



City of Keene
New Hampshire

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES,
FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Council Chambers B
May 22, 2019
6:00 PM**

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

1. Periodic Reports from Boards and Commissions: Library Board of Trustees
2. West Street Dam Workshop - Planning Department
3. Authority to Accept a Utility Easement - Public Works Department

MORE TIME ITEMS:

- A. Ashuelot Court Homeowners – Request to Partner in the Installation of Water and Sewer Lines on Ashuelot Court, a Designated Private Road
- B. Cheshire Rail Trail Phase III Project - The Discontinuance of a Portion of the Ammi Brown Road and the Lay Out of a new Class A Trail to be known as the Ammi Brown Trail
Resolution R-2019-08
Resolution R-2019-09
Resolution R-2019-10
Resolution R-2019-11

Non Public Session
Adjournment



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May 17, 2019

TO: Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee

FROM: Tara Kessler, Senior Planner

THROUGH: Elizabeth A. Dragon, City Manager

ITEM: 2.

SUBJECT: West Street Dam Workshop - Planning Department

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept as informational.

BACKGROUND:

On June 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Keene Recreation Center, researchers from the Rhode Island School of Design will be conducting an interactive public workshop on the West Street Dam. These researchers are studying methods to support decision making around dams, and have chosen the West Street Dam as a study site. The focus of the workshop will be a review of potential scenarios for the future of the West Street Dam, which was declared to be in a state of deficiency in 2008. Scenarios that will be reviewed include: Keep and Repair the Dam, Install a Technical Fish Ladder, Install a Nature Like Fishway, Install a Bypass Channel, and Remove the Dam.

To guide a discussion about these alternative scenarios, facilitators will use graphic visualizations, comparisons of example dam sites, and an assessment of potential impacts to aquatic resources, recreation, wetlands, aesthetics, and costs. Participants will be asked to discuss and rank each scenario, and take a survey evaluating the different methods used by the facilitators for sharing information. The researchers will share the feedback obtained from this workshop with City Council as informational.

City staff informed MSFI about this project in December of 2018, following an update on the West Street Dam. At this meeting, City staff provided background on this project, explaining that a professor from the Rhode Island School of Design approached the Conservation Commission, and later City staff, about using the West Street Dam as a study site for the Future of Dams project. The Future of Dams is a multi-year National Science Foundation collaborative research grant to examine the economic, technological, ecological, social, and political trade-offs associated with different kinds of decisions about dams. This grant involves researchers and academic institutions across Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.



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TO: Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee

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

THROUGH: Elizabeth A. Dragon, City Manager

ITEM: 3.

SUBJECT: Authority to Accept a Utility Easement - Public Works Department

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee recommend that the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to negotiate and execute a utility easement for the purpose of relocating a fire hydrant on 25 Wright Street.

BACKGROUND:

Wright Street is scheduled for paving as part of the FY19 Road Rehabilitation Project. In preparation for this work, it was determined that an existing hydrant on this road does not meet current standards and needs to be replaced. The existing hydrant is located at the curb line, where it is susceptible to damage by plows and vehicle traffic.

Staff approached and discussed these concerns with the adjacent property owner. The property owner at 25 Wright Street has expressed a willingness to grant the City an easement at no cost to install and maintain a new fire hydrant on their property, just off the edge of the sidewalk.

This work will be done by City staff using operating budget funds. The hydrant replacement will be completed prior to the paving project.