



City of Keene
New Hampshire

**FINANCE, ORGANIZATION
AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Council Chambers B
March 14, 2019
6:30 PM**

Mitchell H. Greenwald
Carl B. Jacobs
Terry M. Clark
Thomas F. Powers
Bettina A. Chadbourne

1. Pathways for Keene - Acceptance of Donation - Solar Lights - Keene BikePath
2. Acceptance of Donation - Cheshire Cats - Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department
3. Request for Approval to Solicit Donations to be used for a Safe Routes to School Event at Keene Middle School - Planning Department
4. Acceptance of Local Source Water Protection Grant - Public Works Department
5. Toby Tousley - Request to Purchase City Property - Adjacent to Bicycle/Pedestrian Path - 160 Emerald Street
6. T-Hangar Lease Agreements - Airport Department
7. Goose Pond Dam Improvements Project - Construction Phase Services - Public Works Department
8. Rose Lane Wastewater Treatment Plant Site Closure Project - Change Order Bazin Brothers - Public Works Department
9. Rose Lane Wastewater Treatment Plant Site Closure Project - Change Order- Loureiro Engineering - Public Works Department
10. Councilors Greenwald, Manwaring, & Richards – Tax Deeding - Kingsbury Property
11. Appropriation of Funds for the Drummer Hill Water Storage Tank and Pump Station Replacement and Contract with Tighe & Bond for Engineering Services
Resolution R-2019-06

Resolution R-2019-07

12. Capital Improvement Program - 2020-2025

MORE TIME ITEMS:

- A. Zach Luse/Paragon Digital Marketing - Application for Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive (79-E) - Former Grace Methodist Church at 34 Court Street
- B. Nancy Sheldon/Shalldu, Ltd. - Acquisition of the Rail Spur that Bisects Two Parcels of Property - Corner of Ralston and Emerald Streets

Non Public Session
Adjournment



City of Keene, N.H.
Transmittal Form

March 8, 2019

TO: Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee

FROM: Pathways for Keene

THROUGH: Patricia A. Little, City Clerk

ITEM: 1.

SUBJECT: Pathways for Keene - Acceptance of Donation - Solar Lights - Keene BikePath

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Communication_Pathways

BACKGROUND:

Pathways for Keene is donating 33 solar light poles to light Appel Way from Court Street to the rear entrance of Wheelock Park.

February 28, 2019

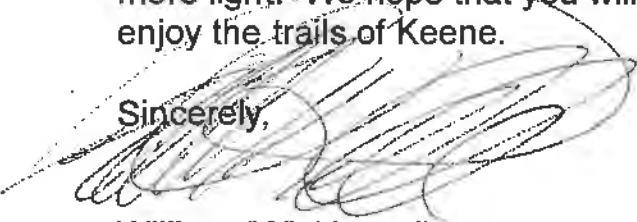
To the Mayor and City Council:

Pathways for Keene wishes to donate 33 solar light posts to the City of Keene to light Appel Way from Court Street to the rear entrance to Wheelock Park. These solar light posts have been purchased from Lumens for Less in Keene, and the company is willing to install these fixtures. The cost to Pathways for Keene was \$40,000 that was raised for the trails at the 17th Annual Four on the 4th Road Race, 2018.

Discussions with Parks, Recreation and Facilities Director Andy Bohannon have resulted in placement of the light posts along the trail that are agreeable to Pathways for Keene. Director Bohannon has stated that he is willing to take a few trees so that maximum sunlight will be available.

Pathways for Keene is committed to enhancing the trails in the Keene area. We have had many requests for increasing the safety of the Appel Trail with more light. We hope that you will accept this donation and continue to enjoy the trails of Keene.

Sincerely,



William (Wink) Faulkner
President
Board of Directors



Jan Manwaring
Secretary
Board of Directors



City of Keene, N.H.
Transmittal Form

March 11, 2019

TO: Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee

FROM: Andy Bohannon, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Director

THROUGH: Elizabeth A. Dragon, City Manager

ITEM: 2.

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Donation - Cheshire Cats - Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee recommend that the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to accept the donation of \$527.39 from the Cheshire Cats and that the money is used towards program equipment and travel expenses for future tournaments.

BACKGROUND:

The Cheshire Cats jumping roping program was created five years ago providing an alternative program for children aged 7-13 who want to be engaged in physical activity. The team travels annually to state and regional competitions and last year had two jumpers qualify for a national competition. To help offset some of the expenses for travel, the team conducted a fundraiser during the youth basketball season in the Recreation Center lobby collecting \$527.39.

The team practices twice a week in the multipurpose room. To learn more information about the program, visit keeneparks.com.



City of Keene, N.H.
Transmittal Form

March 4, 2019

TO: Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee

FROM: Mari Brunner, Acting Planner

THROUGH: Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager; Rhett Lamb, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director

ITEM: 3.

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Solicit Donations to be used for a Safe Routes to School Event at Keene Middle School - Planning Department

RECOMMENDATION:

To authorize the City Manager to do all things necessary to solicit and accept donations to be used for a Safe Routes to School event at the Keene Middle School in May 2019.

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, the City of Keene received Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding for infrastructure changes and non-infrastructure activities in the area of the Jonathan Daniels School. The infrastructure portion of the grant was completed in 2017. The non-infrastructure portion of the grant includes an approved budget of \$20,535 for the following activities:

1. Development of educational materials about safe walking and bicycling routes to school.
2. Coordination of an all-day “Walk/Bike to School Day” event for Jonathan Daniels School and the neighboring Keene Middle School.
3. Development of a resident survey to better understand the perception and use of the infrastructure changes that were made in 2017.

The City received a notice to proceed from the NH Department of Transportation for the non-infrastructure portion of the grant on September 5, 2018. In November 2018, a temporary, part-time SRTS Coordinator was hired to work with Keene Middle School to plan a “Walk-Bike to School Day” event that will take place during the week of May 13, 2019. As part of this event, healthy snacks, water, and giveaways will be provided to participating families and safety vests will be supplied to volunteers. In order to supplement the project budget for event supplies, the SRTS Coordinator would like to seek donations for healthy snacks and giveaways (i.e. T-shirts, water bottles, reflective pins to increase visibility for students walking, etc.).



City of Keene, N.H.
Transmittal Form

March 8, 2019

TO: Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee

FROM: Aaron Costa, Operations Manager

THROUGH: Elizabeth A. Dragon, City Manager

ITEM: 4.

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Local Source Water Protection Grant - Public Works Department

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee recommend that the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to accept and execute a Local Source Water Protection Grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) in the amount not to exceed \$14,500 for the installation of security fencing in the Court Street Well Field.

BACKGROUND:

The City operates a three ground water wells in the north western area of the City just off of Court Street, the Court Street Wellfield. These wells provided drinking water and process water to City of Keene residents, business and visitors. These wells are considered critical infrastructure. The City of Keene applied for and has received a grant of \$14,500 from NHDES to install security fencing around the wells to restrict and deter unauthorized access. The grant award is conditional on:

- Acceptance by Keene's City Council
- Adherence to NH purchasing requirements
- Share photos of completed fence and signage with NHDES

The following expenses not covered by the grant, but will be funded from the Water Supply Protection Capital Project (05011).

• Marking out buried water lines in vicinity prior to fence installation	\$68
• Clear trees and vegetation prior to fence installation	\$231
• Create signage	\$314
• Purchase and installation of fencing around Court Street Corrosion Control Facility	<u>\$4,800</u>
Total	\$5,413

It is recommended the Finance, Organization, and Personnel Committee authorize acceptance and execution of this grant.



Transmittal Form

March 6, 2019

TO: Mayor and Keene City Council

FROM: Toby Tousley

THROUGH: Patricia A. Little, City Clerk

ITEM: 5.

SUBJECT: Toby Tousley - Request to Purchase City Property - Adjacent to Bicycle/Pedestrian Path - 160 Emerald Street

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Communication_Tousley

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Tousley is requesting to purchase City land that is situated between his building at 160 Emerald Street and the bicycle/pedestrian path.

Toby Tousley
PO BOX 626
Keene, NH 03431

February 18, 2019

Mayor Kendall W. Lane
and Keene City Council
3 Washington Street
Keene, NH 03431

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I would like to acquire a piece of the Railroad Corridor land that is situated between my building on 160 Emerald Street and the bicycle/pedestrian path.

In 2011 the City expressed interest in selling some of this property, which in turn would put the property back on the tax roll. At that time I went to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee who in turn recommended that the City sell the property to me.

Unfortunately the matter never came before the Council as there were questions of ownership. Recent developments have shown that the City does own this part of the Railroad Corridor.

I have included a map showing a proposed subdivision. The proposed taxable piece of land would be approximately .25 acres.

I would suggest that the boundary be 6' west of the existing paved path and follow the path, with the 6' buffer, from Emerald Street to a point in line with my existing southerly border.

Sincerely,

Toby Tousley





Keene, NH



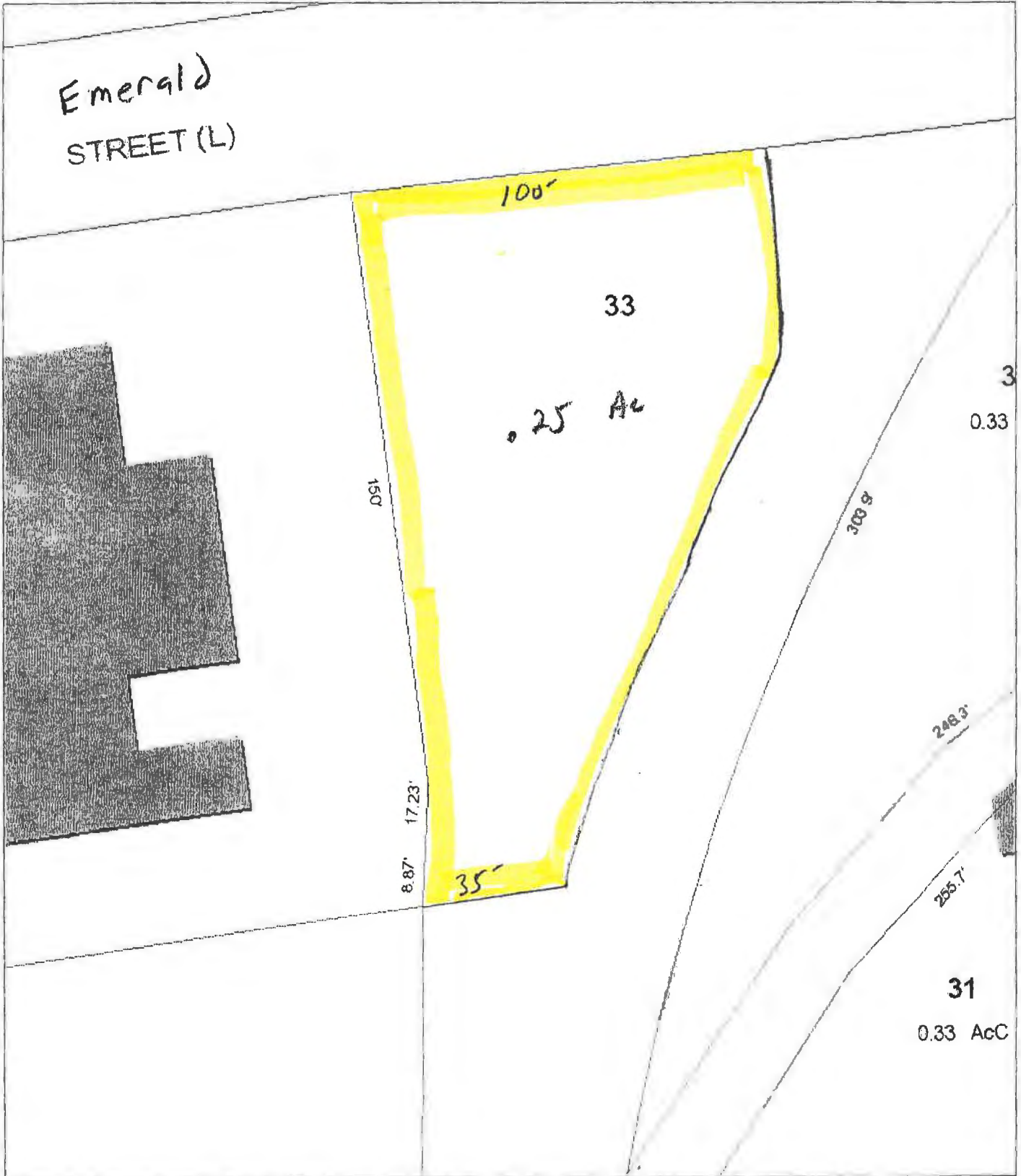
February 17, 2019

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Keene, NH



February 17, 2019

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Transmittal Form

March 11, 2019

TO: Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee

FROM: Rebecca Landry, Assistant City Manager & IT Director

THROUGH: Elizabeth A. Dragon, City Manager

ITEM: 6.

SUBJECT: T-Hangar Lease Agreements - Airport Department

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to do all things necessary to negotiate and execute Keene Airport t-hangar leases with David Wallace and Food Harvest For America, and that the City Council authorize the City Manager to do all things necessary to negotiate and execute future Keene Airport t-hangar leases.

BACKGROUND:

There are three vacant t-hangars presently available at the Keene Airport for which David Wallace and William Corey of Food Harvest for America have expressed an interest. The current lease process involves execution of a standard t-hangar lease agreement that requires, among other things, a deposit, monthly lease payment, annual 3% escalator and automatic renewal. The current interest in hangar space as well as interest in the private development of jet hangars is a good indication of the healthy demand for Keene Airport services. It is my recommendation that the t-hangar leases move forward.

Due to the standardization and regularity of the process, it is further recommended that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate and execute future t-hangar leases in an administrative fashion.



City of Keene, N.H.
Transmittal Form

March 10, 2019

TO: Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee

FROM: Donald R. Lussier, P.E., City Engineer

THROUGH: Elizabeth A. Dragon, City Manager

ITEM: 7.

SUBJECT: Goose Pond Dam Improvements Project - Construction Phase Services - Public Works Department

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee recommend the waiving of the professional service purchasing requirements and that the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with Dubois & King, Inc. of Randolph, VT for the engineering, technical, and administrative services for the construction phase of the Goose Pond Dam Improvements Project (90228-17) for an amount not to exceed \$140,916.

BACKGROUND:

In February 2017, the City awarded an engineering design contract to Dubois & King, Inc. on a qualification and fee-based selection process. Dubois & King has completed the design work in a satisfactory manner. The project was advertised for construction in early January and construction is expected to begin by the end of April 2019 and to continue through the fall.

City Code requires that professional services contracts over \$25,000 be entered into after receiving proposals from various interested firms and approval by the City Council. Public Works requests that the contract for construction-phase engineering services be awarded to Dubois & King on a "sole-source" basis. The City received a permit from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to reconstruct this dam. As a condition of the permit, a qualified construction engineer is required to observe the construction, prepare reports and file affidavits with the department. Therefore, it is in the City's interest to retain the design engineer for these services.

Construction-phase engineering services include full-time construction observation, attendance at construction meetings, review of shop drawings and submittals, response to contractor requests for information, materials inspection and testing, review and comment of test results, maintenance of an as-built set of drawings, and other tasks typically required during construction.

It is recommended that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with Dubois & King, Inc. for construction-phase engineering services for the project for an amount not to exceed \$140,916.

Funding for this work will come from the Goose Pond Dam Improvements Project Account (90228-17).



City of Keene, N.H.
Transmittal Form

March 7, 2019

TO: Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee

FROM: Aaron Costa, Operations Manager

THROUGH: Elizabeth A. Dragon, City Manager

ITEM: 8.

SUBJECT: Rose Lane Wastewater Treatment Plant Site Closure Project - Change Order Bazin Brothers - Public Works Department

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee recommend the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to execute Change Order No. 2 with Bazin Brothers Trucking, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$162,650 for Contract 01-16-08, Rose Lane Wastewater Treatment Plant Site Closure Project.

BACKGROUND:

The City's first wastewater treatment facility, located on City-owned property on Rose Lane, was built in 1934 and remained active until 1985. Because past practice included disposal of wastewater sludge on site, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) characterized this site as a sludge monofill in 2007 and requires its permanent closure.

In September 2015, the City signed a general construction oversight and project documentation contract with Loureiro Engineering. Construction bids for the project were received in January 2016 and the City awarded the contract to Bazin Brother Trucking Inc. from Westminster, VT. The contract was awarded, but not executed because after further review of the closure plan, NHDES requested additional information and identified several items for the City to address as part of the closure work, including modifications to the gas venting system.

Loureiro Engineering performed the design modifications and NHDES gave final approval in June 2017. The City presented the change in design to Bazin Brothers Trucking Inc. and received the revised cost reflected in Change Order No. 1. Staff received City Council approval for contract execution and Change Order No. 1, on November 2, 2017.

Construction on the monofill portion of the Rose Lane property was completed in June 2018. However, there are still remnants of the old wastewater plant's sludge drying beds located outside the sludge monofill area. Change Order No. 2 is for preparing and grading the remaining portion of the property as well as the installation of chain link fencing.



City of Keene, N.H.
Transmittal Form

March 7, 2019

TO: Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee

FROM: Aaron Costa, Operations Manager

THROUGH: Elizabeth A. Dragon, City Manager

ITEM: 9.

SUBJECT: Rose Lane Wastewater Treatment Plant Site Closure Project - Change Order- Loureiro Engineering - Public Works Department

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee recommend the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to execute Change Order No. 5 with Loureiro Engineering for additional engineering and administrative services in an amount not to exceed \$4,999 for Rose Lane Wastewater Treatment Plant Site Closure Project, Contract 04-16-04.

BACKGROUND:

The City's first wastewater treatment facility, located on Rose Lane, was built in 1934 and remained active until 1985. Because past practice included disposal of wastewater sludge on site, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) characterized this site as a sludge monofill in 2007 and requires its permanent closure.

- In September 2015, the City signed a construction oversight and project documentation contract with Loureiro Engineering.
- In April 2016, City Council approved Change Order No. 1 with Loureiro Engineering for additional work, requested by NHDES, that included new flooding analysis, reporting and design of the post-closure monitoring wells and participation in the community outreach plan.
- In September 2016, the City Manager authorized Change Order No. 2, a no cost change order, as part of the on-going closure plan work. For this work Loureiro Engineering performed gas monitoring of two existing gas monitoring wells and later in the month oversaw the installation of four additional gas monitoring wells.
- In April 2017, City Council approved Change Order No. 3 with Loureiro Engineering for additional gas monitoring events, gas dispersion calculations and reporting.
- In May 2018, City Council approved Change Order No. 4 with Loureiro Engineering for assistance with the Shoreland Permit Application to support grading improvements that include burying the sludge drying beds, calculating the amount of required fill, additional property fencing and construction oversight.

- In June 2018, construction was completed on the sludge monofill area of the Rose Lane property. However, there are still remnants of the old wastewater plant's sludge drying beds located outside the sludge monofill area. A Shore Land Permit Application, design and material calculations have been completed.

Construction on the remainder of the property is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2019. The change order is for additional administrative services and reporting requirements.

Staff recommends the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to sign a change order with Loureiro Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$4,990. Because the original construction cost was lower than expected, funds are available in the Rose Lane Closure Project 08094- 62102 for this change order.



City of Keene, N.H.
Transmittal Form

February 25, 2019

TO: Mayor and Keene City Council

FROM: Councilor Mitchell H. Greenwald, Councilor Janis O. Manwaring & Councilor David C. Richards

THROUGH: Patricia A. Little, City Clerk

ITEM: 10.

SUBJECT: Councilors Greenwald, Manwaring, & Richards – Tax Deeding - Kingsbury Property

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Communication - Councilors Greenwald, Manwaring, & Richards

BACKGROUND:

Councilors Greenwald, Manwaring, and Richards are requesting the City initiate the tax deeding process on the Kingsbury property.

February 25, 2019

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Councilors Greenwald, Manwaring and Richards

We have observed for too long and heard from many of our constituents, that the "Kingsbury Property" on Marlboro Street, has been in arrears for property taxes.

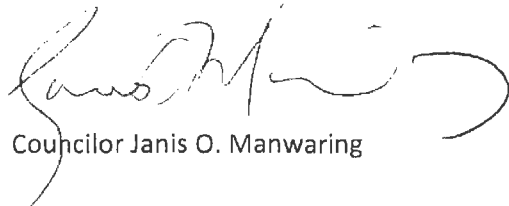
The City has been extremely cooperative with the current owner, with little results.

Therefore, we recommend that the City initiate the tax deeding process.

Respectfully,



Councilor Mitchell H. Greenwald



Councilor Janis O. Manwaring



Councilor David C. Richards



City of Keene, N.H.
Transmittal Form

March 8, 2019

TO: Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee

FROM: Aaron Costa, Operations Manager, Public Works Department

THROUGH: Elizabeth A. Dragon, City Manager

ITEM: 11.

SUBJECT: Appropriation of Funds for the Drummer Hill Water Storage Tank and Pump Station Replacement and Contract with Tighe & Bond for Engineering Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Finance, Organization, and Personnel Committee recommend the adoption of Resolutions R-2019-06 and R-2019-07, for the appropriation of \$1.415M from the unappropriated fund balance of the Water Fund to the Water Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund and dedicate the funds for the Drummer Hill Water Storage Tank and Pump Station Replacement Project.

Move that the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee recommend the waiving of the professional services purchasing requirements and the City Manager is authorized to do all things necessary to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with Tighe & Bond to perform engineering, technical and administrative services for the design and construction oversight for the Drummer Hill Water Storage Tank and Pump Station Replacement Project for an amount not to exceed \$307,681.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Background_Blomquist

Resolution R-2017-06

Resolution R-2016-07

BACKGROUND:

In February 2018, a leak was discovered in the Drummer Hill Tank, rendering it unusable. In July 2018, staff contracted with Tighe & Bond to perform an Alternatives Analysis to generate cost estimates and make a recommendation on three options for addressing the infrastructure and operational issues with the Drummer Hill tank and its associated water booster station.

1. Repair-Refurbish the existing tank and replace the existing pump station. This solution doesn't address the tank's deficiencies, but does repair the leak, installs a new inlet and drain, and stabilizes the tank with grout. Total cost \$1.414 million (Not Recommended)
2. Remove the tank and replace the existing pump station with a larger pump station. The new station will include a fire suppression pump and onsite backup power generator. This solution improves water

quality and pressure for improved water main flushing and fire suppression, but would be difficult to operate because of the elevation change in the pressure zone. Total cost \$2.434 million. (Not Recommended)

3. Replace the existing tank with a larger tank and replace the existing pump station. This solution will improve water quality and pressure and would improve compliance with water main flushing and fire suppression requirements. Total cost 2.215 million. (Recommended)

Staff recommends replacing the existing tank and pumping station. The tank will be larger in volume and satisfy requirements for fire storage and meet the ISO standards. The larger tank will provide adequate water pressure to the customers on top of the development closest to the tank. The increase in pressure and volume will allow staff to flush the distribution lines in the Drummer Hill pressure zone which will enhance water quality. The new tank will eliminate water quality issues and will be equipped with a TTHM removal mixing system to comply with water quality standards.

The pumping station will be an above ground pumping station equipped with new energy efficient pumps, emergency power, chlorine injection system and online monitoring equipment that will be tied into the plant's SCADA system.

Section 2-1336 of the City code allows the City Council to waive purchasing requirements. Tighe & Bond in 2013, was selected through a competitive request for proposal process, was selected to perform a Water Facilities Evaluation. The results of that evaluation have been the backbone of the Water Funds Capital Improvement Plan. Tighe and Bond performed the Alternatives Analysis for the failed Drummer Hill water storage tank and have the necessary background and the working knowledge of the City's infrastructure and operations. Staff recommends continuing to work with Tighe & Bond and have them complete the design and oversee the construction for the Drummer Hill Tank and Booster Station replacement project.



City of Keene, N.H.
Transmittal Form

March 4, 2019

TO: Mayor and Keene City Council

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

THROUGH: Elizabeth A. Dragon, City Manager

ITEM: K.1.

SUBJECT: Appropriation of Funds for Drummer Hill Water Tank and Pump Station Replacement

COUNCIL ACTION:

In City Council March 7, 2019.

Referred to the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

Forward Resolutions R-2019-06, Related to an appropriation for the Replacement of the Drummer Hill Water Tank and Pump Station, and R-2019-07, Relating to the Reallocation of funds from the Water Infrastructure Capital Reserve to replace the Drummer Hill water pump station, for first reading and referral to the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Resolution R-2019-06

Resolution R-2019-07

BACKGROUND:

A leak was discovered in the 100,000 gallon Drummer Hill water storage tank in February 2018. As a result of this failure the tank has been off line and the pump station has been meeting the basic water needs for the properties within the high pressure zone. The existing pump station is not capable of providing water flows for fire protection.

Funding had been previously appropriated for the evaluation of options for repair of the tank. The City contracted with Tighe and Bond Engineers to perform the evaluation, reviewing options to repair the existing tank; replace the existing tank and pump station; or replace the tank with a pump station only. The review included addressing water quality issues, provision of fire flow to meet current standards, and providing adequate pressures to all the customers within the high pressure zone. Based upon this review the recommendation coming forward will be to replace the existing tank and pump station. The work has an estimated cost of \$2.215M with \$.8M previously appropriated, leaving a requirement of an additional \$1.415M

This failure was an unplanned event it is recommended that the \$1.415M be appropriated from the Water Fund unappropriated fund balance to the Water Infrastructure Capital Reserve and the funds be dedicated for the replacement project.



CITY OF KEENE

R-2019-06

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand andNineteen.....

A RESOLUTION Related to an appropriation for the Replacement of the Drummer Hill
Water Tank and Pump Station.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of one million four hundred and fifteen thousand dollars (\$1,415,000) is hereby appropriated in the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year and allocated into the Water Infrastructure Capital Reserve for the purpose of Replacing the Drummer Hill Water Tank and Pump Station.

Said appropriation to be funded by the Water Fund unappropriated fund balance.

Kendall W. Lane, Mayor

In City Council March 7, 2019.
Referred to the Finance, Organization and
Personnel Committee.

City Clerk



CITY OF KEENE

R-2019-07

Nineteen

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and
Relating to the Reallocation of funds from the Water Infrastructure Capital
A RESOLUTION Reserve to replace the Drummer Hill water pump station.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of one million four hundred and fifteen thousand dollars (\$1,415,000) be allocated from the Water Infrastructure Capital Reserve fund (05019) to replace the Drummer Hill Water Tank and Pump Station.

Kendall W. Lane, Mayor

In City Council March 7, 2019.
Referred to the Finance, Organization and
Personnel Committee.

City Clerk



City of Keene, N.H.
Transmittal Form

March 12, 2019

TO: Mayor and Keene City Council

FROM: Monadnock Interfaith Project

THROUGH: Patricia A. Little, City Clerk

ITEM: 12.

SUBJECT: Capital Improvement Program - 2020-2025

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Communication_Monadnock Interfaith Project

BACKGROUND:

This communication was submitted to be included in the public record on the 2020-2025 capital improvement program. The letter is referring to public restrooms.



Monadnock Interfaith Project

Building An Interfaith Coalition for Community Understanding and Social Justice

WWW.MIPNH.ORG

MonadnockInterfaith@gmail.com

To: Keene City Council Members
Re: CIP FY20-25 Capital Funding Project Request – Welcome Center
March 12, 2019

We are writing in support of maintaining the \$134,000 project funding request on p. 184 of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2020-2025.

This project, entitled “Welcome Center,” will contribute to Keene as a vibrant downtown and healthy community. The funding request represents an estimate for what it would cost to renovate the restroom facilities in the former Transportation Center. It is also the approximate cost for a 24-hour access restroom.

Since this estimate was made an Arts Corridor proposal has been discussed that could include a Welcome Center with public restrooms. The Arts Corridor project has merit, but the details of the Arts Corridor are still unknown and not part of the CIP. Even with restrooms located in a Welcome Center there will still be a need for 24-hour access to facilities that can meet the needs of Keene residents and visitors.

A concern described in the request is the closing of the former restroom facilities eight years ago due to vandalism and crime. Since that time urban planners have developed solutions, such as the Portland Loo, that address vandalism and meet criteria for safety, accessibility, attractiveness, cost effectiveness, and low maintenance.

Keene’s public spaces are designed to attract visitors, enrich the community, and fulfill the public good. Monadnock Interfaith Project is ready, as are many others, to work with the city to provide public restroom facilities in downtown Keene. Please keep this Capital Funding Project Request in the CIP for FY20-25.

Tom Julius, Chairperson
Monadnock Interfaith Project
PO Box 161, Keene, NH 03431
(603) 357-4521