

CITY COUNCIL E-MAILS

November 16, 2020 Council Meeting

The following e-mails were received:

October 19, 2020 (after 3:00 a.m.) – **November 13, 2020** (before 9:00 a.m.)

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From: [Rudy G Burke via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Council failure on ethics
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 9:45:49 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Rudy G Burke (rudy.burke@gmail.com) on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 20:45:47

address: 176 Breakfast Hill Road Greenland nh

comments: Failure.

I have never seen such a corrupt group of councilors in my lifetime. You had ONE job, to SERVE the interests of the people of Portsmouth. And you have failed and simply don't care.

You chose to ignore the UNANIMOUS verdict of an EXPERT committee and the evidence that clearly showed Councilor Kennedy was GUILTY of an ethics violation of the highest order.

As a council, you could have chosen other options which would have discouraged such despicable behavior, but you chose the one option that ENCOURAGES this bad behavior and gives the nod to further violations without recourse.

You have thumbed your noses at all the area businesses and slapped each taxpayer in the face and laughed at them.

Despicable and corrupt. Unfortunately this also was the ONE option that must be answered to instead of allowing the city to move on. The city must react to prevent this nonrepresentative body to further risk tax dollars and city needs. No decisions made by this council no matter how small can now be trusted. Instead of cutting out the disease, you have let it spread.

You have become the disease.

Filth. This is the only word left to describe this council. I would say shame on you, but you all have none obviously.

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From: [mark neubauer via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Councilors kennedy
Date: Friday, October 23, 2020 12:16:32 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
mark neubauer (neubyfly@comcast.net) on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 23:16:30

address: 101 marne avenue

comments: Remove her.

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From: [Pat Bagley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: CRTF Health Subcommittee
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 1:01:04 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Pat Bagley (patbagley@aol.com) on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 12:01:02

address: 213 Pleasant St

comments: When the CRTF Health Subcommittee was created, I wondered why it was needed. Now I know. I appreciate the dashboard they thoughtfully created, especially since, of late, the flow of state information is not keeping up with the surge. Mostly, I've learned a lot by listening to their dialogue during zoom meetings, which provides a broader understanding of the many aspects of managing a pandemic. Please keep it going to bolster our strained health department of three, and to educate the public during the surge NH is now experiencing. Thank you.

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From: [Marcus Santy via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Dismay After Tonight's Meeting
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:22:45 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Marcus Santy (marcus.santy99@gmail.com) on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 22:22:44

address: 46 Elwyn Rd

comments: I am left aghast at what happened tonight. I did not see a group of people doing the job they were elected to do. I did not see a group of people take the work and word of their peers on the Ethics Committee seriously. I saw a group of people that are using the council as a way to push their interests and bully citizens to get their way. Counselors Tabor, McEachern, and Lazenby seemed to be the only calm, cool, collected voices tonight. I applaud them for that. Other members of the council were not as well spoken. I feel as though this council has an "I know better than all" attitude with many of the issues in the city. From the bike lane, to the McIntyre, and finally to the topic of tonight. If other elected officials do not have the capacity to think and legislate as well as this council, why do we have them? I feel as though several of our current council members are in over their heads and too aligned with each other to think about the citizens that voted t!

hem into office and what they want to see in the city. With all that is going on in our world today, I had hoped that my city council would do the right thing tonight and at lease censure Counselor Kennedy. Not only did that not happen, but the ethics report was tossed and Counselor Kennedy thanked for what she did. This was a very troubling result and I believe the start of several campaigns to unseat the six counselors that voted to completely exonerate Counselor Kennedy.

Sincerely,
Marcus Santy

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From: [Savita Okhuysen via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 11:51:16 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Savita Okhuysen (sokhuysen17@gmail.com) on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 10:51:14

address: 113 ROCKINGHAM AVE

comments: As a tax paying resident of Portsmouth and having grown up here all my life, I want to voice my position to remove Esther Kennedy as a councilor. Her behavior has indicated self interest and lack of ethics for the position she currently holds. Portsmouth deserves someone who understands what it means to be a civil servant and putting the interests of the residents' as well as the city of Portsmouth above themselves. She has repeatedly behaved in a manner that is inappropriate of an elective official. She needs to be held accountable by setting a precedent that such of behavior will not be tolerated.

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From: [James Hewitt via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 9:59:00 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
James Hewitt (samjakemax@aol.com) on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 20:58:57

address: 726 Middle Rd

comments: Dear Mayor Becksted and City Councilors:

I understand on October 26, 2020 Councilor Esther Kennedy's Ethics probe will enter the deliberation phase where the Council will decide whether the Ethics Committee's conclusion has merit or not. At the last Council meeting, Assistant Mayor Jim Splaine implied the charges against Councilor Kennedy have no merit as he urged the Council to conclude the entire matter that night with no further action. He, like me, apparently has seen what is now obvious to the most casual observer: Nancy Pearson's ethics violation claim against Esther Kennedy was a baseless and politically motivated witch hunt.

I am not a lawyer but when I was home sick in grade school I would watch reruns of the legal drama series "Perry Mason". That is where defense attorney Mason introduced me to the legal term "mens rea". In Latin, that means "guilty mind" but in practical terms it means criminal intent, or in this case, ethics violation intent. In the justice system "mens rea" is a crucial element to establish a defendant's degree of guilt. In Esther's case, her intentions were neither unethical or malicious. In fact, her intentions were the exact opposite. She did what the people of Portsmouth expect her and all Councilors to do: Protect the interests of the people of Portsmouth. She was compelled to take a bold action when an indifferent City Hall ignored her repeated pleas to intervene. The intent of her action was to prevent the City from committing the crime of misappropriating federal CARES Act funds to an illegal entity and spare Portsmouth citizens she serve!
s from federal charges and penalties.

Based on the foregoing, I urge you to find Esther innocent of any wrongdoing.

Regards,
Jim Hewitt

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From: [Mariah Morgan via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy Ethics Violation
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 2:34:16 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mariah Morgan (mhkmorgan@gmail.com) on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 13:34:14

address: 18 Monroe Street

comments: Dear City Councilors,

I have never once written a letter to my legislators, local, state, or federal until today. As a citizen of Portsmouth and a business owner in our community, I feel that the subject of Esther Kennedy's ethics violation is worthy of making this a first.

It is very clear that Ms. Kennedy both knowingly acted against the City Council's unanimous vote to support the Pop Up and knowingly acted against the Portsmouth business community during a time that it needs all the help it can get. The violation was selfish and egregious.

I ask that you please remove Ms. Kennedy from her position on the City Council. A Councilor actively working against the best interest of the city, its citizens, and its business owners, should not be tolerated. A Councilor who has been found unanimously guilty of an ethics violation by an Ethics Board should not be tolerated. Please consider how this reflects on you, on our town, and the impact that it has on livelihoods at stake in our community during a time when many businesses and nonprofits are struggling to remain standing ever single day.

Thank you,

Mariah Morgan

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From: [Wendy J Boutsianis via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy ethics violations
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 2:20:08 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Wendy J Boutsianis (wboutsianis@gmail.com) on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 13:20:07

address: 114 Ledgewood Drive, Apt. 6

comments: Hello Dear Portsmouth City Council Members,

I am writing to you, again, about my concerns with Esther Kennedy's ethics violations. I realize you are facing many loud voices, some of which are those blustering in legal jargon and threats, but my quiet voice is pleading for you to stick with truth, which came to light via the Ethics Board. It was a UNANIMOUS decision that should not be swept under the rug, or minimized because we are "facing other important issues". Ethics are at the heart of our democratic process and addressing Ms. Kennedy's actions is very, very important.

This is a matter of right, wrong, and setting an example for our community. Your positions are privileged, in that we entrust you to run our community, through the established standards and rules of our charter. You are obligated to do what is right, on our behalf, no matter how uncomfortable that may be at times.

What Esther Kennedy did was not only unethical, but her continued insistence that what she did was justified, leaves me deeply concerned that she will, in the future, continue to circumvent council decisions and take things into her own hands, as she has already done in the past. This time, it was shown that she was incorrect in her assumptions about Portsmouth Pop Up, and, given every opportunity to communicate her concerns, she chose instead, to privately take action in secrecy. She is not deserving of our trust. I do not believe she was acting in the city's best interests, but had her own agenda.

My opinion, as a Portsmouth citizen, is that she should be removed. She can no longer be entrusted with the privilege of being a Council member. I do not trust that she will respect the democratic process. She is a black mark on the reputation of the Portsmouth City Council and a legal liability. Please remove her.

Sincerely,
Wendy Boutsianis

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From: [Helene Mullaney via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy vote
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 7:41:02 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Helene Mullaney (lennie.mullaney@gmail.com) on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 06:41:01

address: 579 Sagamore Ave #52 Portsmouth NH 03801

comments: The city council meeting was an appalling, disheartening miscarriage of civic responsibility on the part of the majority (not all) of elected city councilors. The Ethics Report on Esther Kennedy was dismissed. Ms. Kennedy was allowed to defend herself without taking an oath, and then to vote on her own fate. Both Ms. Kennedy and Rick Beckstead should have recused themselves from voting. How can this possibly be a fair, ethical outcome? PopUp NH was a Herculean effort by many selfless volunteers who strove, during a pandemic, to give all residents, visitors, and some small businesses of Portsmouth a sense of hope, a chance to survive, a way of "being in this all together." I was so proud of their efforts. PopUp NH was a triumph of joy in the face of overwhelming despair caused by Covid. People are really hurting and your votes have magnified that pain. By the vote last night, you stole from all of the citizens in Portsmouth that pride and joy. I believe w!

hat Ms. Kennedy did, and the vote taken last night, was a miscarriage of your sworn civic duty. Why would any Portsmouth volunteers put so much effort into helping their fellow citizens again after this travesty? The outcome is an insult to all. Your votes will be remembered come next city council election day.

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From: [Gino Francavilla via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 12:32:52 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Gino Francavilla (G403772@aol.com) on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 11:32:50

address: 111 Gates St

comments: City Council Members:

It is time to resolve this ethical situation. I watched your Council meeting on Monday with considerable interest. With Covid and declining tax revenue there are more important issues for you to focus your time and city resources. As I see it, Councilor Kennedy is not guilty of any ethics violation. It strikes me that politics are involved. The old adage making a mountain out of a mole hill comes to mind. Shame on Nancy Pearson and others for wasting city resources.

It was wrong for the pop up group to claim non profit status before they were officially a non profit. Details matter especially when federal dollars were thought to be involved. If there was an ethics violation , it was surely claiming non profit status prematurely . Where is the criticism of the pop up group?

In most ethics violations, the offending individual personally benefits from his/her action. Councilor Kennedy did not personally benefit from her registering the pop up name. She was proving a point and trying to protect the City. According to reports, she was willing to turn over the Pop Up name if the group adopted by laws and focused on Portsmouth restaurants. These requests were spot on, did not personally benefit her and were issues the Pop Up group should have adopted before going public.

Given Kennedy's many contributions to the citizens of Portsmouth over the years, she should not be expelled from City Council over this manufactured issue. That would be an injustice. Do the right thing . Simply file the Ethics sub committee report and move onto bigger issues.

One additional comment/question, unrelated to the Councilor Kennedy matter. The public was repeatedly advised that Portsmouth's \$50,000 contribution to Pop Up activities would be reimbursed by federal monies. However, it was subsequently revealed that the federal money was consumed before Pop Up expenses were actually known. How did this oversight occur. Hasn't the Council /City heard of earmarking funds for a project? Seems the citizens of Portsmouth are left funding this activity because of poor accounting. How is this being addressed so it doesn't happen again?

Thank You-
Gino Francavilla

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From: [Marsha Filion via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 8:49:10 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Marsha Filion (marsha@hhelfoundation.org) on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 19:49:08

address: 155 Fleet Street

comments: As a tax paying resident of Portsmouth, I want to yet again voice my belief that Esther Kennedy should be removed from her position as a councilor. Her behavior regarding Pop Up Portsmouth and Portsmouth 400 has indicated a person who is motivated by self-interest, deception, and outright lack of ethics. PopUp Portsmouth was planned to be a community-wide initiative to promote unity, joy, and local business, during a time of great difficulty. Esther intentionally impeded its development and then insisted upon inappropriate conditions before being willing to correct her actions. The recent ad hoc ethics committee, led by Councilman John Tabor and including a representative from the police department, agreed unanimously that her activity was unethical.

I cannot understand why, at this point, it seems there will be no consequence for her disappointing and selfish actions.

Portsmouth deserves someone who understands what it means to be a civil servant and who is able to put the best interests of residentsâ€™™ and the city as a whole above themselves. In this day and age, we have enough bullies in elected positions who seem to get away with whatever they wish. Portsmouth is better than this, and I ask you to please hold Esther accountable and show that here in our close-knit and very special community, such behavior will not be tolerated.

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From: [Elisabeth Kennedy via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 11:11:55 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Elisabeth Kennedy (lkjknk@aol.com) on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 10:11:54

address: 64 Sheffield Road

comments: Esther Kennedy was wrong and self serving in her actions regarding Portsmouth PopUp, plain and simple. The ethics commit agrees. We do not need this kind of behavior in our city government, especially in these difficult times. We need inclusion NOT division. Do the right thing and remove Esther Kennedy from the Portsmouth City Council.

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From: [Gretchen Sargent via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 8:33:26 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Gretchen Sargent (the.sargents@comcast.net) on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 07:33:24

address: 394 Greenleaf Ave.

comments: I am ashamed of how this process went. I am proud of the 3 councilors who stood up and voted properly.
There are so many things that went wrong and the council did not represent our community with this vote.
I am disgusted,
Gretchen Sargent

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From: [MÃ³nica Dorley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther must step down
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 11:11:03 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
MÃ³nica Dorley (monicadorley@icloud.com) on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 22:11:02

address: 5 Adams Ave

comments: As a citizen of this great city, I implore you not to just let her bully her way out of this. Her actions were found to be unethical. I donâ€™t know about you, but being ethical is very important to me. She needs to resign. Please address this ASAP as I fear that any more delay will make more citizens lose faith in this council.

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From: [Ryan Costa via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:16:56 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Ryan Costa (Ryancosta89@gmail.com) on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 19:16:54

address: 126 Hill Street

comments: Let me get this straight - an ethics committee finds Esther guilty, and this group seems to be unaffected by this? This group is reprehensible and does not represent the people of Portsmouth in the slightest. I will be petitioning for Esther's removals from council, and have serious concerns about Rick's ability to govern.

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From: [Andrew Bagley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics board guilty finding.
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 12:18:39 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Andrew Bagley (abagley21@gmail.com) on Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 11:18:37

address: 40 Chauncey Street

comments: Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

You are charged with evaluating the unanimous and unambiguous findings of the ethics board. Will you honor their decision and find Esther Kennedy guilty as charged, defending hundreds of volunteers, and thousands of hours of community effort from disparagement by an elected official? Or will you attempt to justify her actions and instead lay blame on the volunteers that came together in our community's time of need? There was a wrong done here and it needs to be resolved.

Best regards,
Andrew Bagley

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From: [William Sturtevant via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics Committee Ruling and Council Action.
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:17:01 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
William Sturtevant (nsturtevant@jsainc.com) on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 12:16:59

address: 250 Highland Street

comments: I encourage the Council to take affirmative action on the Ethics Committee findings vis Esther Kennedy's actions, which hurt the efforts of numerous volunteers and struggling business owners working to create a pop up venue in Portsmouth, serving the interests of the Council and downtown businesses impacted by Covid 19.

There should be consequences for her deliberate and disruptive behavior.

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From: [Jerry Zelin via FormMail.com](mailto:Jerry.Zelin@FormMail.com)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics complaint against Esther Kennedy
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 4:36:25 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jerry Zelin (gmzelin@yahoo.com) on Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 15:36:22

address: 70 Kensington Rd

comments: Here are a some thoughts for you to consider at tomorrow's City Council meeting on the ethics complaint against Esther Kennedy.

Portsmouth's Ethics Ordinance was adopted in 1988. The impetus was Amendment C to the City Charter, adopted in November 1987, which directed the City to adopt a "Conflict of Interest Ordinance."

The provision of the Ethics Ordinance Esther is charged with violating states as follows: "No officer or employee shall engage in any business or transaction or shall have a financial or other private interest, direct or indirect, which is in conflict with the proper discharge of his/or her [sic] official duties." Section 1.802-A (emphasis added).

Section 1.801-D-1 of the Ethics Ordinance defines the term "official duties" as follows: "In the case of members of the City Council ... those duties and responsibilities set forth in the City Charter and/or established by State law." (Emphasis added.)

The Ethics Board engaged in fuzzy thinking when they found that Esther violated Section 1.802-A. I say that for two reasons.

First, they read Section 1.802-A out of context. The context is a conflict of interest ordinance.

In common parlance, a conflict of interest arises when a public official has competing loyalties. Esther was not torn by competing loyalties. She acted solely to protect the city's interests. Some might disagree with the wisdom of what she did, but there was no conflict of interest.

Second, in order to find a violation of Section 1.802-A, the Ethics Board had to find that Esther did something that conflicted with the proper discharge of her "official duties" as defined in Section 1.801-D-1. In other words, they had to find that what she did conflicted with some duty or responsibility set forth in the City Charter or State law.

The Board completely ignored that definition of "official duties." The Board's decision cites nothing in the City Charter or state law.

In short, the Board just didn't like what Esther did. Their finding that she acted unethically, due to a conflict of interest, is neither logical nor just.

Jerry Zelin

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From: [Peter Somssich via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics Complaint against Kennedy
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 12:15:50 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Peter Somssich (peter.somssich@gmail.com) on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 11:15:48

address: 34 Swett Ave.

comments: Dear Councilors,
I urge you to reject the ethics complaint against Councilor Kennedy. If you do not wish to do that, please consider placing this complaint on file, without taking any further action. I am convinced that Councilor Kennedy acted in good-faith attempting to protect our city from financial liability. City staff should have checked on the non-profit status of the PopUp, but apparently had not done so prior to the action taken by Councilor Kennedy. Knowing her for many years now, I am convinced that she has strong ethical values and acted with good intentions.

Best Regards, Peter Somssich, 34 Swett Ave. , tel. 603-436-5221, peter.somssich@gmail.com

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From: [mark.neubauer via FormMail.com](mailto:mark.neubauer@formmail.com)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics council
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:58:28 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
mark.neubauer (neubyfly@comcast.net) on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 19:58:26

address: 101 marne avenue

comments: Who the hell do you city council board members think you are? You form an ethics board who unanimously find a council member GUILTY then you overturn the guilty finding? This council is an absolute joke and full of corruption.

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From: [Doreen H Kaplan via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics Issue
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 4:26:03 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Doreen H Kaplan (dhk0715@aol.com) on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 15:26:01

address: 7 Mariette Drive

comments: Since there will be a special meeting of the City Council on Monday October 26th to consider action on the Esther Kennedy ethics violation as determined by the ad hoc Ethics Board in September, I wanted to comment before you make a decision. I cannot understand how this issue was ever raised as an ethics violation when, from everything I have read, Councilor Kennedy was only trying to protect the residents of Portsmouth from making donations to an organization that was not properly registered with the State of NH as a nonprofit. It seems that the organizers of Pop-Up NH should have followed the process properly since not doing so could have made them liable for fines or penalties from the State as well as exposing them to potential civil and criminal actions. Please vote to put this matter on file and put this terrible miscarriage of justice behind Councilor Kennedy and rest of the Council and move on.

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From: [Paul M Mannle via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics Meeting
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:22:50 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Paul M Mannle (p_mannle@yahoo.com) on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 12:22:48

address: 1490 Islington Street

comments: Dear Mayor Becksted & Councilors,

Thank you for all the work that you do.

It is truly unfortunate set of circumstances that has forced the Council to meet this evening. And while I respect the members of the Ethics Board and value their judgement, their decision is not the topic of discussion for tonight's meeting. Regardless of whether you believe the process was fair, factual or not, your sole job tonight is to render a consequence to their decision.

For me, I would reprimand the action taken by Councilor Kennedy (not the Councilor herself), and be done. Just as was done 4 years ago with Asst Mayor Splaine, the reprimand was for the action done, not against the Assistant Mayor. I believe that would be a fair dispensation, for the City of Portsmouth.

What I don't understand, after reading comments, LTE's and watching the hearings, is the motivation behind this? There are too many questions, conflicting statements & testimony to make any sense or conclusion as to why. Perhaps we will never know.

I would hope and believe Portsmouth will navigate the way thru these troubled waters of the world surrounding us and move on.

Thank you for listening.

Paul M. Mannle
1490 Islington Street

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From: [Gerald Duffy via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics violation - resolution
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:54:44 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Gerald Duffy (gduffy44@gmail.com) on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 07:54:43

address: 428 Pleasant Street #3

comments: Dear Mayor and Councilors:

Councilor Kennedy has shown not the slightest sign of taking the conclusion of the Ethics Board to heart. She has not acknowledged any error of any sort on her part, not even owning up to poor judgment (something even her own lawyer recognizes). There is no indication whatever that given similar circumstances in the future she would not behave in exactly the same way. That is what disturbs me the most.

The legal threats against Councilors Tabor and Lazenby from Councilor Kennedy and her lawyer are beyond the pale and reveal more about the way the two of them think about our municipal life than make any kind of case with merit. In addition, the separate effort to assassinate the character of former Councilor Pearson, on grounds that have absolutely nothing to do with the findings of the Ethics Board, further confirms their mendacity.

Until the last couple of days, I was hoping that the Council would just censure Councilor Kennedy and have done with it. But now, however, in light of her complete and continuing denial of culpability and the bad-faith legal actions she's put in motion, I now call for the Council to remove her from office and replace her with a Councilor who can serve our community with dependable ethics..

Regards,
Gerald Duffy

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From: [Dixie Tarbell via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics violation- action needed
Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 10:42:58 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Dixie Tarbell (dixiemcleantarbell@gmail.com) on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 21:42:55

address: 25 Driftwood Lane

comments: Dear City Councilors, When an ethics violation is unanimously determined, action is called for. A councilor who acts surreptitiously is not serving the town, they are serving a personal agenda, They are not worthy of the job. Please replace the offender at the next meeting.. I was born in Portsmouth, have lived here continuously since 1975, and have never heard of a councilor doing such an inappropriate, unethical, downright sneaky thing. We need a replacement immediately. Thank you for caring.

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From: [Ben Moi via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics Violation of Councilor Kennedy
Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020 7:12:37 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Ben Moi (benmoi@gmail.com) on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 18:12:35

address: 117 Cass Street Portsmouth NH

comments: Good evening Councilors,

I am a resident and an owner of a small business located in Portsmouth. My small business' products were sold at the PopUp NH outdoor venue. I write this to be transparent as I expect all members of our community to be. This is my first letter to the City Council.

I am writing in support of the findings of the Ethics Committee on the actions of Councilor Kennedy. I do this because I am vehemently against the premise of "two wrongs making a right", assuming that the PopUp group did something wrong - an assumption I take to understand what Councilor Kennedy assertion of her intent was.

Taking a vigilante approach would be ill-fitted for a member of our community, but for someone elected as a representative of our citizenry, this is unacceptable. Elected officials should be held to a higher standard.

The City Council should act accordingly and enact a punishment commensurate with a confirmed Ethics violation by Councilor Kennedy.

Thank you,
Ben Moi

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From: [Kathy Bergeron via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics Violation
Date: Friday, October 23, 2020 11:51:16 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kathy Bergeron (khbergeron@aol.com) on Friday, October 23, 2020 at 10:51:15

address: 199 Wibird Street

comments: Dear City Councilors,
The ethics complaint against Councilor Kennedy was brought through an established system. It was deemed serious enough to go to an Ethics Committee. That Ethics Committee found her guilty of committing the violation. It is up to the City Council to act on that finding and report. An ethics violation is a very serious allegation against an elected official. It is not a 'distraction.'

Councilor Kennedy acted outside the Council to disrupt a group of volunteers who were acting in good faith. She further sought to discredit them by asking for a public acknowledgement that they were acting illegally, which they were not. It appears that many in the Council are worried about Councilor Kennedy's 'good name.' What about the good names of those hard working volunteers for Pop UP NH?

This type of bully behavior has no place on our City Council.

Sincerely,
Kathy Bergeron

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From: [Arthur Clough via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics Vote
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:57:46 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Arthur Clough (ARTHURCLOUGH@HOTMAIL.COM) on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 10:57:44

address: 431 Pleasant St

comments: Dear City Council Members,

Although I believe that there were serious problems with the execution of the ethics board that would otherwise nullify their findings, I believe that board members failed to adjudicate the case correctly.

The Popup group had considerable problems with the implementation:

1) The fiscal agent (Seacoast Rep) was overly involved with the popup group including:

-controlling many of the ticket sales

-develop up with the concept which was presented as a private-public partnership between the City of Portsmouth and the Rep until at least July 13th, 2020

- Of the 4 named employees for the popup one of them was Kathleen Cavalaro's son

- The Rep had several performances in the popup

- Board members of the Seacoast Rep voted for the project

- Councilor Tabor is the chair of PPAF which was one of the groups using the Popup venue (a startling conflicts of interest)

Councilor Kennedy was not only correct about being concerned about the birthdate of the Popup group relating to CARES funding, but the City Manager withheld from the public and City Council knowledge that the CARES funding actually wasn't used to fund it: city taxpayer funding was used.

Many people in the community supported the Popup idea especially because it would come from grant money, but they had no idea that their direct tax dollars would be used to support so much infrastructure for so little proportional benefit. I can't help but wonder how much longer we might have extended outdoor dining by using the same funds to buy outdoor propane heaters and better rain coverage.

The Popup group had a number of red flags early on that didn't get the attention that it should of. With her familiarity of government regulations and being a stickler for details she let you know and let the City Manager know that there were problems. She was met with indifference. When I heard what she had done I was scratching my head at first. It seemed to me to be a heavy handed and puzzling move. After the ethics complaint was filed and after the testimony occurred I cannot see any other way that she could have got traction on the legal mess that the city was involved in with the conflicted Popup project. She could have filed an injunction which would have completely stopped the process, but that would have been a nuclear option. She could have filed a complaint with the AG's office for the concerning use of CARES funding and the entanglements of the relationships between the Seacoast Rep and the Popup group. Kathleen Cavalaro claimed that it would mean 40K to !

her organization just from the performances, and I am starting to believe that there will be little transparency regarding how the private fundraising funds were spent. I understand that the City of Portsmouth is even going to have to pay to remove the equipment/buildings from the site.

The Popup group went into a bank without the proper paperwork to open an account. Had they been ready, they would have been able to open an account. They claimed that their filing with Legal Zoom was the expedient way to form a nonprofit, but that excuse for their delays falls flat. The Legal Zoom web page gives the 4 easy steps to open a bank account, yet their secretary, a local business owner, was unprepared.

<https://info.legalzoom.com/article/how-open-bank-account-nonprofit-association>

Instead of doing some soul searching, Nancy Pearson, a defeated council candidate, took the opportunity to make a complicated and convoluted ethics complaint. Esther Kennedy explained many of the legal complications, the red flags, and even the attempted misuse of the city tax dollars to bring in businesses from nearby communities to compete with our Portsmouth brick and mortar businesses. The Popup project became a money pit which squandered the coffers dedicated to many businesses with extremely expensive startup costs for a very short season

for which they didn't even complete their allocated time.

Esther Kennedy blew the whistle on the troubling implementation of something that had a lot of hope but had conflicts of interest, created a new (nonprofit) business when other established businesses could have used the same money much more effectively. She blew the whistle on the improper use of CARES funds. She embarrassed Seacoast Rep's Kathleen Cavalaro who claimed in writing that the Popup was a nonprofit when it wasn't one, evidenced by the rejection by the bank for the opening of an account.

The ethics charge by Nancy Pearson was politically motivated, poorly adjudicated, and wrongful in its blaming of Councilor Kennedy for the Popup's considerable problems and incompetent foundation. Its success was grossly exaggerated by the leadership, such as when ex-Council member Denton claimed that it made a \$25,000 profit on the first weekend when it was really the gross. It's time to stop scapegoating Esther Kennedy, twisting her last ditch attempt to keep the city council from being party to the legal entanglements of potentially fraudulent execution of the Popup project. The change of name was a simple matter, but they never should have been so slow to register the name in the first place, especially since Josh Denton was the leader and has claimed several times that he is a lawyer. Sending the Popup paperwork to a web-based form preparation service would be like a cardiologist sending his patients to use the free BP machine at Walmart.

The Ethics Board had conflicts, denied due process to Councilor Kennedy, and seems to have been puzzled by the process that the Popup group should have completed but didn't. The City Manager also did a huge disservice to justice by withholding from Kennedy and the Council that she didn't use CARES money after all. That was one of the jugular issues and the City Manager sat mute.

You can do considerable justice tonight by voting to find Councilor Kennedy innocent.

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From: [Michael Power via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics vote
Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020 9:35:51 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Michael Power (michaelbpower@gmail.com) on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 08:35:50

address: 105 Saratoga Way

comments: I support removal of Councilor Kennedy for her ethics violation. As a long time resident of Portsmouth, I have not seen an action so harmful to our hard working volunteers and small businesses.

Please stand up for what is right.

Thank you.

Michael Power

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From: [Jim eiffe via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:45:01 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jim eiffe (j_eiffe@yahoo.com) on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 07:45:00

address: 40 Sunset Road

comments: Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

You are charged with evaluating the unanimous and unambiguous findings of the ethics board. Will you honor their decision and find Esther Kennedy guilty as charged, defending hundreds of volunteers, and thousands of hours of community effort from disparagement by an elected official? Or will you attempt to justify her actions and instead lay blame on the volunteers that came together in our community's time of need? There was a wrong done here and it needs to be resolved.

Best regards,
Jim Eiffe

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From: [Nancy and David MacDonald via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics, and falcse ethics
Date: Friday, October 23, 2020 3:28:10 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Nancy and David MacDonald (nanmac28@gmail.com) on Friday, October 23, 2020 at 14:28:08

address: 28 Ball Street

comments: Jim Splaine you've disappointed us. We held signs for you last November. Your campaign slogan was "Let's Fix it". YOU got the ethics ball rolling with your insistence to bring this ethics complaint forward against Councilor Kennedy. And then last week you offered the motion to accept the Ethics Committee's decision, with no penalties, without allowing Councilor Kennedy her deserved time to defend her action. That was unjust.

Councilor Kennedy was RIGHT. She knew that when Nancy Pearson and her Pop Up people failed their duty under law to register with the Secretary of State as a non profit before raising money, the City and its Councilors could be held accountable. Councilor Kennedy, with her wisdom and experience, knew something was wrong, went to the City Manager to express her concern and was ignored.

Last November we and the citizens of Portsmouth voted for change. We wanted a new Council, one comprised of citizens who truly care for this City, its expenditures and the direction in which it is going, a Council who stands up for what's right not a mouthpiece for John Bohenko, as in the past. Thank goodness we now have that Council.

We look forward to hearing on Monday night the underlying truth of what really happened early this past summer.

Jim, in closing, we hope going forward we'll see the Councilor we thought we knew in you.

Thank you.

Nancy and David MacDonald

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From: [Jackie Cali-Pitts via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: ETHICS
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:52:37 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jackie Cali-Pitts (cali0917@aol.com) on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 14:52:36

address: 40 Bedford Way

comments: I would like all of you to ask yourself is it ethical if I ask for money for my new non profit but don't have the paper work or the approval yet and someone else registers the name before me and decides to go ahead with same idea after the money had been approved.

The name had no formal reservation and the city should not have taken up the issue until all the paper work was done and the organization had a tax number etc. I respect the person who brought the complaint but the law is supposed to be blind not depend on who you are. I go back to my example what happened might not be what is expected but I believe a name is in the public domain until formally granted to someone else therefore not eligible for censure. Who is at fault?. Please let me know if I am way off base

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From: [Ashley Rodier via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ethics
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 9:31:43 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Ashley Rodier (ashleyrodier@gmail.com) on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 08:31:41

address: 118 Holly Lane

comments: I fail to understand how the majority of the Council could reject the findings of the Ethics Committee. What a slap in the face to the Committee and to the community as a whole. The meeting last night was an absolute circus. With the exception of Councilors Tabor, McEachern and Lazenby, I will not be voting for you again. What an embarrassment for this community!

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From: [Andrew Bagley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Health Sub committee
Date: Monday, November 9, 2020 7:47:15 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Andrew Bagley (abagley21@gmail.com) on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 18:47:13

address: 40 Chauncey Street

comments: Dear Mayor and City Council,

We have a local Doctor volunteering her time to the city so that we can have real, local, and up to date information on the status of the pandemic. I think we need to support this effort not disparage and eliminate it. Please do not follow Councilor Huda proposal to eliminate this valuable service.

Best regards,
Andrew Bagley

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From: [Martha Fuller Clark via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: McIntire
Date: Monday, October 19, 2020 4:55:53 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Martha Fuller Clark (Martha@mfclark4nh.com) on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 15:55:51

address: 152 Middle Street, Portsmouth

comments: I would like to express my support to members of the City Council in favor of providing up to \$150,000 for funding the redesign of the McIntyre project.

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From: [Rick Chellman via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: McIntyre
Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 12:49:05 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Rick Chellman (chellman@tndengineering.com) on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 11:49:02

address: 224 State Street

comments: I have many concerns I would like to discuss with the Council and the McIntyre committee and which relate to the McIntyre site, but I will limit this to the following.

Whatever the committee has been working on for the past several months is of great interest to me and more importantly the voting public. The prior process attempted public engagement but failed in those efforts as was evidenced by the last Council election.

As a designer myself who has been involved in hundreds of such projects, my experience tells me that what is needed next is a few relatively simple sketches of what the perceived options are for the redevelopment of the site. This can and should be accomplished for a few thousand dollars at most and not anything close to six figures (in fact, spending such a sum will only create more literal investment in something the public may not support). Once and if consensus is achieved, then more detailed designs with computer modeling or whatever makes sense can ensue, but for now there are big picture issues that must be simply drawn to be understood and then evaluated.

"More park space", for example, means nothing if not drawn.

I think there are important threshold matters related to this and which include the status of the pending lawsuit-it is difficult to negotiate with a sword hanging overhead- and whether the McIntyre "brutalist" (a technical term) building that most assuredly does not fit with the rest of Portsmouth could be removed as a part of this process.

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From: [Julie Grasso via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 9:33:18 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Julie Grasso (Julie.grasso@comcast.net) on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 08:33:17

address: 85 Nathaniel Drive

comments: I am writing to express my disgust at the outcome of last night's city council meeting.

With the exceptions of Cliff, Deaglan, and John, you made it very clear that ethics are not important and that it's ok to do things in a sneaky manner. And Esther was allowed to vote on her own outcome?

I grew up here and chose to return to Portsmouth to raise my children.

Very disappointed.

Julie Grasso

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From: [Clare Kittredge via FormMail.com](mailto:Clare.Kittredge@formmail.com)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: misuse of the thics ordinance
Date: Monday, October 19, 2020 8:36:33 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Clare Kittredge (kittre@gmail.com) on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 19:36:31

address: 27 Franklin St

comments: Dear Mayor and Portsmouth City Councilors;

Again, I urge the City Council to focus on rooting out real financial ethics problems in Portsmouth city government and stop wasting our time and taxpayer money—in this moment of national crisis—on contrived attacks against the one City Councilor who spearheaded the effort to tighten the city’s financial ethics rules in the first place.

The City Attorney is well-liked, but sadly, I believe he distorted the city ethics ordinance to contrive a way to create a roadmap for this case against Councilor Kennedy to go forward. Why? He does not work in a vacuum. The city’s tacit endorsement of opening this door that led inexorably to the launch of this process against Councilor Kennedy is an extraordinary departure from precedent. The city has held a handful of ethics hearings in the last 40 years, it has never held one like the televised spectacle we were subjected to, and never on such a flimsy basis.

The city ethics ordinance was designed to prevent and root out serious financial wrongdoing—bribes, kickbacks, secret financing of political campaigns in exchange for favors and other ways one might use a political position for personal financial benefit.

In this context, one would think the city would hold itself to a higher ethical standard. Instead, the city has not been transparent about this. A few examples:

One, the crucial memo by the City Attorney, signed by Bob Sullivan and Jim Splaine, that opened the door to this investigation was not made public before the hearings. This denied involved citizens a chance to seek a legal way to intervene before the train got out of the station. This memo construes a nonprofit filing with the Sec of State’s office to protect the city against false claims as a possible violation of the duties of the office. That’s a real stretch. When I read that, I realized that we had a problem. But it was too late. Sadly, I believe the City Attorney misled the citizens of Portsmouth and the ethics board about the ethics ordinance and how it works and did not post the city attorney’s memo in time because he knows that there are people in the community who know better.

Two, I had to file a Right to Know request to obtain attorney Zelin’s affidavit involving Councilor Kennedy’s attacker. When I asked the City Attorney why the city did not publicly post this affidavit, he said the ethics board chose not to, but that it’s public information. Doesn’t the affidavit raise ethics questions of the type the city should focus on? Instead, it’s pertinent public information that was not made public.

Three, I filed a Right to Know request on Sept 28, and then on Oct 5, asking for all emails between the City Attorney, the former City Manager, the current City Manager, the former City Councilor attacking Councilor Kennedy, another former City Councilor, Jim Splaine, former Board of Adjustment Chairman Dickie Gamester, Councilor Tabor and a few others between July 1 and the present—about anything involving ethics complaints, ethics violations, and Esther Kennedy. The city attorney last week indicated that the ethics board posting satisfied that request. It absolutely does not.

All this is happening here in Portsmouth at a time when citizens are worried about the enormous, largely unseen influence of developers on city government and threats to the integrity of city government processes. We’re also in a situation where at least half of the US population is worried about the integrity of our national government. At a time when folks worry about our national democracy, they’re also worried about the integrity of our local

democracy.

So I urge the City Council to stop wasting our time on this manufactured ethics crisis aimed at the City Councilor who spearheaded the effort to strengthen our ethics ordinance in the first place, and dismiss it out of hand.

Portsmouth's ethics ordinance gives City Councilors four choices in ethics cases. One of these is to dismiss a case outright. Surely, the City Attorney knows that and could have brought it up tonight. Sadly, City Councilor John Tabor omitted to mention that fourth option tonight. Instead, he brought up the other three options, one of which the City Council voted down.

I urge the City Council to follow Councilor Kennedy's lead and further tighten the city's ethics rules in order to prevent bribes, kickbacks, and the secret financing of political campaigns, so NO city councilor or city employee ever uses his or her position for their own private benefit.

Thank you for your attention,

Clare Kittredge

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From: [andrew bagley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: No Public Comment
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 7:50:48 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
andrew bagley (abagley21@gmail.com) on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 18:50:46

address: 40 Chauncey Street

comments: Honorable Mayor Becksted and City Council,

It's very disappointing that there is no public comment allowed in this meeting or of the ethics committee meetings.

Best regards,
Andrew Bagley

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From: [Kathleen via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Please don't sweep this under the rug
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:58:35 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kathleen (kathleencavalero@gmail.com) on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 12:58:33

address: 125 Bow St (work)

comments: We are experiencing trauma together. Daily. For over seven months now. For all of those polished friends and FB profiles you see out there, the truth of the matter is nearly all of us are falling apart at the seams in one way or another, some at a more rapid pace than others. But I assure you trauma is real, the side effects are monstrous, and often the only way to deal with it is to find support, talk about it, and find some "normal" activities to engage in with other people. At least that's what the experts say.

A few months ago, several us experiencing trauma on the business-end decided to get together to find a way to minimize the hurt. We found some solace in sharing our experiences, but most importantly, we were to try our best to apply a tourniquet on some of those rapidly bleeding out. "We can't save everyone, we know, but let's save a few" was my mentality. I won't speak for my partners in the process, but I suspect they had the same mindset. Whatever motivated us, the motives were good. That is the one thing I know for sure.

We had several ideas on how to do this, but PopUp immediately sprouted legs and began to sprint. Sometimes her speed broke records, she was determined. In what seems like mere seconds, we had the support of the Task Force, support from the City Council, and not only support from the city staff, but what seemed to be excitement, an eagerness to make this effort come to life.

As we moved forward, a tsunami of support and love flooded the city of Portsmouth. People showed this love through donations of cash, the lending of personal belongings, the purchasing of items from our Amazon wishlist, people showing up to volunteer their time to build sheds and a stage in the sweltering sun with no shade or relief, strangers dropping of ice cream, Gatorade, water bottles, and more to ensure that volunteers and staff were able to keep their momentum, businesses offered their food for free to volunteers, citizens curated art with their children, sponsors released large portions of their annual giving budgets, people joined boards for the first time. People collectively cared about a thing. That's not nothing.

What was it then? The community coming together during a shared trauma to find a small piece of light to hold onto. A promise of something good. A hope of a bit of that normalcy, which can heal, when there's no other medicine.

Throughout the summer and early fall, performers took to the stage again. Many people left their homes for the first time to find some semblance of companionship and art in a way they haven't had in almost a year. A handful of local businesses made a little extra money to help them through the upcoming winter. Friendships were made. New leaders were born. And good happened. So much beauty and good.

It would be a mistake to try to thank every individual who helped make PopUp happen, because I would most assuredly forget someone, and every person who played a part played an important one.

The process was a difficult one, I'm not going to lie. We had dedicated volunteers with full time jobs who took on second full time work to make this project breathe, in such a short turnaround. Again, I can't speak to the others who helped build this beautiful beast, but for me, almost every phase of the project came with a new headache, a new accusation, a new interference, harassment, bullying, intimidation attempts, and finding sexism and condescension in corners in rooms I didn't even know existed. It's my nature to focus on those bad parts and it's easy for me to forget the tsunami of good. I dislike that part of me, and I'm working on that.

But tonight an important chapter of this book closes, and I don't know how it will end. I'm hoping the city council does the difficult task of holding someone accountable for trying to hurt a community trying to help. Please, let's end the many years of lashing out, harassment, intimidation, legal threats, and retaliation against those who speak out and show others who act this way that this won't be tolerated anymore. Actions must have consequences or we are destined to repeat bad behavior over and over.

Do not sweep this under the rug. Please.

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From: [Clare Kittredge via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCILOR ESTHER KENNEDY IS INNOCENT, PLEASE SPARE HER ANY MORE ABUSE
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 9:53:56 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Clare Kittredge (kittre@gmail.com) on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 08:53:54

address: 27 Franklin St

comments: Dear Mayor Becksted and Portsmouth City Councilors;

I am writing to ask you to dismiss the Ethics Board's mistaken decision that City Councilor Esther Kennedy violated the Ethics Ordinance, and clear her before she suffers any more undeserved smears.

From the start, I believe the Ethics Board ruled on the wrong fundamental question when it made its first decision about the complaint against Councilor Kennedy.

The correct first question for the board to explore was not whether Councilor Kennedy engaged in a registration, an action or a transaction. It was whether her action—whatever its name or the semantics-- violated the spirit of the ethics ordinance against bribes, corrupt acceptance of favors, trading votes for personal profit, or other inappropriate financial self-dealing. The corollary follow-up question is whether her action was in conflict with her duties as a City Councilor.

To both of these questions, the answer is no. Here's why:

Remember, Portsmouth's Ethics Ordinance was enacted 32 years ago to prevent city elected and appointed officials from betraying the public's trust by exploiting their political position to enrich themselves by taking bribes, kickbacks, accepting secret campaign financing and acquiring other free stuff in exchange for votes to benefit secret donors. The ethics ordinance was enacted in 1988 amid a furor over public ethics. The previous November (1987), two-thirds of city voters had overwhelmingly approved a charter amendment directing the city to adopt a conflict of interest ordinance.

Since then, the city has dismissed most ethics complaints formal and informal, including complaints that the Planning Department emailed a developer's legal team an HDC approval decision before the HDC voted on the project. Since then, the city has only referred a tiny number of complaints to the Ethics Board. (The legal department last week found only two since 1987, though there may be one or two more).

Meanwhile, no ethics complaint in city history has been given the inflated prominence this accuser's charges were given against Councilor Kennedy-- ironically a minister's daughter who spearheaded efforts to tighten the ethics ordinance in the first place. No other ethics complaint has resulted in anything like the extraordinary recent televised show trial in which the ethics board chairman appeared to coddle her accuser and allow her to engage in an extraordinarily aggressive and insulting grilling of a sitting City Councilor in public.

Aside from the illogical basis for the ethics board's initial avenue of inquiry into this complaint, and the disproportionate importance the complaint was granted, another key issue is intent.

Councilor Kennedy registered that trade name because she was worried about protecting the city when she found out that the PopUp people were raising money claiming to be a nonprofit without having properly registered as a nonprofit. Her motivation was to protect the city, not to illegally enrich herself. This may have embarrassed them. But whatever their claims and competing timelines, Councilor Kennedy's actions did not violate the city ordinance against taking bribes, kickbacks, accepting campaign money from secret donors or other financial malfeasance. Councilor Kennedy is innocent.

As for the complainant, Councilor Kennedy's attacker seems to be on a perpetual political campaign since she lost re-election after taking some unpopular votes, like supporting a massive downtown real estate project that included moving the Post Office. Even her email address listed on city records about the complaint—votesoandso@gmail.com -- urges people to vote for her. Her complaint against Councilor Kennedy triggered city actions that were dramatically out of step with the city's history of dismissing most ethics complaints. By demanding the most extreme penalty, she garnered maximum public attention. But by demanding a popular City Councilor's removal from office, she also asked to bypass the will of Portsmouth voters. And that's a problem.

After so much hullabaloo, there is a natural human tendency to want to justify it by a public hanging, or at least a Scarlet Letter. The problem is that Councilor Kennedy did nothing that the ethics ordinance was designed to weed out. She is innocent, and you should declare her innocent and spare her any further abuse.

Instead, many of us would argue that Councilor Kennedy deserves the city's thanks and a medal— the Portsmouth Legion d'Honneur-- for being a diligent watchdog looking out for interests of the city.

Clare Kittredge
27 Franklin Street,
Portsmouth
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From: [Margaret O'Neil via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pre-processing ballot
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2020 11:02:47 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Margaret O'Neil (popr@comcast.net) on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at 10:02:45

address: 87 Cabot St

comments: The pre-processing ballot meeting is being held today, Saturday 10/31/20.

I and several other volunteers came to city hall to be observers to this process.

Due to the lack of planning and foresight for appropriate space we were not allowed to witness the ballot process and were told by the city clerk to leave, due to COVID.

The city has had plenty of time to prepare for this meeting and should have reserved space at the Connie Bean Center or elsewhere.

This is a slight to the democratic process and an embarrassment to our city!

I feel very disappointed that this wasn't addressed prior to the meeting today. The city clerk was not prepared to find an equitable solution and she shouldn't have been placed in a position to do so. She was clearly overwhelmed and uninformed as to the need for more space.

Shame on us. We can do better than this! So much for our "Open Door" and transparent city.

Sincerely and with all due respect,

Margaret O'Neil, 87 Cabot St, Portsmouth

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From: [Thomas Nies via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Property Assessments
Date: Sunday, November 8, 2020 8:18:15 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Thomas Nies (tnies@aol.com) on Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 19:18:13

address: 419 Richards Avenue

comments: Council Members:

This year the city did not perform a statistical revaluation. I want to alert you that the assessor's office increased assessed values on some properties far in excess of what seems justified by improvements since 2019. Yes, my home is one of these, as well as one of my neighbors. While I hope to resolve this issue with the assessor, I believe you should be aware of this issue because others may notice this when tax bills are mailed.

I expected my assessment to increase because I replaced my garage, and upgraded electrical service to 200 amp. There were no other improvements. The new garage is valued at \$17,200 by the city but my assessment increased \$91,000. This seems unreasonable in the absence of a revaluation.

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From: [Susan Cerro via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: 90k payout
Date: Friday, October 30, 2020 11:41:40 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Susan Cerro (jeannem777@gmail.com) on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 10:41:38

address: 53 Wentworth St.

comments: I contacted the appropriate authorities on this matter, and received as much information as could legally be given at this time. Even with this limited amount of information I see now that my assumptions regarding Officer Merner and the \$90K payout were wrong. No response from Council is necessary.
Thank you.

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From: [Susan Cerro via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: Chief Merner's \$90k payout
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 11:13:24 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Susan Cerro (jeennem777@gmail.com) on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 22:13:21

address: 53 Wentworth St.

comments: To all Councilors,

For Chief Merner to payout \$90k to a female employee, then after it finally comes out he announces his sudden retirement only leaves me to believe Chief Merner did something unethical, and quite possibly illegal. Does he now get to sail off into the sunset without jeopardizing his pension, too?

Shouldn't Portsmouth residents who pay all Civil Servants in the City via Taxes have the right to know exactly what happened, and why we'll most likely be facing an increase on our insurance premium due to Chief Merner's actions?

Who in our government is withholding this information from Portsmouth Residents?

PPD employees should not only abide the Law, but set the example. Chief Merner is a huge disappointment. The worst part is that under current Laws for Officers, Chief Merner will have no problem finding another PD position. I hope these laws change so Police will be held accountable. They should not be above the law, and the City of Portsmouth Residents have a right to know why there was a \$90k payout.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I realize your busy, but I hope to get answers to my questions.

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From: [Steve Gray via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Removal of Ester Kennedy from City Council
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 8:06:28 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Steve Gray (Gray.steven@comcast.net) on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 07:06:26

address: 82 Driftwood Lane

comments: As a 35 year Portsmouth resident, I hereby ask the City Council to remove Ester Kennedy from serving on the Council.
Her behaviors should not be swept under the rug!
Thank you.

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From: [Jason Walls via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Resolution of Ethics Committee Results
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:45:05 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jason Walls (jason.sedley.walls@gmail.com) on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 13:45:04

address: 1113 Maplewood Ave

comments: Hi all,

I'm using "write-all" as a matter of convenience. I apologize for any vagueness here.

I am writing to make sure that the results of the ethics committee are taken seriously given the callousness of the actions, the timing, the lack of remorse, and the clear pattern of behavior. There must be REAL consequences to these actions that will make it clear to anyone now or in the future that this type of behavior not only will not be tolerated but that it is against any level of sensible moral action. It hurts our city and is directly contrary to the duty of a sitting city councilor.

Only removal will do. Anything less would be an insult to our community.

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From: [Andrew Bagley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Restaurants
Date: Monday, October 19, 2020 8:04:33 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Andrew Bagley (abagley21@gmail.com) on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 19:04:30

address: 40 Chauncey Street

comments: Dear Mayor and councilors,

I know several restauranteurs wanted to speak tonight in favor of extended outdoor seating. As you well know these meeting times are convenient for most of us but those who serve us for dinner have a difficult time logging in. Please give as much consideration as possible to our restauranteurs and extending them outdoor dining. They were not able to speak tonight but the need is there for both them and their customers.

Best regards,
Andrew Bagley

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From: [Jay Lieberman via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: street maintenance
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 8:50:53 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jay Lieberman (JLIEBERMAN@IVYINVESTMENTS.COM) on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 07:50:51

address: 269 Wibird Street

comments: Good morning, Hope you are doing well. I need some assistance with a street maintenance issue. My address is 269 Wibird Street. I've been trying to get this resolved since early July 2020. The city spray painted the street in front of my house in early June for my neighbor's water pipe issue. The work was completed in June. I've called Public Works, The Water Department and submitted multiple SeeClickFix requests. Most recently, I left a voicemail for Jamie, who apparently handles the seeclickfix program for the city. Could you please have someone remove the spray paint from the street in front of my house? My seeclickfix case numbers is #8542763. It was assigned to Tobias with Public Works and then closed. (without resolution)
Thank you- Jay Lieberman 603-501-9393

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