



City of Keene
New Hampshire

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES,
FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Council Chambers B
November 7, 2018
6:00 PM**

Janis O. Manwaring
Randy L. Filiault
Stephen L. Hooper
Gary P. Lamoureux
Robert B. Sutherland

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1. John Croteau, Jr. - Syd's Carpet & Snooze Road - Request for Loading Zone - 41 James Street
 2. Todd Tousley - Request for the Installation of a Sidewalk - Chapman Road
 3. Nancy Gillard & Suzanne Butcher - New Energy Goals for the Community
 4. West Street Dam - Public Works Department

MORE TIME ITEMS:

- A. Future Consideration of 12 Gilbo Avenue - Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department
- B. Ashuelot Court Homeowners – Request to Partner in the Installation of Water and Sewer Lines on Ashuelot Court, a Designated Private Road

Non Public Session
Adjournment



Transmittal Form

October 26, 2018

TO: Mayor and Keene City Council

FROM: John Croteau, Jr.

THROUGH: Patricia A. Little, City Clerk

ITEM: 1.

SUBJECT: John Croteau, Jr. - Syd's Carpet & Snooze Road - Request for Loading Zone - 41 James Street

COUNCIL ACTION:

In City Council November 1, 2018.

Referred to the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Communication - Croteau

BACKGROUND:

Syd's Carpet & Snooze Room is requesting a loading dock in front of their business at 41 James Street. The loading dock would be used to facilitate deliveries to their business and would be safer for their customers when picking up merchandise.

Syd's Carpet & Snooze Room
43 St. James Street * Keene, NH 03431
Phone (603) 352-4315 * Fax (603) 352-4398

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October 18, 2018

The Honorable Kendall Lane
Mayor, City of Keene
Keene City Council Members
3 Washington Street
Keene, NH 03431

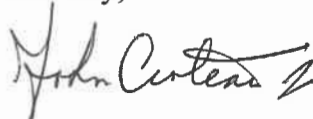
Gentlemen and Ladies:

I am writing to respectfully request that you consider putting a loading zone space at the entrance to Syd's Carpet & Snooze Room at 41 St. James Street.

The street gets quite congested with the Sentinel deliveries and pick-ups and we have UPS, FedEx, DSL and the US Post Office delivering daily and sometimes twice a day. Also, it would be much safer for our customers, when picking up merchandise, to load and unload their cars without crossing the street.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John Croteau, Jr.

In City Council November 1, 2018.
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Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.



City Clerk



Transmittal Form

October 26, 2018

TO: Mayor and Keene City Council

FROM: Todd Tousley

THROUGH: Patricia A. Little, City Clerk

ITEM: 2.

SUBJECT: Todd Tousley - Request for the Installation of a Sidewalk - Chapman Road

COUNCIL ACTION:

In City Council November 1, 2018.

Referred to the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Communication - Tousley

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Tousley is requesting the installation of a sidewalk along Chapman Road behind Robin Hood Park. He notes that this is a popular walking route for pedestrians and is quite narrow near the Water Treatment Facility.

10/18/18

To the Keene City Council,

On Sept. 27 I emailed this letter to the mayor but never got a response. Would you kindly bring it up for conversation? I think it is something that is in dire need for the neighborhood.

Thank you!

Todd Towley
708 Roxbury Rd.
(603) 209-3188
ttows@msn.com

In City Council November 1, 2018.
Referred to the Municipal Services,
Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.


City Clerk

Dangerous walking conditions on upper Roxbury Street

Todd Tousley

Thu 9/27/2018, 3:39 PM

To: mayor@ci.keene.nh.us <mayor@ci.keene.nh.us>

Hi!

I recently moved from Baker St to Roxbury Street up behind Robin Hood Park. I have been continually awed at the amount of people who walk the Chapman Road route which takes them up (or down) the hill behind Robin Hood. At this point it becomes very narrow right by the water treatment facility. My wife started walking it and is quite scared every time she reaches this section. There is no way to get out of the way of cars coming and going. I don't know if you've ever noticed this? But it's so popular that maybe we should look into putting a sidewalk there. The first thing that comes to mind is:

1. Is it feasible? Can it be done?
2. If so, how do we pay for it?

I think that if we find out it is feasible, so many people enjoy walking this route we can set up a GoFundMe page or take donations kind of like what they did for the bike path. I sent an email to Mitch Greenwald about this because he is the councilor for this ward and he said to write a formal letter to you to start the process moving forward. Is this something you can bring in front of the council?

Thank you for your time!

Todd Tousley
708 Roxbury Road
Keene

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October 26, 2018

TO: Mayor and Keene City Council

FROM: Nancy Gillard and Suzanne Butcher

THROUGH: Patricia A. Little, City Clerk

ITEM: 3.

SUBJECT: Nancy Gillard & Suzanne Butcher - New Energy Goals for the Community

COUNCIL ACTION:

In City Council November 1, 2018.

Referred to the Energy and Climate Committee and the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Communication - Gillard_Butcher

BACKGROUND:

Nancy Gillard and Suzanne Butcher are submitting a draft resolution for the Council's consideration that would set new goals that call for all electricity consumed in the City come from renewable energy sources by the year 2030 and that 100% of all thermal energy and energy used for transportation come from renewable energy sources by the year 2050.

October 25, 2018

Honorable Mayor Lane and City Councilors,

As citizens of Keene, we are proud that our city was an early leader in addressing the challenge of climate change, becoming a member of Cities for Climate Protection in the year 2000 and adopting a Climate Action Plan in 2004 and a Climate Adaptation Plan in 2007. Those plans were incorporated into Keene's Comprehensive Master Plan in 2010, after extensive community stakeholder engagement.

The 2004 Climate Action Plan set targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2015. With the City's assessment of our emissions in 2017 and as the challenges presented by climate change have become even more apparent, it is time to set new, ambitious, achievable goals for our community.

We propose that the City of Keene establish a goal that 100% of energy consumed in the City come from renewable sources, for electricity by the year 2030 and for heating/cooling and transportation by 2050. The need is clear. Existing and emerging technologies make this goal achievable and offer economic opportunities. Currently 89 cities across the U.S. have already set similar goals.

We look forward to working with you to develop and adopt a resolution along the lines of the attached draft.

Sincerely,



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Keene, NH
ndgillard@ne.rr.com
603-357-0213



Suzanne Butcher
44 Felt Road
Keene, NH
SuzanneButcherNH@yahoo.com
603-313-5773

In City Council November 1, 2018.
Referred to the Energy and Climate Committee
and the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.


City Clerk

10/25/18

DRAFT Sustainable Energy Resolution for Keene

WHEREAS, The City of Keene has formally recognized the challenges of Climate Change since the year 2000 when it became a participant in the Cities for Climate Protection Program and

WHEREAS, The City of Keene then developed and implemented a Climate Action Plan in 2004 and a Climate Adaptation Plan in 2007 and incorporated the Climate Action and Adaptation Plans into its 2010 Comprehensive Master Plan after extensive community stakeholder engagement and

WHEREAS, The State of New Hampshire 2009 Climate Plan set a goal of reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 80% from 1990 to 2050 and

WHEREAS, the challenges presented by Climate Change have become increasingly apparent in the intervening years, as reported in the Congressionally-mandated National Climate Assessments (see reference below) and

WHEREAS, the combustion of fossil fuels accounts for as much as 76% of US Greenhouse Gas Emissions (see US EIA citation below) and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency measures that drive down energy demand are the most cost-effective means to reduce fossil fuel consumption, and clean energy sources such as solar, wind, and small hydro may now be cost-competitive with fossil fuel sources and

WHEREAS, local, distributed generation of energy can provide resilience to weather-related interruptions of energy supply and economic disruptions of energy pricing while reducing air pollution and associated public health risks, and

WHEREAS, clean, renewable energy is one of the nation's fastest-growing employment sectors and represents an enormous economic opportunity for Keene to create jobs in the emerging industry, fulfilling the vision of a vibrant economy outlined in the Comprehensive Master Plan and the Economic Development Action Plan and

WHEREAS, economically disadvantaged residents, older people and children, people who are homeless, people with disabilities or health conditions, and members of other under-represented minorities experience the impacts of climate change disproportionately and

WHEREAS, cities across the nation have made commitments to transition to 100 percent clean energy and Keene strives to remain a leader among its peer cities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Keene that:

1. It is the goal and policy of the City of Keene that all electricity consumed in the City will come from renewable energy sources by the year 2030 and that 100% of all thermal energy and energy used for transportation come from renewable energy sources by the year 2050. This goal will apply to the entire Keene community, not just municipal government operations.
2. The City of Keene develop a strategic plan by April, 2020 to meet this renewable energy goal through a transparent and inclusive stakeholder process.



City of Keene, N.H.
Transmittal Form

November 2, 2018

TO: Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee

FROM: Kürt D. Blomquist, PE, Public Works Director/Emergency Management Director

THROUGH: Elizabeth Fox/Human Resources Director/Assistant City Manager

ITEM: 4.

SUBJECT: West Street Dam - Public Works Department

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Municipal, Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee accept this report as informational.

BACKGROUND:

In 2008 the City of Keene received a letter of deficiency from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Dam Bureau on issues associated with the Ashuelot River/West Street Dam. The City addressed the immediate concerns and initiated a process to review the necessary improvements to the Dam. In 2011, the City completed an evaluation of the Dam identifying potential improvements including the option to remove it. Later that year, the City Council requested input from several City commissions and boards on potential options for the Dam. In early 2012, a group of citizens formed West Street Hydro, and approached City Council with a request to review the feasibility of installing a hydropower facility at the Dam. In May 2012, the City Council authorized the City Manager and staff to work with West Street Hydro on their feasibility study. Between 2012 and 2018, West Street Hydro completed numerous studies on potential impacts of their proposed facility on aquatic life, endangered species, water quality, wetlands, and other work requested by regulatory agencies. During this period West Street Hydro provided periodic updates to the City Council.

On July 19, 2018, the City Council received and accepted a withdrawal letter from West Street Hydro on the installation of a hydropower facility at the Dam. It was determined that the facility would not be feasible due to various environmental issues above and below the Dam and to changes in the state's net metering rules, which raised questions for West Street Hydro about the ability of the project to have a positive economic return.

Now that the option of a hydropower facility at the Dam through West Street Hydro is no longer viable, staff will be moving forward with a process to evaluate and determine the future direction for the Dam. In the upcoming FY20-25 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), a preliminary project has been placed into FY25 for the Dam.

The City has been approached by a professor from the Rhode Island School of Design, who has a graduate

level research project that focuses on community decision making process around dams. The professor is working on a multi-year National Science Foundation research grant focused on the future of dams. This grant, known as the Future of Dams Projects, is a collaboration of researchers and academic institutions across Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island to examine the economic, technological, ecological, social, and political trade-offs associated with different kinds of decisions about dams. The professor has proposed a process that would involve a public workshop(s) and survey that would look at the Ashuelot River/West Street Dam and options for its removal or retention. The results of the process would be a gage on the sentiment of the public. The professor's team would also be evaluating the community decision making process for their research work. Staff has been meeting with the professor and a tentative timeline has been developed that would have the public workshop(s) in early April 2019. Discussions are ongoing on what the final report out from this effort would look like.