



PLANNING, LICENSES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Council Chambers A, Keene City Hall
October 25, 2023
6:00 PM

A. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Kiwanis Club of Keene - Request to Use City Property - 2023 Tree Lighting Ceremony
2. Keene Sno-Riders - Requesting Permission to Run Snowmobiles in the Right-of-Way along Krif Road from the Ashuelot Rail Trail to Winchester Street
3. Chuck Redfern - Call For Action - Drug Abuse in Public Spaces
4. Relating to an Amendment to the Zoning Map - 0 Ashuelot Street - High Density to Commerce Ordinance O-2023-13
5. Relative to Congregate Living and Social Services License Ordinance O-2023-18

B. MORE TIME ITEMS

1. Keene Young Professionals Network - Request to Use City Property - 2024 Taste of Keene Food Festival

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Kiwaniis[®]

CLUB OF KEENE

63 Emerald Street
PMB 451
Keene, NH 03431
keenekiwanis.org

October 4, 2023

Mayor Hansel and the Keene City Council
3 Washington Street
Keene, NH 03431

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David Ganio 2014-15

Beth Healy 2013-14

Re: 11/24/2023 Kiwanis Tree Lighting, Central Square, Keene, NH

Dear Mayor Hansel and the Keene City Council:

The Kiwanis Club of Keene requests a license to produce the 2023 Kiwanis Tree Lighting Celebration. The proposed date and time of the event is November 24, 2023, 5 pm to 8:00 pm. This event continues to compliment the Kiwanis' mission of supporting our local youth.

Keeping with tradition, we would once again like to decorate the Bandstand on Central Square with garlands, wreaths and lights, decorate the city tree on Central Square and hope to once again put up a second tree with battery operated mini lights on the Roundabout at the Marlboro Street and Winchester Street intersection.

We would like the City of Keene to consider adding portable toilets on the Square the day of the event. We also hope that our members could have access to free parking for the days we decorate, the day of event and the days we take decorations down. Might it be possible to have a sign members could place on their dash to indicate free parking? We plan to do the decorating of Central Square on a Saturday in the month of November, 2023 and take the decorations on Central Square down by the second week of February, 2024. (If possible, we would keep the lights on through the Ice and Snow Festival, weather and City permitting.) We plan to string bars of soap on the trees to deter the squirrel population from damaging the light strings. We had no lights damaged the past two years.

The event in 2022 had our largest crowd in our years of holding the event, it was enjoyed by everyone who came and the decorations were very much appreciated by our community. The children enjoyed the entertainment with the bands and Mrs. Claus reading 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Santa's grand entrance with assistance from Keene Fire Department was especially spectacular! Each year Kiwanis youth groups participate and provide cookies and cocoa. Kiwanis distributes as many as 600 Christmas bells for the children to ring as Santa rounds the Common. We greatly appreciate the support of the City of Keene departments who work together with Kiwanis to make the community event special each year!

Feel free to contact me should there be any questions. I can be reached at 603-762-7276 or at keenekiwanisinfo@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Peg Bruce
Kiwaniis Club of Keene
63 Emerald Street, PMB 451
Keene, NH 03431
603-762-7276

*Kiwanis Club of Keene is a
501 (c) (4) Organization: tax
exempt number - 02-0433169.*



Keene Sno-Riders, Inc
PO Box 1511
Keene, NH 03431
Keenesnorider@ne.rr.com

October 10, 2023

To the Mayor and City Council

The Keene Sno-Riders, snowmobile club is seeking renewal of permission for snowmobiles to utilized city right-of-ways along Krif Road from the Ashuelot Rail Trail to Winchester Street, crossing Winchester Street, to the property of Perry Kiritsy at 471 Winchester Street. The requested approval would run from December 15th, 2023, through March 30th, 2024, snow conditions permitting.

We currently have permission to use the following properties:

Emile J Ledger	460 Winchester St	Tax map: 84-02-001
Kiritsy LLC.	471 Winchester St	Tax map: 911-26-043
Emile Bergeron	Base Hill	Tax map: 911-26-055
State of NH		Tax map: 911

We are requesting renewal of license for permission to cross the following City of Keene properties

Access to a portion of the Old Gilsum Road of approximately one mile to the Gilsum town line
Crossing of Winchester Street at Krif Road
Crossing of Production Ave approximately 200 ft south of Route 9

We are available to answer any questions or concerns which you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeremy Evans, President, Keene Sno-Riders, Inc.



To: The Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Charles "Chuck" Redfern

Date: September 29, 2023

Subject: Addressing Drug Abuse in Public Spaces- The 2-Prong Approach

Through your good efforts, the City of Keene and its citizens have invested significant funds to keep our youth and adults engaged in healthy and active lifestyles. Such examples include, but not exclusive to the Patricia Russell Park, Keene Bike Park, bike trails, pathways, and skatepark. Most of these facilities are located near populated neighborhoods.

However, it is also a primary responsibility of the city to keep our youth and citizenry as safe as possible. As a concerned citizen, a call for action will not only help protect the community, but also serve notice for those who peddle or use illegal drugs that it is not in their best interest to loiter where our youth congregate for healthy recreation and enjoyment.

To help accomplish this goal, I propose a two- prong approach to address drug abuse in public spaces. The first approach should be to muster additional resources at the state, county and city levels to provide drug treatment for those afflicted individuals. Currently, these three entities rely mostly on incarceration to remove the offenders from the community. However, using just this approach solely does not treat the underlying cause of this problem.

A second approach would be to link a designated "Drug Free Zone" to an enhanced sentence to include mandatory mental health services. This approach would generally require a state law to implement enactment of such action and accompanying state, county and municipal financial resources. The financial structure could be modeled after a standard grant management program which would include a matching fund formula.

I respectfully request that this letter not be accepted "As Informational" as I wish to share further steps that can be taken to address this matter. Please note that I have addressed this matter with the public on "WKBK's – Open Mic" and Danny Mitchell has requested that I call in again with a follow up report. I prefer not to explain what it means to refer an important matter to our citizens when it is accepted by city representatives "As Informational".

Thank you in advance for taking on this matter further.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chuck Redfern", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chuck Redfern
9 Colby St.,
Keene, NH 03431

Drug Free Zone Law and Legal Definition

Drug free zone is a geographical area where the distribution or possession of controlled substances is penalized with a sentence or fine greater than is applicable elsewhere. Areas classified as drug free zones are generally specified in a state's drug offense laws. Ordinarily, areas within a certain distance from a school or other place where children are found is classified as a drug free zone. If an individual is arrested for the possession or distribution of a controlled substance within the drug-free zone, the penalties for the offense are enhanced.



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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three

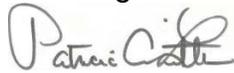
AN ORDINANCE Relating to Change of Zone – 0 Ashuelot Street – High Density to Commerce

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Zoning Map of the City of Keene, as amended, be hereby further amended by changing the zoning designation of the parcel at 0 Ashuelot Street (Parcel ID: 567- 001-000) in the City of Keene, County of Cheshire, State of New Hampshire from High Density to Commerce.

George S. Hansel, Mayor

In City Council July 20, 2023.
Referred to the Planning, Licenses
and Development Committee and the
Planning Board.


City Clerk



CITY OF KEENE

O-2023-18

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AN ORDINANCE Relative to Congregate Living and Social Services License

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Ordinances of the City of Keene, as amended, are hereby further amended by inserting the bolded text in Chapter 46 – Licenses and Permits, Article X – Congregate Living and Social Services License, Sec. 46-561 – Applicability, as follows:

Sec. 46-561. - Applicability.

From and after the effective date of the ordinance from which this article derives no person shall allow or operate any of the following congregate living or social services uses as defined in chapter 100, article 8 of the City Code of Ordinances without first having obtained, and having maintained, a congregate living and social services license from the congregate living and social services licensing board (the licensing authority specified in section 46-63 for each property location, **provided, however, that this Article shall not apply to a temporary (120 days or less) homeless shelter(s) established by, or operating under the authority of, a State or municipal entity.**

- (1) Drug treatment clinic.
- (2) Group home, large.
- (3) Group home, small.
- (4) Fraternity/sorority.
- (5) Group resource center.
- (6) Homeless shelter.
- (7) Lodginghouse.
- (8) Residential care facility.
- (9) Residential drug/alcohol treatment facility.

In City Council October 19, 2023.
Referred to the Planning, Licenses
and Development Committee.

Assistant City Clerk

George S. Hansel, Mayor