



City of Keene
New Hampshire

**PLANNING, LICENSES AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Council Chambers A
April 10, 2019
7:00 PM**

David C. Richards
Philip M. Jones
George S. Hansel
Bartlomiej K. Sapeta
Margaret M. Rice

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1. Anthony & Fanella Levick/Granite Roots Brewing - Request to Sell Beer at Keene Farmers' Market
 2. Peter Poanessa & Judy Rogers/Magical History Tour - Request to Use City Property - Walldogs Mural Festival
 3. SB 165 "Relative to Net Energy Metering by Low-Moderate Income Community Solar Projects" - Energy & Climate Committee

MORE TIME ITEMS:

- A. Pathways for Keene - Request to Use City Property - 4 on the 4th Road Race
- B. Daron Friedman - Request to Acquire Property - Washington Street

Non Public Session
Adjournment



Transmittal Form

March 25, 2019

TO: Mayor and Keene City Council

FROM: Anthony & Fanella Levick - Granite Roots Brewing

THROUGH: Patricia A. Little, City Clerk

ITEM: 1.

SUBJECT: Anthony & Fanella Levick/Granite Roots Brewing - Request to Sell Beer at Keene Farmers' Market

COUNCIL ACTION:

In City Council April 4, 2019.

Referred to the Planning, Licenses and Development Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Communication - Levick

Communication_Keene Farmer's Market

BACKGROUND:

Granite Roots Brewing is submitting their annual request to sell beer produced by them at their nano brewery at the Farmers Market of Keene. They plan to have 16 oz and 22 oz bottles of beer and 16 oz cans for sale this year and would like to offer small 4 oz samples. The Liquor Commission requires that the governing body give permission for this sale every year.

In addition, the Farmers Market of Keene has indicated their support for this activity.

Granite Roots Brewing
244 N Main St
Mailing address 545 West Hill rd, Troy, NH 03465
Troy, NH 03465



The City of Keene
City Hall
Attention Heather Fitz-Simon
Keene, NH 03431

March 25, 2019

To Whom it may concern,
Granite Roots Brewing is writing once again to request permission to sell our beer at the Farmers Market of Keene for the 2019 season.
We will have 16 oz and 22 oz bottles of beer and 16 oz cans for sale this year.
We would also like to be able to offer small 4 oz samples in a designated sample area attached to our market stall.

The State of NH Liquor Commission has been informed of our request at the farmers market for this season 2019.

Sincerely yours,


Anthony D Levick
Fenella D Levick 

In City Council April 4, 2019.
Referred to the Planning,
Licenses and Development
Committee.


City Clerk

Heather Fitz-Simon

From: Frank Hunter & Kim Peavey <hillsidespringsfarm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 7:15 AM
To: Heather Fitz-Simon; Anthony Levick
Subject: Granite Roots

Dear Ms. Heather Fits-Simon,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Farmers' Market of Keene. The Farmers Market of Keene wants Granite Roots to be able to sell their beer at the market again this season.

They will be selling in 16 oz and 22 oz bottles along with 16 oz cans. They would also like to offer small 4 oz samples of their beer.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Board Treasurer,
Frank Hunter

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City of Keene, N.H.
Transmittal Form

April 1, 2019

TO: Mayor and Keene City Council

FROM: Judy Rogers and Peter Poanessa

THROUGH: Patricia A. Little, City Clerk

ITEM: 2.

SUBJECT: Peter Poanessa & Judy Rogers/Magical History Tour - Request to Use City Property -
Walldogs Mural Festival

COUNCIL ACTION:

In City Council April 4, 2019.

Referred to the Planning, Licenses and Development Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Communication_Rogers

BACKGROUND:

Ms. Rogers and Mr. Poanessa, representing the Magical History Tour, are requesting a license to hold the Walldogs Mural Festival in downtown Keene from June 19-23, 2019.

April 02, 2019

Honorable Mayor and Keene City Council
City of Keene
3 Washington Street
Keene, NH 03431

Dear Mayor Lane and Council Members,

In the Spring of 2018, representatives from the Magical History Tour came to the City Council to announce that Keene had been chosen to host the 2019 Walldogs Mural Festival, and obtained the Council's endorsement of the concept so that planning efforts could continue. Since that time, Magical History Tour has been hard at work preparing to host this amazing event. So what have we been doing? The list is long! Some of the major planning has included: working with the community and local historians to choose mural subject matter; obtaining permission for the use of private property to locate murals and host activities; navigating any potential issues with the City's historic district regulations with respect to mural locations; and arranging for up to 250 artists to come to the area.

The event is scheduled for a four-day period from June 19th to the 23rd, during which time 16 originally designed large outdoor murals showcasing the culture and history of Keene will come to life. In addition to the mural painting happening at various sites, the following activities will be occurring in the downtown area:

- A local artisan market in the alley next to Miller Brothers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday
- Daily guided tours of mural sites on Thursday, Friday and Saturday
- Display of donor recognition banners and directional signage
- Use of various locations on private property including but not limited to: approved mural locations, 83 Emerald Street for an artist camping area (in self-contained RV's), the NGM dirt lot for volunteer parking, Property of the Monadnock Food Co-op and MEDC, County property located at 12 Court Street and property behind the UCC Church
- Use of various locations on City sidewalks for downtown businesses
- Use of Railroad Square for non-profit displays and family activities Wed-Sunday
- A Block Party on Court Street in the area between Winter and Vernon Street on Friday and Saturday from 11 AM to 11 PM, including music, activities and food trucks

We understand that some of these activities will require City approval, as well as City services for safety and security. Representatives from the Magical History Tour have been meeting with staff to go over the details and are ready to move forward with a request for permission to use City property on June 19th through the 23rd, 2019 to host this event and associated activities. Specifically, we are asking for a license to encumber City property where needed to paint the murals, as well as the use of City property located at Railroad Square, various locations on City sidewalks, the closure of a portion of Court Street to host the Block Party, and Council approval to waive parking meter fees for encumbered spaces during the festival.

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Sincerely,

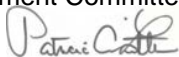


Peter Poanessa, Project Leader



Judy Rogers, Project Community Coordinator

In City Council April 4, 2019.
Referred to the Planning, Licenses and
Development Committee.


City Clerk



City of Keene, N.H.
Transmittal Form

April 3, 2019

TO: Mayor and Keene City Council

FROM: Energy and Climate Committee

THROUGH: Elizabeth A. Dragon, City Manager

ITEM: 3.

SUBJECT: SB 165 "Relative to Net Energy Metering by Low-Moderate Income Community Solar Projects" - Energy & Climate Committee

COUNCIL ACTION:

In City Council April 4, 2019.

Referred to the Planning, Licenses and Development Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

To submit a letter of support for SB 165 "Relative to net energy metering by low-moderate income community solar projects" to the NH State Legislators and Governor Sununu.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

SB 165 Text - As amended

BACKGROUND:

The Energy and Climate Committee discussed SB 165 at their meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. An excerpt of the discussion on SB 165 from the draft meeting minutes is included below, and the full text of the bill is attached.

“SB 165 “Relative to net energy metering by low-moderate income community solar projects”

Dr. Shedd stated Councilor Hansel had requested that ECC advise Council on the SB 165 bill which addresses net metering for low and moderate income community solar projects. She said it has come out of the Senate committee with an “ought to pass” recommendation and is now coming to the House’s Energy, Science and Technology committee. She stated that it could set a strong precedent for other programs. She said group net metering is typically set up in such a way that the host has to take responsibility for doling out payments to the group members, however, this bill would include on-bill crediting, which would make net metering projects much simpler. Instead of having to distribute payments to all of the subscribers of a project, the funds would be reflected as a credit on their bills.

Ms. Brunner said neighboring states like Vermont use on-bill crediting with group net metering projects; this is often referred to as solar gardens and it is an easy way for people to benefit from and support solar energy. She stated that group net energy metering can be a burden for low and moderate income people as any checks

received is taxable income and can impact benefits they may receive. Ms. Baum stated that this would also lower barriers to other projects that have been discussed by the committee. Dr. Shedd stated if Tanglewood Estates wanted to put in a community solar garden, this bill would let their residents become members without the logistical difficulty and potential tax impacts that they would currently have to go through. Ms. Brunner said one of the barriers right now is that if neighbors want to do net metering project together they have to form an LLC or other entity to accept and redistribute funds to members, and that is a huge barrier to everyone and even more so for low and moderate income people.

Ms. Baum moved that ECC recommend to Council that they submit a letter of support for SB 165 to our legislators and Governor, Mr. Pipp seconded and motion passed unanimously.”

SB 165 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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2019 SESSION

19-1079

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SENATE BILL 165

AN ACT relative to net energy metering by low-moderate income community solar projects.

SPONSORS: Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 5; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 9; Rep. Oxenham, Sull. 1; Rep. Luneau, Merr. 10; Rep. Myler, Merr. 10

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the method for calculating net energy metering credits for low-moderate income community solar group host projects.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough~~].

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen

AN ACT relative to net energy metering by low-moderate income community solar projects.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Short Title. This act shall be known as the "Low-Income Community Solar Act of 2019."

2 Net Energy Metering; Group Host; Community Solar. Amend RSA 362-A:9, XIV(c) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph V, a group host shall be paid for its surplus generation at the end of each billing cycle at rates consistent with the credit the group host receives relative to its own net metering under either subparagraph IV(a) or (b) or alternative tariffs that may be applicable pursuant to paragraph XVI. [~~Each group member of~~] ***Alternatively***, a group host [~~for a low-moderate income community solar project, as defined in RSA 362-F:2, X-a,~~] may ***elect to*** receive credits on the customer electric bill for each member and the host [~~provided that there shall be only one new project under this paragraph in each utility's service territory by December 31, 2019 with such projects available on a first-come, first-served basis~~], ***with the utility being allowed the most cost-effective method of doing so according to an amount or percentage specified for each member on PUC form 909.09 (Application to Register or Re-register as a Host), along with a 3 cent per kwh addition for low-moderate***

income community solar projects, as defined in RSA 362-F:2, X-a. The commission shall report on the costs and benefits of ~~[such projects]~~ *low-moderate income community solar projects, as defined in RSA 362-F:2, X-a* on or before ~~[December 31, 2019]~~ *June 1, 2020.* *The commission shall authorize at least 2 new low-moderate income community solar projects, as defined in RSA 362-F:2, X-a, each year in each utility's service territory beginning January 1, 2020.* On an annual basis, for all group host systems except for residential systems with an interconnected capacity under 15 kilowatts, the electric distribution utility shall calculate a payment adjustment if the host's surplus generation for which it was paid is greater than the group's total electricity usage during the same time period. The adjustment shall be such that the resulting compensation to the host for the amount that exceeded the group's total usage shall be at the utility's avoided cost or its default service rate in accordance with subparagraph V(b) or paragraph VI or alternative tariffs that may be applicable pursuant to paragraph XVI. The utility shall pay or bill the host accordingly.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.