

Council Meeting  
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The Claremont City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Neilsen at 6:30 p.m.

Members of the Council present were:

At-Large Councilor Keith Raymond  
Ward III Councilor Nicholas Koloski  
Mayor James Neilsen, IV  
Ward II Councilor Charlene Lovett  
At-Large Councilor Kyle Messier  
At-Large Councilor John Simonds

Absent:

Ward I Councilor Carolyn Towle  
Assistant Mayor Victor Bergeron  
At-Large Councilor James Reed

Also present were:

Guy Santagate, City Manager  
Jane Taylor, City Solicitor

### **MAYOR'S NOTES**

Mayor Neilsen said that Mr. Bergeron and Ms. Towle were out with medical issues and Mr. Reed was out due to a death in the family.

Mayor Neilsen said that Public Works has a Roads Scholar Program and he commended two Public Works employees for their achievements: David Condon – Roads Scholar Two and Peter Companion – Master Roads Scholar.

Mayor Neilsen said Council had received a letter from the Valley Regional Hospital CEO, Peter Wright thanking the Council for the opportunity to address the Council.

Mayor Neilsen said that at a previous Council meeting Don Limoges had talked about an issue he was having with his neighbor. Mayor Neilsen had asked for, and received, a written citizen complaint from Mr. Limoges and Mayor Neilsen gave it to Mr. Santagate.

There was a discussion about moving the City Fee Schedule agenda item to another Council meeting.

Ms. Taylor said that it had been noticed as public hearing and that Council would need to open the public hearing and then continue to a time certain. Also, when fees are presented by the City Manager to the Council, Council has to take action within 30 days for certain fees or else they automatically go into effect.

City Fee Schedule will be continued under that agenda item.

Ms. Lovett said Valley Regional Hospital will hold its annual meeting January 20, 5:30 p.m. at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center (CSBCC)

Ms. Messier congratulated the Claremont 250<sup>th</sup> Committee for its New Year's Eve event. She has heard many compliments on that event. It was a great event.

#### Claremont 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Bill Carpenter, Chairman of the Claremont 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, said there are still some projects to be completed, such as work at the Visitors Center Green and the Sculpture. He estimated revenues of \$250,000 to \$300,000 came into City businesses as a result of the 250<sup>th</sup> celebrations. He thanked Parks and Recreation Director Mark Brislin for everything he did for the finale; an estimated 2,000-2,500 people attended between the two venues. He thanked Finance Director Mary Walter for keeping track of the money. In the spring there will be a couple of small events pertaining to the Sculpture. He reminded everyone to take the Claremont 250<sup>th</sup> license plates off their vehicles. The Committee is working to transition the Birthday (or Festival) in the Bricks and the finale event to other people. He'll update the Council in April.

#### School Update

None

Mayor Neilsen mentioned a letter he had received from a Stevens High School Civics class student in reference to taxes. Mayor Neilsen will schedule a time to speak to the Civics class.

#### **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

**A motion was made by Mr. Koloski and seconded by Ms. Lovett to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2014, City Council meeting as amended.**

Ms. Lovett said on page 4, Class VI status to a Class VI status should be Class VI status to a Class V status.

**Voice vote: motion carried 6-0.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Koloski and seconded by Mr. Simonds to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2014, City Council meeting.**

**Voice vote: motion carried 6-0.**

## **APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

### Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Board – Downtown

**A motion was made by Ms. Lovett and seconded by Mr. Simonds to appoint Robert Porter to seat #4 of the Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Board – Downtown.**

**Voice vote: motion carried 6-0.**

## **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Scott Pope, Ward 2, talked about the Master Plan and that it is due for review in the near future. It should be reviewed at least every 10 years and he suggested it should be looked at every 5 years. The current Plan was approved in July 2011. The review for it started in 2007. It was a community effort. Updates are needed as many of the goals have been met. It is due in 2016.

Mr. Santagate said he had talked to Mr. Pope about this. Goals are noted in the Master Plan and the City uses it. There was a lot of community involvement.

Marie Allen, Ward 1, thanked Mr. Koloski for his efforts to keep our citizens warm these last few nights. She talked about the \$500 Community Center fee that was recommended by Ballard & King and asked why the City went with \$300. She asked about verbiage that would not allow the difference between revenues and expenses to be more than \$500,000. Mayor Neilsen said Council had voted on that at the last meeting.

Bernie Folta, Ward 3, observed in addition to the City's Master Plan, there is a regional Master Plan and Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) has posted it on their website. He recommended people in Claremont read it to make sure Claremont's interests are accurately portrayed.

Heather Irish, Ward 3, said the NHIAA Sports Banquet is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have 25 students from Stevens High School invited to attend. Students need a 3.0 grade point average or higher and to participate in two or more sports per year. She noted the school system is doing well and that seniors are being offered really good higher education choices.

Don Limoges, Ward 2, read his citizens complaint against Mr. and Mrs. Howard who he said are running a junkyard on River Road. He said they are out of compliance with City ordinances. Mr. Santagate said he will meet with Mr. Limoges.

Chris Irish, Ward 3, congratulated Parks and Recreation Director Mark Brislin for the work he's done, especially for the swim meet which is Saturday at 1 p.m. He has heard from others how wonderful the facility is.

Ms. Lovett thanked the people that donated funds so that we could have the starting blocks for the pool.

Mayor Neilsen said a few people asked if it would be possible when they have events at the CSBCC, to have the event participants park their vehicles at Arrowhead to allow more rotation of the CSBCC parking spaces. Mr. Santagate said he will take a look at that.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Ordinance 540 – Middle Street – Two-Way Traffic & Elimination of Certain Parking Spaces – Second Reading – Public Hearing

The purpose of this proposal is to implement changes to travel direction and vehicle parking on Middle Street as a result of traffic pattern modifications related to the Stevens High School renovations. The changes were requested by the School Building Committee and have been reviewed and approved by the Traffic Advisory Committee.

Enactment of this proposed Ordinance will improve the traffic flow and safety related to vehicles exiting Stevens High School onto Middle Street.

Police Chief Alex Scott said this request came from the school. Some parking spaces had to be eliminated on the opposite side of the street to allow the buses to make the turn.

**A motion was made by Ms. Messier and seconded by Ms. Lovett to adopt Ordinance 540 – Middle Street – Two-Way Traffic & Elimination of Certain Parking Spaces.**

Ms. Messier read the explanation of proposed action into the record.

Mayor Neilsen opened the public hearing. No one spoke. He closed it.

**Roll call vote: motion carried 6-0.**

### Discuss Meeting with Legislators

John Cloutier, State Representative, said he would like to set up a meeting between the Council, State Representatives and the State Senator to update the Council on the bills and the process. He also talked about having a finance committee hearing in Claremont or Newport to hear from the public. February 15<sup>th</sup> the Governor will give her budget proposal presentation. Mayor Neilsen will work with Mr. Santagate on that.

Ms. Messier asked what the agenda would be and whether or not the school board should be included. She said the legislation doesn't have to be for this year. She would like to know what the role of the legislature is and how to ask for legislation to address grandfathered properties.

Ms. Lovett asked about any LSRs (Legislative Service Requests) that have been submitted based on previous discussions. Mr. Cloutier said he is not aware of any. He has submitted bills to reduce property taxes and reduce the number of SAUs. He put in a policy measure; he believes the state should fund more of special education.

Mr. Santagate talked about property taxes and would like to hear more at a future date. Mr. Cloutier thinks the state is too reliant on property taxes.

Mayor Neilsen said he and Mr. Santagate can work with Dr. McGoodwin, School Superintendent, to have a joint meeting in late February with the Council, School Board, State Representatives and State Senator after the Governor presents her budget to see what we are working with. Mr. Cloutier will try to have the House Finance Committee come to Claremont or Sullivan County to listen to our concerns.

Ms. Messier suggested Rep. Cloutier coordinate with Mayor Neilsen for posting meetings/hearings on the City's website.

Ms. Lovett talked about a hearing tomorrow for HB138 relative to charging fees for inspection of governmental records under the right-to-know law. Ms. Taylor said she is aware of it. The City does not charge for inspection of records and we never have. Sometimes a research fee is charged when records are produced, but the City does not charge for both research and copies.

Bernie Folta, Ward 3, said HB138 is sponsored by Right to Know NH and they are in favor of it. He talked about LSR 936 making capital appropriation for Valley Regional Hospital to construct an involuntary commitment mental health facility. He thinks this is a good idea.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### County Commissioners and County Manager Update

Jeff Barrette, Chair of County Commissioners and Ward 1 resident, introduced himself, County Manager Jessie Levine and County Commissioner Ben Nelson. He gave a brief update. The County employs about 300 people and has a budget of about \$30 million. Claremont's portion of the budget is \$3.21, approximately 7% of the City's tax. There has been no tax increase for three years. This year's increase is mainly due to health care. They built a biomass plant to power the county complex. It went online in December 2013 and they have saved \$250,000. They took out a 15-year bond for it and they expect the facility to be good for 30 years before it has to be rebuilt. In 2011 they built the Community Corrections Center to house 76 inmates. It provides a 90-day program and the recidivism rate is 17% with this program; statewide it is 55%.

They have finalized AFSCME union contract. They are doing a feasibility study for future needs and sustainability. They are licensed for 156 beds and are using about 140. They are heading toward state managed care. They have worked with the City to help get a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) grant for the Borden Centre to expand its parking lot. They are currently working on a USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant for a feasibility study to see if the

Unity Complex can be used as a business incubator. They have a fund balance of \$6.8 million, so they need to figure out what to do with it.

Mr. Santagate said that Medicaid is the wild card, so they need to mitigate it with the \$6.8 million. Mr. Barrette said two years ago they set up a capital reserve for maintenance and care of the structures. This year they set up a medical reserve account. They are looking at a capital improvement plan. The other wild card is going to be managed care. They just started televising their meetings.

Mr. Santagate said the City provides sewage service to the county. There is some bank erosion along the pipeline and we have the project out to bid. He talked about the cooperation between the City and county on CDBG grants.

Mr. Barrette invited anyone who wanted to tour the facilities to call.

Mr. Nelson said on the 26<sup>th</sup> the State Reps will take tours of the jail, biomass plant and the nursing home; he invited anyone wanting to take the tour, to call.

Mr. Nelson said the biomass plant is not saving as much money as expected because of the low fuel prices. They are using a local wood product.

#### City Fee Schedule – Public Hearing

Summary of changes: Assessing – remove Floppy Disks; Remove Floppy Disks from each department; Cemetery Fees – add weekend and winter interment fees; Finance Department – add Out of Town Landlord Failure to File fee; Fire Department – add Wireless System fee and increase Wired System fee; MIS – decrease Paper Map fees; Parks and Recreation Department – increase membership fees, delete Resident Rate for Function Rooms and add Members get a 10% discount for Function Rooms; Planning and Development Department, Planning and Zoning Fees – decrease Legal Notice fees and Voluntary Lot Merger; Police Department increase Detail Work fee.

There was discussion about whether or not to table the changes to the City Fee Schedule. Ms. Taylor said that Council has 30 days to act on the City Manager's recommendation for the Cemetery fees, otherwise his recommendations go into effect.

Mr. Santagate said some of the fee changes are being brought forward in response to Council's request. He talked about recovery rates for the Library, Transfer Station and Fire Department, and he talked about drainage issues around the City.

Mayor Neilsen opened the public hearing.

Chris Irish, Ward 3, talked about the proposed Claremont Savings Bank Community Center (CSBCC) fee increases and explained the background of the original Ballard & King recommendations of \$500 a year based on 400 families first presented when he was a Councilor

member. CSBCC was not set up to be self-sustaining, but maybe in the future it can be. He noted there are around 2,000 members and over 100,000 paid visitors in its first year. This is a community center.

Bernie Folta, Ward 3, talked about user fees for the benefit of users versus the cost of facilities for the common good (i.e. CSBCC, Library and Transfer Station).

Heather Irish, Ward 3, said she didn't object to the increase in fees, but wanted more details about where the CSBCC fees go. She said the CSBCC is for the common good of the City. Fees are used to maintain it. She wanted to have this tabled in order to get more information.

Ms. Messier said she has received a lot of comments questioning the fees. She would like to table this to get more information to see how the fees work. She believes the CSBCC is for the common good. She suggested people with questions watch the last Council meeting. The deficit is about \$50,000. Ms. Walter said that is about 7 cents per \$1,000 on the tax rate.

Mayor Neilsen said his intention was to table the discussion on all the fees, not just some. People had asked why there was not a two-person rate.

Ms. Lovett wanted an explanation of the changes before making a decision.

Mayor Neilsen talked about the cost recovery goal for the CSBCC. He thinks there is common good here and there are user fees because of the services provided and that's where the fee changes came from.

Chris Irish, Ward 3, said if Councilors have questions, they should ask the department heads.

Consensus to accept Assessing fees as presented.

Bernie Folta, Ward 3, asked about assessing data and how much it would cost for a digital copy of all of the tax cards and what is available in routinely stored information.

### **Cemetery Fees**

Ms. Taylor said the increase to Cemetery fees was to help recover the increased overhead expenses for weekend, holiday and winter burials.

Ms. Lovett said according to a certain section of the Code, the City Manager does not have the authority to present changes to the Cemetery fees.

Ms. Taylor read from section 16-81, (f) *Charge for lots and other services*, which authorizes the City Manager to submit the cemetery fee changes to the Council.

Mr. Santagate noted that perpetual care fees cannot be used for maintenance.

Consensus of five Councilors to accept the Cemetery fees. Ms. Lovett said no because she wanted to have a discussion about winter burials (i.e. storage vault).

Ms. Taylor said to determine whether or not to have a vault or winter storage is the cemetery sexton's responsibility.

Ms. Lovett said she wanted supporting documentation for the increase. She will not vote on this.

### **Finance Department Fees**

Consensus to accept.

### **Fire Department Fees**

Consensus to accept.

### **MIS Fees**

Nancy Merrill said the changes more closely reflect actual costs.

Consensus to accept.

### **Parks & Recreation Fees**

Age to be considered a senior is currently 55 years old; the proposal is to change that to 60 years old.

Mr. Brislin said some classes have fees because of additional cost (wear and tear). Ms. Messier suggested keeping classes without cost as no fee.

There was discussion about non-residents paying more and Mr. Santagate said that when non-residents come in to the City, they spend money on gas, food, etc.

Ms. Lovett said the \$546,000 difference between operating expenses and operating revenues didn't take into account the capital reserve and scholarship funds. She said \$90,000 was moved into the capital reserve.

Mayor Neilsen said going forward we can ask to factor out the capital reserve and scholarship funds.

Mr. Koloski talked about using Facebook/social media to market the CSBCC. Ms. Lovett agreed. She talked about incorporating the Ballard & King plan for marketing, etc. She said she had talked to some people who said they would be happy to pay a lot more than what has been suggested and there are others that can't do that. She asked what work has been done to discuss alternatives (sliding scale, etc.).

Mr. Santagate talked about the arrangement with Valley Regional Hospital (VRH) to use the CSBCC facility and that some people think the City is not charging them enough.

Ms. Lovett said the agreement between the hospital and the CSBCC is good for both. If the hospital reaches its projections for number of patients, they stand to gain \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Mr. Santagate said the agreement can be looked at in the future, if necessary.

Ms. Messier said she thinks we should change fees incrementally to make sure it doesn't hurt too many people. This is a community service for all community members.

Heather Irish, Ward 3, thinks the Parks & Recreation Commission should work on the fees.

Mr. Koloski would like to know if there is something in place to allow or not allow smoothie sales in the CSBCC.

Mayor Neilsen said we need to work on the parking issue before going forward with a marketing plan.

Consensus to accept Parks and Recreation fees.

### **Planning and Development Department**

Ms. Merrill said the change to Legal Notice more closely reflects the actual cost.

Consensus to accept.

### **Police Department**

Chief Scott said the contract raised the Detail Hourly Rate to \$62.10/hour.

Consensus to accept.

Ms. Messier asked if the fees can be changed mid-year and was told they could be.

Ms. Lovett said that the Transfer Station Ad Hoc Committee has discovered that Newport residents are using Claremont's Transfer Station. Newport advertises a place to take recycling using the wrong name, so people assume it's the Transfer Station. She said the Committee recommended charging the true cost to dispose of waste and supplying two decals for each household with the second one costing \$5. They believe this should be done as soon as possible.

Mr. Santagate said Tom Woodley needs to be involved with this.

Mr. Koloski said he is not in support of the Public Works fee schedule because \$3 per bag is not sufficient.

**A motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Messier to adopt the 2015 City Fee Schedule.**

**Roll call vote: motion carried 4-2 with Mr. Koloski and Ms. Lovett voting no.**

Ms. Lovett asked about the process for decals. Ms. Taylor said any fee changes should be put through the City Manager's office to be presented to Council. Mayor Neilsen asked about the stickers themselves. Ms. Taylor said it may be administrative and that she would look into it. Mayor Neilsen asked to be reminded about what was done for the recycling containers when Deborah Cutts was Mayor.

Ordinance 541 Board of Appeals – First Reading

The purpose of this proposal is to revise the existing Board of Appeals and delete the Code Review Board to bring the City's building code and fire code appeals process into compliance with state law. Neither board has been active for several years because of inconsistencies with state statutes and case law.

Enactment of this proposed Ordinance will provide an appeals process for administrative decisions made by building code and fire code inspection officials that complies with state law.

Ms. Taylor explained the process. If there is no Board of Appeal, it defaults to the Zoning Board. Code Review Board was eliminated in its entirety.

Mayor Neilsen asked about the application. Ms. Taylor said we'll have to have a revised application specific for this board.

**A motion was made by Mr. Koloski and seconded by Mr. Simonds to adopt Ordinance 541 Board of Appeals on first reading .**

Mr. Koloski read the explanation of proposed action into the record.

**Voice vote: motion carried 6-0.**

Review Tax Deeded Property Process

Ms. Taylor said that Council had asked Attorney Matt Upton for a Tax Deeded Property Process, but hadn't asked if City staff already had one. Council was given a copy of the process the City has been using. This does not contradict the advice given by Attorney Upton, but includes additional detail.

Ms. Taylor talked about the need to budget for the costs of securing tax-deeded buildings, etc.

Ms. Taylor said one thing to look into is to put out a bid for a company to clean out the abandoned properties. The clean out would be done after the tax deed was taken and the City is the owner, and before it is put out for sale. Ms. Walter asked about the repurchase period. Ms. Taylor said it can be stated specifically in an eviction notice, which would coincide with the end of the repurchase period, that after a certain number of days, property left will be considered abandoned.

Mr. Koloski asked about using auction companies for sale of these properties. When using them, the properties don't have to be cleaned out. Buyers take them as is.

Resolution 2015-19 to put \$35,000 into Capital Apparatus Replacement Fund – Public Hearing

The sale of the City's retired ladder truck has resulted in net proceeds of \$35,000, deposit of the entire net proceeds being determined as the most fiscally prudent manner for reserving funds for acquisition of future replacement of the City's fire apparatus, vehicles or equipment.

Request is to deposit the entire net proceeds of \$35,000 from the sale of the retired ladder truck into the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of reserving funds for future acquisition of fire apparatus, vehicles or equipment for the Claremont Fire Department.

**A motion was made by Ms. Lovett and seconded by Mr. Simonds to adopt Resolution 2015-19 to put \$35,000 into Capital Apparatus Replacement Fund.**

Ms. Lovett read the resolution into the record.

Mayor Neilsen opened the public hearing. No one spoke. He closed it.

**Roll call vote: motion carried 6-0.**

Resolution 2015-20 Household Hazardous Waste Collection – Public Hearing

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) has asked the City of Claremont to enter into an agreement to host a regional household hazardous waste collection in 2015 and 2018. The cost to the City to host and participate in the 2015 household hazardous waste collection is anticipated to cost between \$10,000 and \$11,000, a sum that is not included in the City's current budget. This resolution is to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$11,000.00, said sum to be taken from fund balance (with no impact on the tax rate), for the purpose of hosting and participating in the 2015 household hazardous waste collection as coordinated by the UVLSRPC.

Fire Chief Rick Bergeron said there have been requests to hold a household hazardous waste (HHW) collection. The last one was held in 2012 and approximately 150 households participated. The cost was \$9,500. With this agreement, on off-years, Claremont would still

incur costs when residents take their HHW to other participating communities. This year the HHW Collection will be August 19 in Claremont. Participating non-host communities will pay a fee and non-participating community residents will pay their own fee.

Ms. Lovett asked what is saved by doing this every three years versus every year. Mr. Bergeron said it is not a savings. Mayor Neilsen said it may be an issue of people being available to help.

**A motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Messier to adopt Resolution 2015-20 Household Hazardous Waste Collection.**

Mr. Raymond read the resolution into the record.

Mayor Neilsen opened the public hearing.

Peg Hall, Ward 1, is in favor of this resolution. She said paint is the largest item people need to get rid of. She talked about PaintCare; recycling paint through Sherwin Williams; and that she works with Product Stewardship Institute.

**Roll call vote: motion carried 6-0.**

Resolution 2015-21 Payment for Investment Services by the Trustees of Trust Funds –  
Public Hearing

According to state statute, the governing body may authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for any expenses incurred in obtaining investment management services for capital reserve funds from banks, brokerage firms, portfolio management departments and/or investment advisors from the income of these funds rather than the municipal budget. The new law also provides that should the governing body grant such authority to the Trustees of Trust Funds, this authority shall remain in effect until rescinded and that no such vote to rescind may occur within five (5) years of the date of the resolution granting this authority.

This resolution would authorize the City of Claremont Trustees of Trust Funds to pay fees for bank, brokerage firms, portfolio management departments, and/or investment advisors from capital reserve fund income.

**A motion was made by Mr. Simonds and seconded by Ms. Messier to adopt Resolution 2015-21 Payment for Investment Services by the Trustees of Trust Funds.**

Mr. Simonds read the resolution into the record.

Mayor Neilsen opened the public hearing.

Bernie Folta, Ward 3, said Trustees of Trust Funds seats are held by Claremont Savings Bank and Bank of NH employees.

**Roll call vote: motion carried 6-0.**

Ordinance      Nuisance/Enforcement Actions

Mayor Neilsen just wanted to keep this on the agenda. He is aware it is not ready. He asked to continue to keep it on the agenda.

Ms. Lovett said this was first discussed November 19 and she would like to get to the point where Planning and Development Department has the authority to issue citations.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Santagate said AKWA magazine has an article featuring a CSBCC employee and user of the CSB Community Center explaining the benefits to the user of the fitness activities.

Mr. Santagate said that he had asked Mr. Pope to come forward about the Master Plan. There were a number of goals that were set and that were achieved (i.e. Zoning ordinance, new website, unique features of art – the sculpture, walkable community – Safe Routes to schools for sidewalks around the schools. Mayor Neilsen said with the new codes in place, some decisions can be made in-house instead of going to a board meeting which makes things easier for residents (i.e. handicap ramp for someone returning home from the hospital). Mr. Santagate said maintenance and regular replacement of fleet vehicles has cut the age of the fleet in half. Natural Resource Inventory has been done. Ms. Taylor said that has helped a great deal with permitting and getting grants from the state. Mr. Santagate said Improve Appearance of Airport - iron “monster” was taken down. Build Sidewalks on Every Street – Safe Routes to Schools will get that in the spring.

Ms. Lovett, in reference to Safe Routes to School, talked about a lack of sidewalk from a certain point on Maple Avenue down to the junction area. If we can get the sidewalk built, that will be part of intermodal transportation criteria for the train stop and complete the sidewalk to the school. Mayor Neilsen said even if it's not part of the Safe Routes to Schools, it may be cheaper to have it done at the same time as the grant work.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES**

Mr. Koloski said in six years that we haven't added anything new to the walls and that the Commendation from the Governor for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary should be put up.

Mr. Santagate talked about the Boston Chronicle story about Claremont and that we may be able to put it on CCTV.

Ms. Lovett asked to have Transfer Station update, Amtrak update and Transfer Station decals on the next Council agenda.

Ms. Messier asked to have Bruce Johnson's warrant article request to reform state funding for education placed on an agenda. She is in favor of this request. It has been asked a couple of times for a fee for police for when they are called multiple times to properties. Ms. Messier said that a senior citizen has requested to put a pseudo mailbox on the island in front of City Hall to drop City payments. Ms. Taylor said we would have to look at locations as people accidentally back over the island.

Mr. Simonds said he was asked by a resident to have public input for how we bill citizens for sewer and water line repair fees. Ms. Messier said she would like to have the Public Works Director to make a presentation at the same time.

Mayor Neilsen said because Council Chambers will not be available, the second meeting of the month (January 28) is cancelled. The next meeting will be February 11.

Ms. Lovett asked for Council to be notified when there is a resolution in regard to Mr. Limoges' neighbor.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Business Corridor – Steering Committee

None

## **CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**At 11:28 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Messier and seconded by Ms. Lovett to adjourn.**

**Voice vote: motion carried 6-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorée M. Russell  
Clerk to the Council