded their schools as well as we have. In the short term, those communities have struggled to continue reaching children at home. Shortages of computers, staff and training have hurt kids. The parents of those children have had difficulties continuing to work. The negative impacts have been many and severe.

In the long term, communities with under-funded schools have trouble attracting new residents and businesses. Property values suffer which makes it harder still to fund the schools. It is a vicious cycle that we must avoid at all costs.

I hope the Council will vote to provide vital support to our schools. Our community needs perseverance in the face of this historic challenge.

The voters of Portsmouth are watching nervously as the Council contemplates this terrible mistake.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kate Swenson Tuttle (kateswenson@comcast.net) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:29:42

address: 72 ORCHARD ST

comments: Dear City Council,

Now is NOT the time to cut the school budget. Our children deserve all the supports available to them. We understand that many taxpayers are struggling right now, but so are the students, and with greater repercussions for the future. I humbly ask that you reconsider this proposal.

Respectfully,

Kate Swenson Tuttle

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Emerson Suares
(emersonsuares@icloud.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:31:58

address: 25 Blue Heron drive

comments: I love this School!! They take a good Care of My Kids!! They all ways be there!! Even now on this Pandemic!!! They do a excellent Job on video conferences and gives a good support on everything!!! Thank You So Much to Little Harbor School!!!

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by David and Jenny Chapnick
(david.chapnick@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:32:46

address: 97 Meredith Way

comments: Dear Councilors,

As you all know we are facing an event unprecedented in our lifetimes. We challenge each member of the city council at this point to generate real solutions to this coming budget shortfall, rather than ask our children to sacrifice even more than they already have or to put our dedicated educators out of work at this moment. If that means we must temporarily raise taxes for those in our very fortunate city who can afford it, so be it. Based on John Tabor's analysis which he kindly shared with me, in our North Mill Pond neighborhood where the average home is valued at \$685,000 that would mean a \$442 average increase to close the 2020 shortfall. For a few, that may be a significant sacrifice and we should calibrate as well as we can to avoid burdening that increase on those who cannot afford it. For many others, fortunate to live in our growing city, it would not be so much to ask for on a temporary one-time basis in the face of the global pandemic - especially if that small price saves the jobs of many of our dedicated and heroic educators.

Our family is beside ourselves with the current focus on finding fiscal responsibility through education cuts, which as it was, was already insufficient. Air quality in our school is poor, kids are being taught in closets and teachers are already being asked to do more with less. Raising revenues through a such a short-term / one-time tax increase from those who can afford to cover the education budget gap, combined with appropriate cuts to other services rendered unnecessary due to the need for social distance would be acceptable, as would a short term bond that we could cover through future growth we know is coming to our city. Another option could be a future credit on taxes paid in 2020 to pay back those who sacrificed to get us through this crisis. We are sure experts could generate whole lists of creative options of what else we could do. We have not yet heard the City Council discussing these sorts of possibilities.

We would bet any day of the week on Portsmouth's ability to grow and come back stronger than ever. We'd like to see those on the table for discussion and consideration as much as continually asking Steve and George to come back with what else or who else they can cut. Amputating our schools and putting the educators of our children out of work at this time is the wrong choice.

If necessary, now is the time to ask those who have already received and succeeded on the basis of their own public educations, to sacrifice a little more, so be it. It is our collective responsibility to help in this moment. We should not be making these cuts on the backs of our children who have not yet been given the chance.

Thank you again for your consideration.

David and Jenny Chapnick

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Megan Parker (megparker@comcast.net) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:33:30

address: 31 Sherburne Ave

comments: Im reaching out to let you know as a parent of 4 children in the Portsmouth schools I strongly support the budget proposed by the city manager on 5/21 and Seriously oppose the suggestion of 0% budget for school district. That would be an amputation not a belt tightening. All students would suffer for years from cuts that significant.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Sam Slosberg (samslosberg@yahoo.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:34:27

address: 100 ash st

comments: Please do whatever you can to not cut the school budget and sacrifice the well being and Education of our children. I understand the current challenges are severe and the need for sound strategic fiscal stewardship is paramount, however please search elsewhere for cuts and do not sacrifice the education of our children " a huge point of pride for our amazing town! Thank you

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Molly Berling (Mberling2026@sau52.org) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:35:47

address: 117 Ash Street

comments: My name is Molly Berling and I am a 6th grader at PMS. I was really upset when my mom told me that the schools might have to cut over 1 million dollars of programs. I am assuming this is band and language which make me feel very sad because Chinese"s and band were my favorite unified art classes. Please take my opinion into consideration. It is good to have other forms of education rather than just the common core classes.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Amy Keaveney (amygkeaveney@comcast.net) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:36:14

address: 69 Elwyn Avenue

comments: I stand with other parents who are asking city counselors to vote against the \$1.8M in school budget cuts. Please do not disrupt our children"s lives any more than they already have been. My daughter is looking forward to attending school again to be a community of learning and social development.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Allison Bussiere (jobou@comcast.net) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:36:59

address: 678 Middle Street

comments: I am writing in support of the school budget proposed by the city manager on May 21. While I understand that these are challenging times in many ways, especially financially, for most and that adjustments must be made, I do not think the school budget is the answer. Certainly our City Councillors can look at other areas of the city's budget for cost savings which would not directly impact our children's education, and trust that you will work hard to do so.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Ava Rapaport (arapaport2026@sau52.org) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:37:48

address: 139 South Street Unit A

comments: If anything, next year we will need more from our schooling to catch up on what we missed this year due to online school. Students have worked even harder this year to complete their schoolwork despite the fact that online school is a new and confusing thing for everyone. None of the students and staff members at Portsmouth schools deserve to be repaid with a budget cut. Online schooling has already forced us to miss many activities and experiences in school, and a budget cut will do the same thing when it isn't necessary. I understand that these are hard times for everyone and hard times mean hard decisions, but hard times also bring out the best in people. So I am begging that you will listen to this message and choose not to sacrifice our education.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jennifer Felt (jmfelt@yahoo.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:37:50

address: 100 Ash Street

comments: Please strongly oppose any proposed cuts to the school's budget. Supporting our education system ensures that our community will remain strong and resilient. Any cuts would have detrimental effects to the future and stability of our city.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kate Hatem (katemph@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:39:00

address: 1 Ash St

comments: Dear City Council,

I am writing to you because of the proposed school budget cuts. I have a child finishing up first grade and know first hand how this would negatively impact the children of our city.

Remote learning has not been easy for anyone. However, the one thing that has been clear is that the teachers, administration, and so many others pivoted from business as usual to this platform virtually

overnight. It has taken even more time and energy to help keep the children engaged and learning. This is not the time to scale back on resources. It is vital that we fund the school system during this pandemic as we had planned. It would be short sighted to cut this budget, especially during this time.

I know I am not alone in this sentiment. Please find a way to avoid cutting this school budget. It is imperative for the health and well being of our city's children.

Thank you.

Kate Hatem

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Erin L Proulx (erin@proulxrealestate.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:39:30

address: 99 Marne Ave

comments: Dear City Councilors:

Thank you for the time and energy that you contribute to our wonderful city.

I am writing today regarding the proposed budget cut for our school system. I would like to express strong OPPOSITION to this cut. Funds used for education and our schools are of extreme importance to the well being of our families, our community and our future. I have personally volunteered time in both of my children's classes and see the vast difference in abilities and backgrounds, and without the proper resources, we will fail at providing the best opportunities possible for each child and their future. From an economic standpoint, we need to take a long view and understand that what is invested in our schools now will pay off greatly from an economic standpoint.

Please do not do vote to cut this budget.

Thank you for your time,
Erin Proulx

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Bryan Pappas (pappynh@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:45:12

address: 2 Brackett Lane

comments: Dear City Councilors,

As a long time resident (27 years) and a parent of 2 students at Little Harbour Elementary School, I am deeply concerned about the proposed \$1.8M cuts to the school budget. The timing of this during the current pandemic where our students were forced into remote learning is especially worrisome. We are going to need all the resources we can get to keep our children on track come the fall, especially when the future of what their schooling will look like is so unclear. I am in favor of and support the budget that the City Manager proposed at the May 21st meeting. Please do not take a short-sighted view and instead consider what the consequences of such a budget cut will have for years to come. Sincerely, Bryan Pappas

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kate Brunelle (kbrunelle13@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:46:06

address: 96 Miller Ave

comments: I'm writing in defense of the school budget as both a city resident and Portsmouth teacher. A reported \$1.8 million cut to the department is detrimental to students, staff, and the city as a whole. In "unprecedented" times, the school department completely shifted gears to remote learning in two days (far faster than many NH school districts) and have worked more hours than ever to ensure students are supported, learning, and feeling connected as much as possible. I promise you, working from home, not seeing our students, and spending hours a day online is not why any of us became teachers. City residents have publicly offered their support and admiration for the teachers and students for the job they've been doing and this city has always prided itself on the education it provides students even in the best of times. In what has become an annual budgetary stare down, the council is now showing their support and admiration by cutting our budget. It's both hypocritical and offensive. The council hiding behind the guise of Covid-19 is comical, as well, as though most of our newest members didn't run on a campaign of a zero-based budget. It seems the council is looking to "solve" the poor decisions and shady financial dealings of the last 10 years (made primarily by the seemingly unbridled former city manager) with one year's budget. The council is taking away from kids. Kids who do not get to vote but whose education and futures are directly impacted. They rely on daily meals, social and emotional engagement (maybe now more than ever), enrichment opportunities, significant educational support, positive adult connections and relationships, routine, and safe havens.

Going after the school department, year after year, seems to be this city's biggest budget move. Frivolous spending from other departments doesn't seem to be publicly addressed in the same ways: like a garage that no one parks in, a \$180k fire boat after "gifting" our old one to New Castle (where the Coast Guard is stationed...), a \$2.5 million senior center years in the making, a controversial sewer plant, numerous police department pay-outs (payoffs), countless lawsuits against the city. Not to mention 49 city employees making over \$100k as reported by the Portsmouth Herald in February, 2020. Yes, going after the least paid employees in the city ought to solve our budgetary problems. 2020 has done enough damage. Let's not take it out on kids.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Amy Quigley (abquig@hotmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:46:24

address: 40 Mt Vernon Street Portsmouth, NH

comments: Dear City Councilors, Our family would like to voice our concern for the future of Portsmouth students should deep cuts occur. Please continue to support our kids by approving the budget proposed by the city manager on 5/21 (140k reduction not 1.8M). Thank you so much! The Quigley Family

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Ann Oconnell (pirieann@hotmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:47:47

address: 140 Elwyn Ave

comments: Dear Portsmouth City Council Members,

It has been brought to my attention that the city is planning on cutting \$1.8 million dollars in school budget costs. As a parent of two children in the school system and a teacher in the district, I am disappointed that

this would even be an option for the upcoming school year. The learning deficit from students missing 1/3 of the year in person will be significant. Now is not the time to consider cutting the school budget in Portsmouth. Many parents, including myself have chosen Portsmouth to live in because of the wonderful schools and education in this town. By cutting money from the budget, that guarantees staff, personnel, and programs will be cut from schools. Our children and students are going to need much more next year due to remote learning. They will need more guidance for mental health/anxiety/depression. They will need more teachers/specialist to help bridge the gap from what they missed by learning at home.

I am asking you as a parent and educator in this district to please find other places in the budget to cut, rather than the school budget. Thank you for your time.

Ann O'Connell
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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Lisa Boudrieau (Lboudrieau@yahoo.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:47:59

address: 72 Willard Ave

comments: Dear City Counselors,
The teachers and students of Portsmouth need our support now more than ever. Our students are going to need added academic and social/emotional services as they recover from remote learning due to the the Covid 19 pandemic, not less. Schools need to focus on academics, as well as related art subjects, in order to support the development of a well rounded person. Please do not cut related arts subjects or teacher support in the classroom. This is not the time to be cutting the budget.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Alyssa M. Murphy (manypennymurphy@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:50:01

address: 334 Lincoln Avenue

comments: I writing in support of the school budget as presented by the City Manager that does not include the drastic cuts suggested by some city council members. Maintaining our schools, especially in this time when students and teachers require more support rather than less, is essential to the health of our community. Please do not let a reflexive approach to budget control cloud your understanding of the complex realities that Covid has brought upon our school system.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Sage Clarke (sageclarke@comcast.net) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:51:01

address: 582 Lincoln Ave

comments: The proposed cut of 1.8 million dollars from the school budget is excessive and unacceptable. We understand that it is tight times financially. We are experiencing it in our own home budget, but that does not justify cutting the schools' staffing and offerings. At a minimum, current staffing, contracts and programs need to be maintained and funded. Thank you for your work on behalf of the city and out kids.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Elizabeth Gaddy (eagaddy@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:55:05

address: 173 Madison St.

comments: City Council,

I am writing concerning the proposed \$1.8 million school budget cut. As Superintendent Zdravec so aptly stated, this is not a cut, "it would be an amputation." This reduction in school budget will have far reaching and drastic impacts on our students for many years to come. As a parent of a first grader and a third grader, I am acutely aware of this. Students will miss out on extracurricular activities, experiential learning opportunities, and extra support in the classroom. With no extracurricular activities, many students will go home to empty houses in the afternoons and spend significant amounts of time on electronic devices. Experiential learning opportunities are paramount for many students. And those students that need the extra support in the classroom will not get it because the budget will no longer allow for it. These students that need these opportunities most will fall farther and farther behind, further increasing the equity gap.

In this time of a pandemic, there is the added concern of the mental health of our children and the supports needed to keep them safe both mentally and physically. This requires more resources, not significantly less. I implore you to please look at other departments with much higher salaries than those in the school department. Our children are depending on it.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kate Biddle (kate.biddle@comcast.net) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:56:48

address: 1152 Washington Road Rye NH

comments: I am writing to ask that you reconsider cutting the school budget. With additional resources that will be needed to accommodate changes due to COVID-19, we need to keep our school budget intact now more than ever before. Please keep the budget as it is and do not cut it.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Heather Wiesman-Barr (hawiesman@comcast.net) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:58:08

address: 9 Lens Ave

comments: Good Morning Portsmouth City Council, I urge each and everyone of you to please approve the the budget proposed by the City Manager on 5/21/2020. The future of not only our community but the leaders of our country rests in your hands.

Please approve that 5/21/2020 budget proposed to ensure these student all receive the best education experiences and resources! The timing of this cut you are looking for would be catastrophic to not only the children in the Portsmouth School District but to the Portsmouth Community as well. Portsmouth Schools have been known to have some of the best education and resources in the State, this cut would change that and the impacts would be felt far and wide throughout the community for many, many years.

I ask you to please think about your children, your grandchildren, your neighbors children, the children in this community who deserve better than a lack of key resources for their education. The negative impacts the drastic budget cut you are looking for.would be devastating to all in the Portsmouth Community - children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles. Thank you for listening and your supporting and approving the 5/21/2020 school budget approved by the City Manager.

Regards, Heather Wiesman-Barr

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Tatum Hébert (thebert2025@sau52.org) on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 09:59:27

address: 183 Hillside Drive Portsmouth NH 03801

comments: I am student at Portsmouth Middle School and I am going into 8th grade this fall. I plead with you not to cut funding for the music and arts programs. So many kids benefit from these programs. We have amazing teachers in these divisions who are great and amazing at what they do. The arts have room for all. Many may think that school is only about learning the four core subjects plus a foreign language, but it's not. It's learning those things too, but you are also learning how to express yourself and be part of a team. The art and music programs are some of my favorite classes. Not everyone is best suited to an academic career, so by denying them access to an alternative, you are potentially jeopardizing our youths future. I'm assuming that there are members of the city council who enjoyed art classes and drama and band when they were young. Please, please, don't cut these programs. I can say with fair certainty that most, if not all students love these UAs!

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May 24, 2020

Portsmouth City Council
City Hall
Portsmouth, NH

RE: Floodplain Overlay Zone adopted on December 16, 2019

Honorable Mayor Becksted and City Councilors:

On December 16, the outgoing council voted 8-1 to incorporate a new floodplain overlay district into the city's zoning ordinance. The Herald reported that the district would encompass 158 properties. City Councilor Becksted took issue with your Planning Department's failure to notify the property owners.

What happened next was rather unusual. The council directed staff to notify the owners of property in the new floodplain overlay district, albeit after-the-fact.

Our home is not in a FEMA flood hazard zone, nor within a two-foot vertical elevation of one, so none of this was of particular concern to us at the time. Imagine my surprise when an unsigned legal notice landed in our mailbox on March 25, some three months and nine days after the council directed your staff to notify the property owners.

Kindly indulge me while I share a few observations regarding this unusual legal notice, Portsmouth's new floodplain regulations, and your staff's failure to observe due process.

A 3-Month Delay

I happen to be well acquainted with the time and effort required to mail out 100+ legal notices. The city's Vision software largely automates the process, that is to say, one clerical-level employee could get the job done in three hours or less.

As December is a busy month, no one would have begrudged your staff for a two-week delay in sending out the notices.

A one-month delay would have been a sign, perhaps, of inefficiency or poor management.

A three-month delay? Well that is something else entirely. The term that comes to mind is insubordination. It seems to me that your employees were signaling that they are the ones who are in charge.

A Missed Opportunity

In New Hampshire, public hearings serve an important function, for they provide stakeholders an opportunity to compare notes with one another and with city officials. The hearings provide residents a public venue where suggestions for improvement to the zoning proposal can be put forward, and where staff's errors, omissions, and miscalculations can be identified and remedied. It is a dynamic process. And oftentimes a constructive one.

In the case at hand, city residents were deprived of that opportunity because your staff made no effort to engage property owners prior to the hearing, i.e. staff had decided to operate in stealth mode. Again. As usual. Then later, in what appears to be a childish fit of pique directed at Mayor Becksted (apparently because he had raised the notification issue back in December), your employees waited three months before mailing the legal notice to the property owners. By then, the statutory deadline¹ for appealing the council's decision had come and gone. Evidently, this is what now passes for due process in Portsmouth.

The collateral casualties of your staff's conduct are the property owners. That is unacceptable.

Why This Matters

Were our home and an identical house nearby to go on the market simultaneously, which one would prospective buyers pay top dollar for? The one with onerous zoning restrictions, or the one that is unencumbered? This damage to our property's market value translates into a loss of equity in our family's single largest investment.

So what, you say. That's what zoning does. It restricts property rights. Indeed, it does. However, New Hampshire courts have ruled on several occasions that a municipality may only exercise its police power in this manner if all of the following criteria are met:

- Due process is observed;
- The taking has a sound technical basis;
- The taking is in the public interest; and
- The action is applied in an equitable manner to all properties similarly situated.

The city's floodplain zoning amendment fails to meet these criteria. Your staff flunked due process with flying colors, and failed to articulate a credible rationale for imposing restrictions on buildings that are located well outside of FEMA's 100-year flood hazard zone. The technical basis for the amendment is unsound as well, to say the least. Read on.

An Imaginary Topography

The zoning amendment cites a floodplain map published by FEMA in 2005 as its technical basis.² Subsequent to 2005, the city constructed a new middle school behind our home and raised the elevation of the school's playing field and parking lot. The local topography now

¹ The deadline for appeals was January 16, per NH RSA 677. It was not until March 25 that your employees informed us that they had placed our home in their new overlay zone.

² See section 10.613.10 of the Portsmouth Zoning Ordinance

bears little resemblance to what it was in 2005. The city cannot legitimately employ an imaginary topography, one that no longer exists in the physical world, as justification for the seizure of property rights. Did your planners not notice the middle school's 89,000 square foot expansion?

Due to an insurance dispute in a nearby community, FEMA has not yet abandoned its 2005 map. But zoning is not insurance, and New Hampshire law compels you to utilize accurate and up to date data to support your municipal land use regulations.

No-Bid Contracts

Was this amendment prepared in-house? Or was it authored by yet another no-bid contractor? A combination of the two? While the identities of the authors remain unknown to this writer, what is plainly evident is that the authors are not well versed in New Hampshire land use law.

Until a few years ago, whenever the city's planning department required outside services, the contract was subject to a competitive bid process. A competitive process is intended to increase the quality of the services rendered, while decreasing the cost to taxpayers.

No-bid cronyism is never a good look. At a time when many of our hard-working friends and neighbors are struggling financially, the optics are particularly poor.

Assessing Risk in Portsmouth's Floodplain

In order to allocate the city's finite resources wisely, it is important to understand risk in a floodplain environment, and how that risk is calculated. Two models are typically employed for this purpose, the 100-year storm and the 100-year flood.

These models are not intended to predict the most severe event in 100 years, as is commonly assumed. Rather, the purpose of the models is to assist municipal decision makers and insurance underwriters with assessing risk. For example, the 100-year storm is one that has a 1% probability of occurring in a given year. Likewise, the 10-year storm has a 10% probability, and the 500-year storm has a 0.2% probability.

So, while the 100-year storm and the 100-year flood are as dissimilar as apples and oranges, the commonality is that both models are utilized to determine the odds of the referenced event occurring in any one year. The other similarity is that both events could exacerbate flooding if the local drainage infrastructure is undersized.

Stormwater Infrastructure Design Requirements		
Location	Storm Event	Odds of Occurrence in Any Given Year
Portsmouth Middle School	10-Year	10%
Elsewhere in Portsmouth	50-Year	2%
	100-Year	1%
Other Cities in New Hampshire	100-Year	1%

Your Planning Department's Misguided Priorities

A few years back, city staff was all-in on the proposal to build a new middle school (with a design life of 75 years) atop a filled-in tidal pond, this despite warnings from scientists that a changing climate will bring extreme weather events with greater frequency, and will cause the sea to rise, which in turn will cause the groundwater to rise. Your planning staff then took their disdain for science a step further by recommending that the new middle school's stormwater infrastructure be designed for a 10-year storm.³ A skeptical Planning Board pushed back, but eventually capitulated to staff lobbying.

What will happen when the school's stormwater infrastructure fails, i.e. when rainfall exceeds the system's design capacity of 4.84" over a 24-hour period⁴? I guess we'll find out.

Vulnerability of Select Buildings in the Vicinity of the Middle School						
Building	Year Built	Value in \$ millions	Situated Within FEMA's 100-year Flood Zone	Built Atop a Filled-in Tidal Pond ⁵	Design Threshold	Odds of Occurrence in Any Given Year ⁶
Library	2006	8	yes	yes	100-year flood	unknown ⁷
PMS (new wing)	2014	30	yes	yes	10-year storm	10%
Connie Bean	2014	2	yes	yes	10-year storm	10%
PMS (old wing)	1930	8	yes	no	100-year flood	1% ⁸
Morgan residence	1813	0.6	no	no	> 500-year flood	< 0.2%

City staff should focus on protecting vulnerable, high-value city assets in FEMA's flood hazard zone. Instead, your planning staff busies themselves at the periphery of the floodplain where the annual risk to many property owners is 0.2% or less. Your Planning Department's priorities are misguided.

³ When the sea rises, how will this drainage infrastructure even function? The short answer is that it will not.

⁴ Northeast Climate Center (<http://precip.eas.cornell.edu>). The 10-year storm = 4.84" over 24 hours.

⁵ Filled-in tidal ponds are a dynamic environment. The groundwater level is largely influenced by the tides. For that reason, such land has always been a poor choice for siting buildings, but particularly so during an era when scientists predict that sea level rise will push the groundwater toward the surface.

⁶ The school's 2014 wing and the Connie Bean are served by stormwater infrastructure designed to handle a 10-year storm, hence the probability of the system reaching capacity is 10% in any given year.

⁷ The library sits atop a filled-in tidal pond, and downgradient from the middle school. The library's Finished Floor Elevation (FFE) is one foot lower than that of the school's 2014 wing.

⁸ The FFE of the middle school's 1930 building is 2.3' higher than that of the 2014 wing. Thus, the older building is far less susceptible to flood damage arising from rainfall that exceeds the stormwater infrastructure's capacity.

Other Missed Opportunities

Your Planning Department expended a great deal of time and money on its 2013 *Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan* and that plan's sequel, the 2018 *Historic Properties Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment*.⁹ In both instances, city staff went to extraordinary lengths to prevent floodplain residents from participating in the planning process.

Neither plan proposes measures to protect the city's library, notwithstanding the building's obvious vulnerability. Had your planning staff engaged floodplain residents, surely someone would have inquired about the library, and that could have helped to focus attention on options for its protection.

The Missing Map

The belated legal notice invites the recipients to take a look at the new floodplain overlay map, and helpfully provides a link to the city's website. The link leads to your Planning Department, but not to the map. I scoured your website. No luck. My curiosity piqued, I then viewed the video of the City Council's November 12 public hearing. The council chambers were nearly empty. At 36:31 Councilor Becksted inquired as to why the map in his meeting packet did not align with staff's presentation. Your planning staff responded by flashing a different map on the screen, for all of 26 seconds.¹⁰ Then it was gone.

Your staff then clarified that 158 refers to the number of properties for which flood insurance policies have been issued. When asked how many properties fall within the city's proposed floodplain overlay district, staff could not say.

Five months have elapsed since the amendment's adoption, but the official zoning map on the city's website does not yet include a reference to the missing map.

A zoning overlay with no clearly defined boundaries is unconstitutionally vague. At least in New Hampshire it is. An ill-defined perimeter leaves property owners and prospective buyers in the dark, and serves as an open invitation to code officials to act inconsistently and arbitrarily. And that assumes that the code officials will have a clue as to how to interpret this needlessly convoluted zoning amendment.

⁹ The 2018 plan serves, in part, as the legal basis for your 2019 floodplain zoning amendment.

¹⁰ The map was visible to the home audience from 37:08 thru 37:34. Alas, the video's resolution was insufficient to permit the identification of individual properties.

The City's Rationale for the Floodplain Amendment

We Did It Because of Climate Change

The belated legal notice to property owners cites climate change as a rationale for the zoning amendment. That's pretty rich, coming as it does from the same crew who persuaded a reluctant Planning Board to downgrade the middle school's stormwater infrastructure to a 10-year design.

If You Don't Vote for This, Everyone will Lose their Flood Insurance!

Actually, FEMA doesn't care if the grass behind my home gets wet. Nor do I. Read the legal notice carefully. The anonymous author(s) give the impression that it is FEMA, and not city staff, that is forcing new restrictions on buildings situated outside of the 100-year flood hazard zone. The wording is misleading.

We Did It Because.. Well, Because We Could

That's more like it. This flawed amendment is a classic example of feckless, governmental overreach.

AICP

The American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) is a century-old organization that certifies professional planners. To become certified, one must pass an examination, acquire continuing education credits on a regular basis, and agree to conduct the public's business in accordance with the AICP's Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct.¹¹ An AICP panel adjudicates complaints of ethical misconduct, and retains the right to revoke certification.

Just as you would not likely hire a lawyer who failed to pass the bar exam, or seek out medical assistance from a doctor who failed to pass the medical boards, it is generally not a good idea to employ a professional planner who lacks AICP certification.

Certification demonstrates a minimal level of proficiency in the fundamentals of community planning, compels the planner to stay current in a rapidly evolving field, and mandates ethical behavior. Other New Hampshire cities require AICP certification as a condition of employment. Portsmouth does not. Portsmouth's policy is amateurish, unprofessional, and disrespectful to city taxpayers.

This is Not Normal

In other New Hampshire cities, planning staff strive to engage stakeholders **during** the preparation of municipal plans, and **prior** to the adoption of zoning amendments. To do otherwise would be anathema to the core values of the planning profession, and contrary to AICP standards.

¹¹ <http://www.planning.org/ethics/ethicscode/>

A Few Modest Suggestions

In closing, I offer the following for your consideration:

- 1) Make AICP certification a condition of employment.
- 2) Top-down planning rarely ends well. Direct your staff to engage stakeholders during the preparation of municipal plans, and prior to the adoption of zoning amendments.
- 3) Prohibit no-bid contracts in the Planning Department, except in those instances where prior approval has been granted by the City Council.
- 4) Rescind the December 2019 floodplain zoning amendment, and bring it back for reconsideration when it is once again safe for the public to convene in the council chambers, so that the owners of property in the overlay district may be accorded a proper hearing.
- 5) Direct your staff to focus their attention on protecting vulnerable, high-value city assets in the floodplain, and to cease squandering the city's finite resources on the periphery.
- 6) Tell your planners to stop hiding the maps.

Congratulations to every one of you for your election to the council, and thank you for volunteering your time to better our community.

And be careful out there!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Morgan". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "T" and a cursive "Morgan".

Tom Morgan
39 Richards Avenue

5/27/2020

Marc Stettner
91 Fairview Ave
Portsmouth NH 03801

Portsmouth City Council
Attn: Honorable Mayor Rick Becksted
1 Junkins Avenue
Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: DESIGNATED MOTORCYCLE MOPED PARKING AREA

Dear Mayor Rick Becksted & City Council Members,

I am writing to request that the City of Portsmouth does not adopt the recommendation for fees and any other changes to the dedicated motorcycle/moped parking as proposed. The proposed changes are not comparable to motorcycle/moped rules found across the country. I am recommending that the Council send the proposed changes to the City Fee Committee to research comparable fees from multiple cities across the country and provide this data to the City Council and the public so informed decisions can be made on this matter. Alternative I am requesting that the City set the fee to zero.

It is readily apparent that City of Portsmouth, at times, does not have enough parking spaces to accommodate the large number of residents, employees or tourists that come to Portsmouth. Maximizing high density parking is one way to alleviate parking issues. Encouraging the use of two wheel transportation (bicycles, mopeds, scooters, motorcycles) and providing them with desirable parking is one way for Portsmouth to reduce the parking problem. The cities of Boston and Portland have already adopted two wheel friendly ordinances as a way to reduce their parking issues as many other cities across the county has also done.

To encourage two wheel modes of transportation the following criteria is usually adopted by municipalities:

- Dedicated two wheel parking is centrally located and desirably placed.
- Highly reduced or no parking fees are charged for two wheel parking.
- Two wheel parking is designated in highly visible locations to discourage theft. This is especially important for bicycles and mopeds.

I am requesting that the City of Portsmouth make the following changes (noted in red underlined text) to the proposed ordinances as noted below:

ARTICLE I: PARKING METERS

Section 7.105: PARKING

C. MOTORCYCLE PARKING

A. Designated Motorcycle Parking Area.

The following location is established as an exclusive "Designated Motorcycle Parking Area" for the months of April 1st through November 30th only:

1. Pleasant Street: On the easterly side of Pleasant Street, beginning at a point 24 feet South of the extension of the southerly curb line of Market Square running southerly the distance of 24 feet.

Motorcycles are subject to zero parking meter fees for the hours of enforcement as set forth in this Chapter in this Designated Motorcycle Parking Area.

No motorcycle shall park in the designated parking area on Pleasant Street for more than 7 continuous hours.

B. Motorcycle Parking.

Motorcycles parking in parking spaces other than the Designated Motorcycle Parking Area shall pay the rate of the parking meter zone in which the parking space is located. Verified Portsmouth residents can obtain a parking sticker/permit to allow them to park their motorcycle for free in any city parking space. One or more motorcycles may park in a single parking space. When more than one motorcycle parks in single parking space, payment is required from only one of the motorcycles occupying the parking space. Portsmouth residents with a parking sticker attached to their motorcycle and Veterans are exempt from fees when parking their motorcycle in a regular parking.

Rational: The way the current ordinance proposed is written is not fair where motorcycles are charged almost the same fees as a car for a fraction of the parking space used per foot. Adding “reduced or zero” resolves this concern. This change also gives a real break to the City of Portsmouth residents and Veterans by allowing them to obtain a sticker to allow them to park their 2 wheel vehicles at no charge.

I would like inform the new City Council members that Motorcycles cannot be banned nor excluded from utilizing regular vehicle parking spots per NH RSA 265:119.

Please review the information I included with this letter that shows what Boston and Portland have done to accommodate two wheel vehicles such as motorcycles and mopeds.

Thank you in advance for considering these changes to help elevate some of the parking issues while promoting high density low impact parking options such as motorcycles, mopeds and bicycles.

Sincerely,

Marc Stettner /s/

MOTOR SCOOTER COMMUTERS EARN EXCLUSIVE PARKING SPACES IN BOSTON

Vespa Congratulates the City of Boston for Sustainability Effort

NEW YORK (Sept. 7, 2010) Metropolitan traffic congestion is an ever-growing concern that perplexes most U.S. cities, frustrating urban planners and residents alike. Increasing the use of two-wheel transportation is a simple alternative to reducing traffic congestion that urban commuters face daily across America.

For the growing number of residents living in metro Boston looking for the same solution to their in-town transportation challenges, switching to motor scooters is a very appealing option. However, with the switch, urban commuters sometimes find it difficult to locate designated parking areas, which prompted Boston to implement a motor scooter parking program modeled after successful efforts in other major metropolitan cities.

On August 26, the city of Boston began executing a motor scooter and motorcycle on-street parking pilot program to better accommodate two-wheel commuting in the city. Scooter enthusiasts will now find 40 spaces designated for scooter and motorcycle parking throughout the Back Bay area. The spaces are metered and pro-rated with 25 cents buying one hour instead of the standard 15 minutes. For commuters, the meters will be on from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and off at nights. Additionally, the parking spots do not have a time limit, eliminating the need to feed the meter.

"I'd like to congratulate Mayor Thomas Menino on his decision to execute a two-wheel parking program for the city of Boston," said Paolo Timoni, president and CEO of Piaggio Group Americas, importers of Vespa motor scooters. "With better fuel economy than hybrid cars, scooters are not only a viable solution when it comes to reducing traffic congestion, but equally effective at reducing America's oil consumption and protecting our environment. With this new initiative, therefore, Mayor Thomas Menino has also taken a concrete step to help Bostonians to reduce their oil consumption and carbon footprint. I can only hope that more cities will follow Boston's example and offer similar programs for two-wheel commuters."□

In 2007 Piaggio Group Americas conducted a traffic model study in New York City in response to the growing concerns about traffic congestion. The results showed by shifting the daytime vehicle mix to 80 percent cars / 20 percent scooters, the following would result annually:

- * A total decrease in delay of more than 4.6 million hours per year which translates to time savings of nearly 100 working hours per person;
- * Reduction in carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by more than 26,000 tons (52,000,000-pounds) per year;
- * A decrease in fuel consumption by more than 2.5 million gallons per year
- * A total savings for New York City of more than \$122 million per year in fuel and labor productivity.

In addition to Boston, many other US metropolitan cities already have programs and incentives for two-wheel commuters. San Francisco has more than 1,000 designated parking spaces and areas for motor scooters, and several other cities have orchestrated motor scooter commuter days, including Atlanta and Philadelphia. On a national level, the annual Ride to Work Day (set for June 20, 2011; see more at www.ridetowork.org) continues to raise the visibility of two-wheel commuting and demonstrates how motor scooters and motorcycles make parking easier and help traffic flow.

For more information about the benefits of two-wheel transportation, visit www.vespausa.com and click on the Vespanomics section.

About The Piaggio Group

Established in 1884 by Rinaldo Piaggio, and based out of Pontedera in Pisa, Italy; the Piaggio Group is one of the world's top manufacturers of two-wheel motor vehicles. With more than 7,000 employees, an annual production of more than 610,000 vehicles in 2009, five R&D centers, seven production facilities in Europe and Asia and operations in more than 50 countries - the Piaggio Group has a consolidated leadership in the European two-wheeler market. The company produces scooters, motorcycles and mopeds in the 50cc to 1,200cc displacement range, marketed under the Piaggio, Vespa, Gilera, Derbi, Aprilia, Scarabeo and Moto Guzzi brands. The Group also manufactures three- and four-wheel light transportation vehicles for the Ape, Porter and Quargo ranges.

Boston Launches Program With Dedicated Motorcycle And Scooter On-Street Parking Spaces

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Scooter and Motorcycle Parking

Newbury and Boylston streets now offer the City's first metered parking slots specifically for scooters and motorcycles.

The Boston Transportation Department divided six standard car spots to create space for 39 scooters or motorcycles. The meter rate is 25 cents per hour but there is no time limit, allowing scooter and motorcycle owners to feed the meter for the day.

The new parking initiative serves to recognize Boston's growing population of scooter and motorcycle drivers, while giving them parking privileges similar to those of other motor vehicle owners. The creation of the slots keeps the vehicles from being parked illegally on sidewalks and obstructing the paths of pedestrians.

The parking spaces also aid in Boston's Green Initiatives program by encouraging the use of the smaller, more environmentally friendly transportation alternatives. The slots are even labeled with green signs, further adding the new step in Green Initiatives.

The Boston Transportation Department will be monitoring this pilot program carefully over the next few months, looking for any necessary changes to be made.

Publications

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MEDIA CONTACT

Where can I park my motorcycle or mopeds?

Motorcycle may park at parking meters for a fee or park for up to 10 hours for free at designated motorcycle/moped parking areas

NEWS ARCHIVE

SOCIAL NETWORKING

Motorcyclists need to pay to park motorcycles at parking meters. Receipts from multispace meters must be securely displayed on the motorcycle. Detach the perforated stub and take it with you as a receipt in the event the receipt falls off your motorcycle.

AGENDAS, PACKETS & MINUTES

Additionally, there are various locations where motorcycles can park for free at motorcycle / moped only designated spots throughout the city.

NOTIFY ME

The City of Portland has dedicated certain on street parking areas to be used exclusively by motorcycles / mopeds only, allowing them to park for up to 10 hours for free without moving. The City Council approved this to enhance the viability of alternative transportation choices as well as free up existing vehicle parking spaces now used by mopeds and motorcycles.

CALENDAR

PROPERTY INFORMATION

48 moped / motorcycle parking spaces on the following streets:

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Bramhall St @ Hill St
- Commercial St @ Chandler's Wharf

MEDIA CENTER

- Commercial St @ Cross St
- Commercial St @ Union Wharf

 **ONLINE PAYMENTS**

- Congress St @ Atlantic St
- Congress St @ Myrtle St

 **NOTIFY ME/ALERTS**

- Federal St @ Market St
- High St between Spring St and Congress St
- High St @ Deering St

 **CONTACT US**

- Market St @ Middle St
- Middle St @ Market St
- Myrtle St @ Congress St

 **EMPLOYMENT**

- 72 Oak St (Between Congress St & Cumberland Ave)
- Pine St @ Winter St

FIX IT PORTLAND

- Silver St @ Fore St
- Spring St - Southside near Union St
- State St @ Deering St
- Temple St @ Free St

PERMITS

Motorcycles / mopeds can also park at metered spaces, and multiple two-wheelers can use the same space as long as the motor is foff. If it expires all the vehicles in that space can be ticketed.



TITLE XXI MOTOR VEHICLES

CHAPTER 265 RULES OF THE ROAD

Special Rules for Motorcycles

Section 265:119

265:119 Traffic Laws Apply to Persons Driving Motorcycles. – Every person driving a motorcycle shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this title, except as to provisions of this title which indicate otherwise and except as to those provisions of the title which by their nature can have no application.

Source. RSA 263:29-h. 1969, 82:1. 1981, 146:1; 479:47, eff. Jan. 1, 1982 at 12:01 a.m.



CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: KAREN S. CONARD, CITY MANAGER
FROM: JULIET T.H. WALKER, PLANNING DIRECTOR
 TODD GERMAIN, FIRE CHIEF
 PETER H. RICE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
 ROBERT MERNER, POLICE CHIEF
 NANCY CARMER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
SUBJECT: REPORT BACK ON USE OF PUBLIC REALM FOR TEMPORARY
 OUTDOOR USE BY BUSINESSES
DATE: 5/26/2020

JTW

The City has received requests from downtown business owners related to temporary use of the public realm (streets, sidewalks, and parking areas) to accommodate outdoor dining areas. Use of City sidewalks and streets are the purview of City Council subject to City ordinances and Council policies.

As we all navigate these difficult times, we are cognizant of the need to work expeditiously to find ways to support our local businesses including possible use of the public realm. At the City Manager's request, staff from Police, Fire, Planning, DPW, and Economic Development have reviewed the requests related to use of the public realm for outdoor dining. We also considered examples of what other communities are implementing nationally and regionally. As a result of our review, we offer the following guidance for consideration by the Council and the Citizen Response Task Force that the Council is establishing to guide City policies related to COVID-19.

City Sidewalks

Use of City sidewalks are regulated by Article V of the City Ordinances. Where restaurants propose to use a sidewalk for outdoor service of food and alcohol, they must submit an application for a Sidewalk Café License according to the terms of City Council Policy Number 2012-02. These are approved by vote of the City Council.

Businesses proposing to use a City sidewalk for placement of outdoor tables and chairs where no food and alcohol service is proposed, must apply for a Sidewalk Obstruction License. These approvals are issued on an annual basis by the City Clerk's office.

To facilitate the use of public sidewalks for outdoor dining, Council could consider granting the City Manager temporary power (for a limited duration) to approve all

licenses requesting use of City sidewalks. These would still be subject to the requirements of Article V of the City Ordinances and the Council Policy Number 2012-02, but would enable these requests to be processed more quickly rather than waiting until Council meetings to approve.

City Streets and Parking Areas

Recent proposals to consider closure of all or portions public streets to provide expanded social distancing and outdoor dining areas for restaurants have included the following:

- Closure of a portion of Ceres Street
- Closure of one side of Pleasant Street between Court Street and State Street and convert to one-way traffic only
- All or partial closure of portions of Market Street and Congress Street
- Closure of the public parking lot at the corner of Hanover Street and Market Street

Staff have identified the following guidance for consideration when developing policies for use of the public realm:

1) Public safety

- Appropriate protections should be in place for users of the outdoor dining areas, these include physical barriers between motor vehicle travel ways as well as social distancing measures to comply with public health guidelines.
- Access for emergency vehicles needs to be maintained through and to these areas.
- In order to provide the appropriate protections, any use of the road (either through full or partial closure) should be semi-permanent implemented for a duration of time (e.g. weeks or months). It would be unreasonable and unsustainable for the temporary infrastructure and signage to be place or removed contingent on weather, day of week, time of day, etc.

2) Traffic Impacts

- Full or partial closure of streets should include a detailed traffic circulation and detour plan, including provisions for emergency vehicle access and public transit access.

3) Equity

- Decisions to close or partially close certain streets should balance the benefit to individual businesses versus potential negative impacts to other businesses and residents due to inconvenience and loss of parking.
- Council policies for closure or partial closure should consider that not all businesses will have equitable access to city property for expansion of outdoor dining areas or are otherwise limited by location or capacity.
- Processes for use of outdoor space should be clearly laid out and consistently applied. For example, the existing sidewalk café and sidewalk license processes could be adapted for consideration of requests for use of

city streets, including mechanisms for City staff review to confirm compliance with insurance requirements and public safety provisions.

4) Parking Impacts

- Use of parking spaces is generally less complicated for traffic impacts than a full or partial closure of a street. However, use of parking spaces will impact other businesses and residents that do not necessarily receive direct benefit from the closure of the spaces and the City will lose any parking revenues associated with those spaces.

5) Material and Installation Costs

- There will be costs for installation of appropriate barriers and signage for routing of traffic. Whether this cost is born by the businesses or the City will need to be a factor in any Council policy.
- Semi-permanent closures implemented for a duration of time (e.g. weeks or months) would reduce the overall installation costs. It would be more costly for the temporary infrastructure and signage to be placed or removed contingent on weather, day of week, time of day, etc.



CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: KAREN S. CONARD, CITY MANAGER
FROM: JULIET T.H. WALKER, PLANNING DIRECTOR *JTW*
CC: ROBERT P. SULLIVAN, CITY ATTORNEY
SUBJECT: PLANNING BOARD REPORT BACK ON IMPACT FEES
DATE: MAY 26, 2020

At the March 16, 2020 City Council meeting, the Council voted to request that the City Manager, Legal Department, Fees Committee and Planning Board review and report back regarding suggested development impact fees proposed by Councilor Kennedy and any other feedback related to impact fees.

Councilor Kennedy has proposed the following for consideration in this review:

For projects over two units the following impact fees would apply:

- 1-Bedroom or 1,000 sq. ft. or less \$25,000/unit
- 2-Bedrooms or 1,500 sq. ft. or less \$50,000/unit
- 3-Bedrooms or 2,000 sq. ft. or less \$75,000/unit
- 4-Bedrooms or 2,500 sq. ft. or less \$100,000/unit
- 5-Bedrooms or 3,000 sq. ft. or less \$125,000/unit

At the April 23, 2020 Planning Board meeting, the Board voted to request that the Planning and Legal department staff prepare a report back to the Planning Board on the legal process for establishing impact fees and any additional studies that would be required in order to incorporate them into the City's local land use regulations. Staff prepared the report back included below for the Board's review at the May 21, 2020 Planning Board meeting.

After discussion, the Planning Board voted as follows:

- 1) To recommend that the City Council not consider establishing impact fees at this time.
- 2) To recommend that if the City Council decides to consider establishing impact fees at this time, the Council request that the City Manager work with City staff to develop a scope of work and estimate of cost for services to contract with a qualified expert to complete an impact fee analysis and develop a recommended methodology for the City.

Planning / Legal Department Report Back to Planning Board on Impact Fees

Establishing Impact Fees and How they Can be Used:

In order to enact impact fees locally, there are two key steps that would need to occur:¹

- (1) establish a methodology by which proportionate impact fees can be calculated for each type of new development and for each type of public capital facility being assessed;
- (2) enact a local impact fee ordinance to provide a process under which the fees are assessed and collected as new development occurs, and through which the fees are accumulated and applied to capital project needs.

It is important to note that impact fees cannot be used to correct *existing* deficiencies, only for new costs that are directly attributable to growth (e.g. expansion of capital facilities). Furthermore, impact fees cannot be used for operating and maintenance costs of providing municipal services or for the cost of simply upgrading the quality of existing facilities.

Finally, impacts fees are required to be expended on the identified capital cost within a period of six years. If they are not, then they have to be refunded.

Developing and Managing the Impact Fee Methodology

In order to be legally defensible, the local methodology used to establish impact fees must show that the fee is tied to a proportional share of the capital improvement needs and that there is a reasonable relationship between the fee being charged and the demands placed on capital facilities by any development being assessed a fee. There is a great deal involved in the up front process to establish impact fee formulas and communities typically engage with a qualified expert to undertake the analysis required to develop the formula and methodology.

Impact fee formulas differ by community, but generally follow a similar structure, as illustrated below.

[Number of units of new development (dwellings, sq. ft. commercial space, etc.)]
x [Capital facility area or capacity needed per unit of new development]
x [Cost of capital facility per unit area or capacity]
= Gross capital facility cost per unit of new development
- [Portion of gross capital cost paid by non-local funds]
- [Credits for tax and other payments toward capacity by new development]
= Net impact fee assessed to the new development

Impact fee formulas should be kept reasonably up to date so that they reflect current capital costs. Communities will typically revisit the methodology every few years to correct identified errors and review all variables in the impact fee formula. There are also ongoing administrative costs associated with tracking and allocating impact fees.

¹ See Southern NH Planning Commission, "Impact Fee Development for NH Communities", 1999.

Facilities Eligible for Impact Fee Assessment

NH RSA 674:21, V specifically limits the imposition of impact fees to capital facilities “owned or operated” by the municipality and the fees collected have to be expended solely for the capital improvement for which it was collected. The following facilities are eligible for impact fee expenditures.

- Water treatment and distribution facilities;
- Waste water treatment and disposal facilities;
- Sanitary sewers;
- Storm water, drainage and flood control facilities;
- Public road systems and rights-of-way;
- Municipal office facilities;
- Public school facilities, including the municipal share of capital facilities of a cooperative or regional school district of which the municipality is a member;
- Public safety facilities;
- Solid waste collection, transfer, recycling, processing and disposal facilities;
- Public library facilities; and
- Public recreational facilities, not including public open space.

For each type of capital facility that will be the subject of impact fees, the community must develop its own objective assessment of the current and future demand on that municipal facility by land use category. Such an assessment will need to establish a methodology for estimating the proportional demand generated by a development on each municipal service.

Capital Cost Contributions (“Exactions”) versus Impact Fees

State law allows certain types of “exactions” to be authorized through subdivision and site plan review approvals for site-specific capital costs on a case-by-case basis. Examples include requiring a fee contribution to upgrade a traffic signal or construction of a public sidewalk. The adoption of an impact fee ordinance does not preclude the use of a capital cost contribution procedure properly authorized by local subdivision or site plan review regulations. Capital cost contributions at the subdivision and site plan stage are generally limited to specific improvements identified at or near the site of the new development; they are not appropriate for centralized capital costs. The Planning Board currently requires capital cost contributions for many of the projects that receive site plan review approval. Attached to this document is a summary of the types of improvements or pay in lieu of improvements that the Planning Board has required in the past few years.

Process

Communities who have successfully implemented impact fees in New Hampshire generally work with an outside expert to undertake the required analysis and research that is involved in establishing a legally defensible impact fee ordinance. The process should also include a cost/benefit analysis to the City of implementing impact fees in place of or in addition to exactions. Based on inquiries from other communities who have recently completed such a process, Planning staff estimates the analysis and development of the local ordinance and methodology would cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000 and would take about 6 months to complete. As with any other zoning amendment, adoption of an impact fee ordinance would require that the Planning Board

conduct a public hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council which would then require three readings.

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



May 27, 2020

Portsmouth DPW Hosts Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on June 6, 2020

Portsmouth, New Hampshire -- The Portsmouth Department of Public Works will hold its biannual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, June 6, 2020, at the Public Works facility at 680 Peverly Hill Road. Residents of Portsmouth, Greenland and Newington are encouraged to bring household chemicals for safe disposal between 8 am and 12 noon. Proof of residency is required.

Collection Day is organized as a no-touch, drive-through service. Residents remain in their vehicles and pull through the Public Works garage, where staff will remove disposable items from car trunks. All City staff will be wearing masks and will be practicing social distancing. Residents will be asked verbally about their town of residence for survey purposes, in compliance with EPA requirements.

Household hazardous waste collection helps safely dispose of items that can harm residents' health, the environment and drinking water supplies.

Items that qualify for collection include the following:

- **From the yard:** fertilizer with pesticides or fungicides, insect spray, lighter fluid, pest strips/traps, pesticides, poisons and pool chemicals.
- **From the garage:** acids, car waxes/polish, creosote, driveway sealer/tar, flea powder, gasoline, radiator fluid and roofing tar.
- **From the house:** bathroom cleaner, disinfectants, furniture polish, metal polish, mothballs, oven cleaner, photo chemicals, rug cleaner and wood strippers.
- **From the workbench:** brush cleaner, corrosives, lead and oil-based paint/stain/finish, rust preventive solvents, thinner/turpentine and wood preservatives.

Items that do NOT qualify include:

- **Empty containers for household items, which may be disposed of in the regular trash collection.**
- **Explosives**
- **Asbestos**
- **Medical waste**
- **Latex paint**, which may be solidified with kitty litter, sawdust, speedy dry or by opening the can and allowing the paint to completely dry before it is disposed either at the Recycling Center or through regular trash pick-up.

For more information on Household Hazardous Waste Day:

<http://cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/solidwaste-recycle-hhw.htm>

For more information on the Recycling Center: <http://cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/solidwaste-recycle.htm>