

The Claremont City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Mayor Bergeron at 5:00 p.m. A quorum of the Council was not present.

Members of the Council present were:

Ward III Councilor Nicholas Koloski
Assistant Mayor Victor Bergeron
Ward II Councilor Charlene Lovett
At-Large Councilor John Simonds

Also present were:

Guy Santagate, City Manager
Alex Scott, Police Chief

TOUR OF POLICE DISPATCH, GCC AND ZOTTO GYM

Chief Scott gave a tour of the newly remodeled Police Dispatch area. This was a \$65,000 remodel and is the first significant remodel since the 1970s.

At 5:07 p.m. Ward I Councilor Carolyn Towle arrived.

Chief Scott said within five years they hope to upgrade the locker rooms and kitchen area.

At 5:40 p.m., the tour of the Police Dispatch area ended and Ms. Towle left the tour.

At 5:42 p.m., Councilors arrived at the Goodwin Community Center. Parks and Recreation Director Mark Brislin showed the group through the building. There were some pool tables in the building. Mr. Brislin said they are in okay condition, but there is not enough space in the new Community Center. Mr. Santagate said the City has to decide what to keep and then decide what to do to dispose of the rest. Mr. Koloski suggested the items could be sold "as is" and the buyer would pick up. The kitchen area had some usable appliances and it was suggested they could go to the Police Department.

At 5:48 p.m. Mr. Reed arrived.

Throughout the building, those present viewed pianos, an organ, display case, wooden storage cabinet, sheet music, etc.

At 6:05 p.m. the group headed to the Zotto Gym and Pool. It was noted the boilers may be saleable.

RETURN TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS

At 6:30 p.m. Council returned to Council Chambers.

Members of the Council present were:

At-Large Councilor Keith Raymond
Ward I Councilor Carolyn Towle
Ward III Councilor Nicholas Koloski
Assistant Mayor Victor Bergeron
At-Large Councilor James Reed
Ward II Councilor Charlene Lovett
At-Large Councilor Kyle Messier
At-Large Councilor John Simonds

Absent:

Mayor James Neilsen, IV

Also present were:

Guy Santagate, City Manager
Jane Taylor, City Solicitor

MAYOR'S NOTES

Ms. Towle read a portion of a letter sent to her from First United Methodist Church (UM-Army, United Methodist Action Reach-out by Youth) (she noted that she will be a recipient of their service). During week of July 19th 70 youth and adults will complete home projects such as painting, house cleaning, yard projects, general home repairs and handicap ramps in the City of Claremont.

Mr. Simonds said that Kevin O'Connor's team won the gold medal at the World 28th Universiade Summer Games 2015 in Korea in the sport of rowing.

Ms. Lovett said the Claremont Tire Tracks bike event that was scheduled for July 25 has been postponed to October 10. Amtrak will modify the trains to accommodate the bike racks.

Ms. Messier said the clean-up work has started at the Amerigas site on the Sugar River.

Mr. Bergeron said he will represent the Mayor at the UM-Army dinner and will present a proclamation to the group.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

A motion was made by Ms. Towle and seconded by Mr. Simonds to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2015, City Council meeting.

Ms. Lovett said on page 9, 6th paragraph down to end the sentence, “the City bonds for \$3 million.” Ms. Lovett then said it should read, “In addition, the City has budgeted an average of \$315,000 per year for maintenance over the past 9 years.”

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Mr. Reed to accept the minutes of the June 24, 2015, City Council meeting.

Ms. Towle said on page 3, 9th line down she asked to add that Ms. Lovett wanted to talk about a \$1.5 million bond.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Frances J. Tolles Home Trustees

A motion was made by Mr. Simonds and seconded by Ms. Lovett to appoint Carol Symonds to seat #3 of the Frances J. Tolles Home Trustees.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Raymond pointed out that two other Frances J. Tolles Home Trustees seats are expiring.

Mr. Koloski said that he has not been able to fulfill his duties on the Conservation Commission which meets on Thursdays as he has been working. He has attended when needed for a vote. He will continue to attend when he can. He would appreciate it if another Councilor would like to take that seat.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

James Sullivan, Ward 1, said in reference to the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center's (CSBCC) \$5.3 million bond, the taxpayer subsidy is over \$473,000. He talked about the different CSBCC revenue reports. He talked about property tax abatements and said the City property assessments are out of whack. He talked about tax deeding properties from 2012. He talked about the 2016 Water and Sewer budgets and the potential for a rate increase. He said there were large amounts of money in those cash reserves and questioned the need for a rate increase. He questioned the need for a Bond Anticipation Note instead of borrowing from the Enterprise Funds.

Heather Barry, Ward 2, talked about an incident where Claremont Police witnessed two adults harm a child, but the individuals were not arrested. She said the child was not examined by medical personnel. Mr. Bergeron asked if that information was brought to the attention of the Police Department. She said yes. He asked if the information was brought up to the Police Commission. She said no. Mr. Santagate said that this properly belongs there.

Police Chief Alex Scott invited her to meet with him. This is the first he has heard of this.

AJ Maranville, Ward 2, said the Council is fiscally responsible for everything that happens in the City of Claremont. He talked about addressing issues at tonight's meeting, but he was not specific. He said he and others are worried. He talked about the Council taking control of all the items that will be talked about (i.e. roads, drainage and bridges).

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 544 No Parking on a Portion of Charles Street – First Reading

The purpose of this proposal is to prohibit vehicle parking on a portion of the north side of Charles Street for 100 feet west of Highland Avenue and to add a handicapped parking space. Parking on the south side of Charles Street is already prohibited. This proposal is a revision of a parking limitation first proposed for the north side of Charles Street in April 2015. The Traffic Advisory Committee requested a change in the parking regulation after it determined that allowing parking on the north side of Charles Street near its intersection with Highland Avenue has created a safety hazard because of the narrowness of the public right-of-way on this portion of Charles Street.

Enactment of this proposed Ordinance will improve public safety on Charles Street.

Chief Scott said this is an update based on input from neighbors and the Council. This is to address parking in front of a residence on Highland that was making it difficult for a homeowner to get out of their driveway.

Ms. Lovett asked if the neighbors were notified of this change. Chief Scott said they will be notified of the second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Lovett read the explanation into the record

A motion was made by Ms. Lovett and seconded by Mr. Raymond to adopt Ordinance 544 No Parking on a Portion of Charles Street on First Reading

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

Resolution 2016-7 to Accept, Appropriate and Expend Q2C Grant – Public Hearing

The City has been awarded a grant from the Quabbin-to-Cardigan Partnership (Q2C) Trail Grants Program in the amount of \$11,136.00 (Q2C Trail Grant) by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (N.H. Forest Society) to assist with the funding for the Phase I improvements in Moody Park. The Q2C Trail Grant is administered on a one hundred percent (100%) reimbursement basis by the N.H. Forest Society;

A motion was made by Ms. Messier and seconded by Ms. Towle to adopt Resolution 2016-7 to Accept, Appropriate and Expend Q2C Grant.

Ms. Messier read the resolution into the record.

Mr. Brislin said this pertains to the Phase I improvements. It will include the mountain biking trail. He said Claremont Cycle Depot brought in about 20 people to help on the trail.

Mr. Bergeron opened the public hearing. No one spoke. He closed it.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

Resolution 2016-8 to Accept, Appropriate and Expend Claremont Savings Bank Foundation Grant – Public Hearing

The City has been notified that it has been awarded a grant from the Claremont Savings Bank Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the purchase and installation of trail signage and trailhead markers for Moody Park. This is to accept and expend the grant. This will have no impact on the tax rate.

A motion was made by Ms. Messier and seconded by Mr. Simonds to adopt Resolution 2016-8 to Accept, Appropriate and Expend Claremont Savings Bank Foundation Grant

Ms. Messier read the resolution into the record.

Mr. Brislin said currently there is no signage in the area of the improved trails. At the end of the project Sinuosity will make a new map. This is for signage and trail marking.

Mr. Bergeron opened the public hearing. No one spoke. He closed it.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

Cutting of Trees at Arrowhead Recreation Area

Ms. Messier said she has property that abuts the Arrowhead Recreation Area so she recused herself and stepped down from the Council table.

Mr. Brislin said he met with the City forester in June. The forester recommended additional trees should be removed because of disease or damage. The equipment will already be there and there will be some savings to do it at the same time. He said he talked with Chuck Allen, Arrowhead Recreation Area representative, and Mr. Allen supported this project. Mr. Brislin estimated they would breakeven on the cost or there may be a little income.

A motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Towle that

Whereas the Claremont City Council on February 11, 2015 authorized the removal of certain trees on the easterly boundary of City-owned land at Arrowhead Recreation Area, and whereas, after consultation with the City's forester, it has been recommended that certain additional trees on the southerly and westerly boundaries of the Arrowhead Recreation Area should be removed because of disease, damage and other safety considerations,

The Claremont City Council hereby authorizes the removal of certain additional trees on the southerly and westerly boundaries of the Arrowhead Recreation Area, as recommended by the City's forester, with any funds to be realized from the tree removal to be used to defray the costs involved.

Roll call vote: motion carried 7-0 with 1 abstain (Ms. Messier).

Ms. Messier returned to the Council table.

CSB Community Center Update

Mary Walter, Finance Director, showed a PowerPoint presentation ActiveNet and Munismart (CSBCC Revenues)

- ActiveNet
 - Claremont Parks & Recreation Department went active with RecNet in 2004.
 - It was supposed to be a way to schedule programs and signups and allowed people to charge on their credit card directly.
 - In July of 2012 RecNet converted over to ActiveNet (a more robust version from the same company).
 - ActiveNet is a great tool for recreational management programming. It's a robust system when it comes to scheduling programs.
 - Its main purpose is for scheduling and filling our recreational programs and is focused on the programming aspect of Parks and Recreation and is user friendly for the customer.
- Findings to Date

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- We have had 2 conference calls with ActiveNet to figure out their reporting features and which reports would give us the detail we need from a programming perspective as well as a financial perspective.
- During those calls 2 major differences came out. First, ActiveNet is on a cash basis and Munismart is on a modified accrual basis. This makes a difference in how orders are processed.
- Second, ActiveNet sends us a check every 2 weeks for receipts that they have processed. These are not always received or deposited in the month the orders were placed
- What's Next
 - We are going to be converting the ActiveNet system to an accrual method of accounting so that we are better able to match up orders and receipts with Munismart. This will be an all-day session with staff here and ActiveNet on-line.
 - ActiveNet is going to waive their requirement that we have \$50,000 in sales to get weekly checks and are going to move us to a weekly system.
 - Once those two things are done, we will do some testing to see where we are.
 - If staff is still unable to reasonably match up transactions, we will need to look for new recreational software packages.
 - Convert the ActiveNet system to an accrual method of accounting

There was concern about the data that was used during budget season. Ms. Walter assured Council that the information that was used was from Munismart and is correct.

Mr. Santagate said the monthly reports from Parks and Recreation focused on the membership numbers because that is what Council wanted. ActiveNet is a superior recreation software, but is not a finance software.

Ms. Walter said she ran the report as of June 30 and we have received \$832,502 in revenue (we should get one more check). She will have to defer some portions of the membership payments. The revenue received is well above the \$600,000 we had budgeted.

Mr. Simonds said that the auditors would have brought it to the City's attention if there was an issue. Ms. Walter said the auditors always check the CSBCC because of the amount of cash transactions.

Mr. Koloski asked for the numbers to date from ActiveNet and Munismart. Ms. Walter said she can give the numbers from Munismart, but not ActiveNet.

There was a discussion about cash versus accrual accounting.

Mr. Koloski asked to have Parks and Recreation revenues and expenses broken down. It makes it easier for him to answer questions.

Mr. Bergeron would like to see revenues and expenses. Ms. Walter said she can run those reports, but for memberships, we need ActiveNet. It will be after the August meeting before we will know if the conversion will work.

There was a consensus of the Council to have the revenues and expenses placed in the Council packet.

Ms. Walter can include the Munismart revenues which includes July's deferred revenues. Membership information will wait until after review of the change in ActiveNet.

Year-to-date expense listing (\$1,039,238.20) for CSBCC was handed out. Expenses are under budget, but end-of-the-year bills are still coming in.

Handicap Parking on Water Street

Mr. Koloski said he is a key holder for the A.G. Edwards building that abuts this. It was determined that he will not make any money and this will not change the value of the property so Council didn't think he needed to recuse himself.

Nancy Merrill, Planning and Development Director said the Common Man has asked for a public handicap parking space and Red River Computer has asked for two dedicated handicap parking spaces. Norma Rae Philson from Red River Computer said they are seeking approval for two handicapped accessible spaces for staff members. Also, they have a foundation that caters to veterans and they meet in-house. They are asking for two spots for staff and guests.

A motion was made by Ms. Lovett and seconded by Mr. Reed that pursuant to Claremont City Code Section 19-89, the Claremont City Council hereby authorizes the conversion of five (5) public parking spaces on the south side of Water Street opposite the Wainshal Building (21 Water Street) into three (3) handicapped accessible parking spaces; and further, hereby authorizes the City Manager or his designees to negotiate and enter into a multi-year license agreement with Red River Computer Co., Inc. (Red River) for the license of two (2) handicapped accessible parking spaces on the south side of Water Street, across from said Wainshal Building. This license shall be effective only upon Red River entering into a license agreement with the City of Claremont and shall be personal to and effective only for so long as Red River occupies a portion of 21 Water Street. Red River shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the City related to the parking re-designation for the handicapped accessible parking spaces, including but not limited to restriping of the designated and adjacent parking spaces and any required signage.

Mr. Bergeron asked about the public being able to use the spaces when not in use by Red River. Ms. Merrill said the license would be for the company to use the spaces. Ms. Philson said Red River is a 24/7 company.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

Motion to Sell Properties Acquired by Tax Deed

Ms. Taylor talked about this motion and the following motion to refuse tax deeds. Of the properties that are subject to tax deed, some are not being recommended for tax deeding. The majority of those are mobile homes or manufactured housing. Several are not. Several have environmental issues. Two are active with DES (Department of Environmental Services). Some mobile homes are empty, some are estate issues, and some that are occupied are 1944 era mobile homes. If the Council wanted more specific reasons, she would recommend going into a non-public session. For mobile homes in a park, the City would be stuck with many liabilities (i.e. rent and utilities). She talked about properties that had been tax deeded in prior years, but not sold (54 Windsor Road, 74 Maple Avenue, 36 Sugar River Drive, White Water Brook Road which is at the base of the dam and the City may come back to Council to maintain that property, Albion Avenue has two 2 small parcels which may be used for compensatory wetlands). The statute requires the tax collector to deed properties unless authorized by the Council to not execute a deed for those properties. The statute also requires the City Council to approve selling the properties and requires a separate authorization to have the tax collector record those properties. This will give the City authority to sell the current tax deeded properties to continue to market the previous tax deeded properties that had not sold. Next year, if there are tax deeded properties, the City will come back to the Council for approval to sell them.

Ms. Walter said 2011, 2012 and 2013 are the tax years that are three years behind.

There was a discussion about properties that are not in good condition. Ms. Taylor said when put out to bid, some are sold and we are able to recoup the taxes. Mr. Santagate asked what happens if this goes on for few years on properties we don't take and the property owner walks away. Mr. Santagate said if there are other assets, we can go after that.

Ms. Lovett would like to see better enforcement of property maintenance to avoid this situation.

Mr. Koloski said with code enforcement, that some property owners can't afford to maintain the properties. He asked about the process and said that most municipalities use third parties. Ms. Taylor said this motion is for authorization only so we can explore that. There was a discussion about auctions. Ms. Taylor said the properties have to be put out to bid. With a third party auction, there is potential for conflict of interest if the auctioneer is also responsible for cleaning up a property. Mr. Koloski wanted it on the record that he is discouraged about this. Ms. Taylor said any amount received in excess of the interest, penalties and expenses goes back to the property owner.

Mr. Bergeron was concerned that if a property is not taken, and is allowed to be run down, the surrounding properties will suffer. There needs to be a process worked out with the landlords to take care of the properties.

A motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Messier that the City Council, pursuant to RSA 80:80, hereby authorizes the Mayor to transfer title to any real estate acquired as the result of default of redemption of nonpayment of taxes, by public auction

or by advertised sealed bid or to dispose of all tax deeded property, unless refused, in such manner as justice may require, such authority to be effective indefinitely until rescinded.

The City Council authorizes the Tax Collector to record at the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds all transfers of such property as may occur. The City Council further authorizes the City Manager or his designees to undertake all such actions as may be required to implement this motion.

Councilors asked to have a running list of the properties that have been acquired by tax deed.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

Motion to Refuse Tax Deeds

Ms. Taylor said the only way for the City not to acquire certain properties is for the Council to refuse to take them. The properties recommended for refusal fall into categories of environmental liability, mobile home, or estate issues. There is a liability of taking a manufactured mobile home which outweighs the benefit. Ms. Taylor said there is another section of law for simply filing a collection action. She is exploring that for a couple of these properties.

Mr. Raymond will vote yes because of the environmental issues, but the City needs to work on a plan to stop the "bleeding."

A motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Mr. Simonds to The City Council, having reviewed the list of impending tax deed parcels as presented by the City's Tax Collector, hereby notifies the Tax Collector that she shall not execute a deed of the real estate to the City for the following parcels because the Council has determined in its judgment that acceptance would subject the City to undesirable obligations or liability risks, including the potential liability as an owner of property under state and federal law which imposes strict liability on owners for environmental impairment of the real estate involved:

16-12	730 Hanover Street
73-1	Winter Street
119-354	39 Central Street
159-7-1	84 Case Hill Rd
58-5-70	3 Angela Place
57-21-18	20 Madison Place
57-21-27	27 Madison Place
57-21-32	34 Madison Place
129-141-12	5 Dennison Ave
129-141-10	9 Dennison Ave
129-141-7	15 Dennison Ave
159-56-17	8 Upham Place

159-56-20	14 Upham Place
159-56-11	31 Upham Place
159-56-13	35 Upham Place

The City Council further authorizes the Tax Collector or other City official to enforce all such tax liens upon the above-listed properties, as provided by RSA 80:50 and through any other remedy provided by law.

Councilors would like to see an action plan for properties that are not being taking for tax deed. Ms. Taylor said conversations about this are going on.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

Re-adoption of Emergency Operations Plan

Fire Chief Rick Bergeron said every five years, the Emergency Operations Plan is revisited, updated, and the Council adopts. It is basically a boiler plate document and updates are made to personnel, etc.

A motion was made by Ms. Lovett and seconded by Ms. Messier that

WHEREAS the National Incident Management System, herein referred to as NIMS, has been identified by the Federal Government as being the requisite emergency management system for all political subdivisions, including municipalities; and

WHEREAS the City Council, by motion adopted on February 12, 2014, approved acceptance of an award of grant funds from the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (the "State") in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of updating the City's Emergency Operations Plan; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City to qualify for future federal and state grants, assistance and reimbursements for costs expended during and after a declared emergency or disaster and for training and preparation for such disasters or emergencies, it must adopt the updated Emergency Operations Plan (EOP); and

WHEREAS, an updated Emergency Operations Plan that meets FEMA criteria has been completed;

The Claremont City Council hereby approves and adopts the updated Emergency Operations Plan, and further authorizes the City Manager or his designees to execute all documents and undertake all actions as may be required to implement this motion.

Chief Scott said the document was reviewed by Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation and himself.

Ms. Taylor said if this is not adopted, the City wouldn't be eligible for some FEMA grants.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

Ms. Lovett asked, in reference to the Fire Department's monthly report, about campfires in abandoned structures and if we have a list of vacant structures. Chief Bergeron said the Fire Department and Planning and Development Department have basic knowledge of where vacant structures are. They don't have a complete list, but take action when they see them. It all ties together with code enforcement and code compliance.

Resolution 2016-9 to Accept, Appropriate and Expend for Fire Station Roof – Public Hearing

The roof of the Claremont Fire Station was last replaced in 1994, with an anticipated life expectancy of 20 years. The roof is now leaking and threatening to damage the contents of the Claremont Fire Station. The City has determined that patching or partially replacing the roof is impractical given the age and condition of the current roofing material. This is a request to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,029.73 for Fire Building Repair to account #01-422-950-0000 for the purpose of replacing the Claremont Fire Station Roof. The funds will be withdrawn from the Fire Building Repair Capital Reserve Fund (to have no impact on the tax rate).

Chief Bergeron said the Fire Station roof has been leaking for over a year. It's a rubber membrane. There is some breakdown in the seams. The material has shrunk, so rain is getting underneath the rubber. It's a 20-year roof that is 21 years old. It's not in the budget, but has been on the CIP (Capital Improvements Plan) for the last 4 years. There is over \$20,000 in the account labeled Fire Building Repair Capital Reserve. That along with the balance from a USDA grant which was procured 1 1/2 years ago will be used.

A motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Mr. Simonds to adopt Resolution 2016-9 to Accept, Appropriate and Expend for Fire Station Roof.

Mr. Raymond read the resolution into the record.

Mr. Bergeron opened the public hearing. No one spoke. He closed it.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

Ms. Towle asked for an update on clean-up of Joey's on the River Restaurant. Chief Bergeron said he can't comment. It is in progress.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Santagate said the City has begun passing out decals for use of the Transfer Station. Decals need to be on vehicles no later than August 1st.

Mr. Santagate said paving in the area of Baker and Severance Streets is going well. Line striping is going along. We will be going to bid for a new street sweeper.

Mr. Santagate talked about the grass growing at Drapers Corner. He said Public Works has mowed the City-owned part, but the other part is private property. Ms. Lovett asked about the property maintenance code. Ms. Taylor said Council was very specific about not measuring grass. Ms. Lovett said it's about 2 feet tall. Mr. Santagate asked Council to think about what to do about that. Staff will check outside the City to see how other communities approach it.

Mr. Santagate said the Emergency Operations Plan is very important for grant purposes. He thanked Chief Bergeron for his work.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES

Mr. Simonds asked for an update on the signage for the front of City Hall. Mr. Santagate said there was a change and now the Opera House will be added to the sign. It will take some time to reconfigure and then complete the sign. Ms. Towle asked for a timeframe. Mr. Santagate will find out and call the Assistant Mayor.

Ms. Messier asked if there is a way to hear from City Staff about ordinances that need tightening in reference to properties (i.e. the grass at Drapers Corner).

Ms. Messier asked if there is any potential to hear from Police or Fire in reference to fines or fees for overuse of their services (repeated visits to buildings).

Ms. Lovett asked for a list of tax deeded properties, tax deeded properties the City refuses to take and abandoned properties. She would like an action plan of how to remediate those situations.

Mr. Koloski said he would like to present a motion for the sale of the items that are in the GCC (Goodwin Community Center) and the Zotto Gymnasium.

A motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Mr. Reed to suspend Council Rules in order to entertain Mr. Koloski's motion.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Koloski and seconded by Mr. Raymond that after the interior contents are removed from the Goodwin Community Center and Zotto Gymnasium that are currently used by the Parks and Recreation Department, the remaining property may be transferred to other City departments for their use. Historical contents not being planned for display in current Parks and Recreation facilities may be transferred to the Claremont Historical Society for display or preservation purposes. The remaining contents are to be sold by advertised sealed bid and the proceeds are to be returned to the Trust.

When asked if the motion was okay, Ms. Taylor said the way it was worded and as long as the Attorney General's office is informed, we should be okay.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Raymond said comments about the Rail Trail Waiver will be accepted at the City Manager's office until July 10th. Ms. Taylor said everything will be put together and sent off to the NHDOT (NH Department of Transportation) and they may make a recommendation to the Federal Highway Administration.

Mr. Raymond said the grass at the Pleasant Street Cemetery hasn't been mowed since July 4th. It is pretty tall.

Mr. Bergeron asked for an update on the former Hunter property. Ms. Taylor said the motion tonight includes it. It will put out for bid. Mr. Bergeron asked if any of the metal is being taken from the property. Ms. Taylor said the Police are patrolling it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Corridor – Steering Committee

None

CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

None

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:44 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Mr. Simonds to adjourn.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorée M. Russell
Clerk to the Council