

The Claremont City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

Members of the Council present were:

Ward I Councilor Carolyn Towle
Ward II Councilor Scott Pope
At-Large Councilor Keith Raymond
Mayor Charlene Lovett
At-Large Councilor Allen Damren
At-Large Councilor Bruce Temple
Ward III Councilor Nicholas Koloski

Absent:

At-Large Councilor John Simonds

Also present were:

Guy Santagate, City Manager
Jane Taylor, City Solicitor

AGENDA (CHANGES)

None

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

A motion was made by Mr. Koloski and seconded by Ms. Towle to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2016, City Council meeting.

Voice vote: motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Koloski and seconded by Mr. Bergeron to accept the minutes of the April 27, 2016, City Council meeting as amended.

Mr. Pope said under Boards and Commissions Process on page 6 that there had been more discussion about the Code of Conduct by himself and Mr. Koloski. Mayor Lovett said to make a note to refer to the recording for in-depth comments.

Ms. Taylor said minutes are intended as a summary of the topics discussed, and recordings are available for reference.

Voice vote: motion carried 8-0

MAYOR'S NOTES

Mayor Lovett thanked everyone for the 1,102 tires that were turned in at the Transfer Station.

Mayor Lovett reminded Councilors that training is available on June 4th for land use board members and May 26-June 15 for Trustees of Trust Funds.

Mayor Lovett noted Henri Frechette, Public Works employee, recently retired after almost 34 years with the City.

Mayor Lovett read a letter of thanks from the Town of Weathersfield for Claremont Fire Department's response to the Yankee Village Motel fire in Ascutney, Vermont.

Mr. Koloski said that he is collecting and distributing kids' cleats; any kids who need them, should contact him.

Stevens High School Alumni Proclamation

Mayor Lovett presented the Stevens High School Alumni Proclamation to Robert Stringer.

Michelle Pierce, Heart of Claremont and Ward 1 resident, invited everyone to a community event on May 17th, 6-9 p.m., at the Claremont Soup Kitchen. One of the children in the group, Xavier White, Ward 1, read the invitation. Ms. Pierce said their group is getting ready to start the downtown flower program and they will be raising money.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Santagate reviewed his report and covered the following subjects: Proposed Opera House Square Fountain – he and Mr. Damren conducted a public hearing on May 3rd; Budget – budget discussions began May 4th; Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) – the Administration is exploring applying for an LCHIP grant to conduct an assessment of City Hall for ADA compliance; TIFD (Tax Increment Finance District) – the Administration is working on a plan to create a new TIFD in the Charlestown Road area that will help to address flooding and road issues; DPW - paving work will be completed on the following streets: Central, Sullivan, Pearl, Edwin, and Arch. Also, sections of the following streets will be paved: Walnut – Pleasant, Arch – Monarch, and Union. Union Street will also include sidewalk work. In addition, crack and/or chip sealing will be done on Charlestown Road – Maple, Mulberry – North, and Roberts Hill Road – Bowker.

Mr. Santagate said the Personnel Advisory Board is at full membership. The two previously appointed members recently appointed Candace Crawford to the third seat.

Mr. Bergeron noted that in the Fire Report that some multi-family property owners are refusing to deal with the Fire Department regarding Code inspections. Fire Chief Rick Bergeron said the increase in the charge for missed inspections has reduced the number of no-shows, but some owners refuse all correspondence. He is working with the City Attorney to counter that.

Mayor Lovett asked about the cause of the smoldering fire on April 16. Chief Bergeron said it was most likely a cigarette dropped from the window above that fell onto some windblown debris.

Mayor Lovett said she liked the additional details about the calls. She asked to get the details of the calls from October to April by the May 25th meeting.

Ms. Towle said the sparkly lights in the trees in Opera House Square haven't been on for a while. Scott Sweet, Public Works Director, said he will check to see whose responsibility they are. Mr. Temple asked if those lights are private. Mr. Koloski said yes; the lights wrapped around the poles are the City's.

Ms. Towle asked about getting a comparison in the Welfare Report.

Mr. Pope thanked the Department Heads for their well written reports. He said the Planning and Development Report shows what a lot is going on in Claremont.

Mr. Koloski said the Library Report was missing from the packet.

Mr. Koloski said in the Police Commission Report that the Police Department will establish a Facebook page. He asked if that will translate to other departments. Mr. Santagate said this will be okay as long as it doesn't allow incoming responses. They will run a trial on this and if it is okay, it will be done throughout the City.

Mr. Bergeron mentioned the drop in membership at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center and that a survey is being conducted. He asked about the results of that survey. Mr. Santagate said when it is complete, he will bring it forward.

Mayor Lovett thanked the public for improving the parks in the City. In April Stevens High School students participated in cleaning up the parks. Also, Claremont Cycle Depot did trail improvements and cleanup in Moody Park.

Mr. Raymond said people have done a great job with the trail system in Moody Park. He said when people walk their dogs in the Park, they are good about picking up after their dog, but they leave the bags along the side of the trail. He asked people to dispose of the bags in an appropriate container.

Mr. Temple asked whether Facebook will be citywide or by department and if there will be a policy. Mr. Santagate said the City is looking at a policy. The City will try it with the Police Department to see if it will be successful. He believes allowing only outgoing information is the

better option. He said it is up to the Council if it thinks it is a good idea to go forward without the test.

Police Chief Alex Scott said the Police Commission requested to be able to send communications out. This will help his department to keep up with the instantaneous nature of information in our world. An officer who is well-versed in Facebook will be in charge of that. It will be strictly outward information (i.e. road closures, weather emergencies, etc.). Mr. Raymond asked if it could include Amber Alerts. Chief Scott said that will be staff dependent.

Chief Scott said it will go live within the next month. Mayor Lovett asked if a progress report could be done in July. Chief Scott said yes.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Pam, mentor for the Stevens High School robotics team, talked about the 4-H Rogue Robots SeaPerch Nationals program. The team will go to the 2016 National SeaPerch Challenge at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge on May 20-22.

Students Steven Bosnack, Matthias Page, Alison Newmy and Andrew Friend demonstrated their project and described what they have learned.

Councilors wished the team good luck.

Mr. Page said they have a GoFundMe page: 4-H Rogue Robots SeaPerch Nationals to help with their expenses.

Francis Gauthier, Ward 1, said that citizens need to be more responsible. He referred to things such as picking up after your dog, and the spray painted graffiti at the former Claremont Ford. He asked if the City checks with stores that sell spray paint to ask who may have purchased the paint. He talked about the landowner's responsibility if a tree falls on a neighbor's property. He said that needs to be publicized.

Bernie Folta, Ward 3, talked about the state law, RSA 91-A, and minutes. He likes that Council minutes are robust and that there is historical value knowing what happened at the meetings. He noted that on some committees, the names of persons appearing before them aren't always included in those minutes. He suggested that should be fixed. He liked that the Council packet was posted on the City's website along with Councilor input and the emails regarding the Fountain Project. He was unhappy there was no CCTV (Claremont Community Television) coverage of the Fountain Project public forum, however the City made the minutes available and he liked that. Regarding Facebook, he hopes the City sets it up so that people do not have to register in order to see the information.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Airport Advisory Board

A motion was made by Mr. Damren and seconded by Mr. Bergeron to re-appoint David Eno to seat #2 of the Airport Advisory Board.

Voice vote: motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Koloski and seconded by Mr. Raymond to re-appoint Stephen Keen to seat #4 of the Airport Advisory Board.

Voice vote: motion carried 8-0.

Claremont Community Television, Inc. (CCTV) Board of Directors

A motion was made by Mr. Damren and seconded by Mr. Koloski to re-appoint Ronald J. Landry to seat #3 of the Claremont Community Television, Inc. (CCTV) Board of Directors.

Mr. Koloski commented that Mr. Landry has been serving on this board for 20 years and he thanked him.

Voice vote: motion carried 8-0.

Frances J. Tolles Home Trustees

Ms. Taylor asked to put this off until next month. It should have come to the Council in July. Rebecca Vinduska is the current Chair and she should be re-applying for the seat; it should not have been listed as a vacant seat.

Parks and Recreation Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Pope and seconded by Mr. Raymond to re-appoint Carolyn Towle to seat #1 of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Voice vote: motion carried 7-0 with 1 abstain (Ms. Towle).

OLD BUSINESS

Property Tax Exemption Update

Marlene Jordan, Assessing Technician, said the update given to the Council was based on Mr. Pope's suggested limits. If Mr. Pope's numbers were used, the number of applicants who were previously denied or removed from this exemption due to over income would be 13.

Mr. Pope asked what the effect would be on the current tax rate if the additional people were added. Ms. Jordan said she can run a spreadsheet.

Ms. Jordan said the value of the applicant's vehicle would be included in the assets. She said if approved, this would go into effect on April 1st of the 2017 tax year. Mr. Damren said there would be time to ask for a survey to find out how many people would apply for this. Ms. Jordan said the application time period is January 1 to April 15.

Mr. Koloski said using the suggested numbers would move Claremont up to middle ground (close to Franklin's numbers).

Council asked Ms. Jordan to send out a survey using Franklin's numbers and Mr. Pope's numbers.

Mr. Pope would like to know when Franklin set its numbers.

Ms. Jordan can conduct the survey for 3-4 weeks and have the findings available in July.

Bernie Folta, Ward 3, suggested another approach. He said the effect of the exemption is \$1.25 on tax rate. He suggested finding out the effect of exemptions in other communities and finding the ratio to see if Claremont is in the same ballpark.

Steve Picano, Ward 1, said something to consider when looking at the exemptions is that he has seen seniors being forced out of their homes because they can't afford the taxes.

Francies Gauthier, Ward 1, said regarding seniors being pushed out of their homes, that one-third of mobile home owners are not paying their taxes. He asked if the City is going to take action.

Mr. Koloski asked Ms. Jordan to find out when other communities did their updates.

25 Chestnut Street Update

Police Chief Alex Scott gave some background on the enforcement proceedings regarding property maintenance problems for 25 Chestnut Street. He said this started on May 7th of last year. Three citations (cleanup, repair or raze the garage; cleanup the debris; and remove the storage container) have been presented to the Court. The Court gave the property owner until June 1st to remediate the problems. If the property owner does not comply, the City will do the cleanup and then place a lien on the property. If a lien is required, that will come back before the Council. Shortly after filing the motion, he heard from the property owner, but he has not heard anything since.

Mayor Lovett asked if abutters have been notified of the progress. Chief Scott said it was unknown if Planning had made any notifications. Mayor Lovett asked Mr. Santagate to see if

notice had been given. Chief Scott said that Sean Glascock, Building Inspector, can communicate with the abutters by phone.

Ordinance 547 Amend Chapter 6, Article IX Outdoor Wood Boilers – Second Reading – Public Hearing

The purpose of this proposal is to relax the siting restrictions for Phase II OWHHs in the Agriculture Residential (AR), Rural Residential (RR) and Rural Residential II (RR 2) zoning districts. This is being recommended because the majority of residential dwelling units in these zoning districts are located at an adequate distance from one another to minimize the risk of nuisance from the newer Phase II OWHH's operation.

Enactment of this proposed Ordinance will reduce the siting restrictions on OWHHs in the AR, RR and RR 2 zoning districts.

Fire Chief Rick Bergeron said there have been some issues regarding the height of chimneys in these zones and that it may make more sense to change the restrictions in AR, RR and RR 2 zones.

A motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Mr. Damren to adopt Ordinance 547 Amend Chapter 6, Article IX Outdoor Wood Boilers on second reading.

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

Mayor Lovett opened the public hearing. No one spoke. She closed it.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

Proposed Opera House Square Fountain Update

Ernest Montenegro had proposed to place a sculpture, including two arches and two fountains, in the "Bullpen" in Opera House Square.

Mayor Lovett read an email from Mr. Simonds. Mr. Simonds wrote that the vast majority of people he has heard from are against the proposal. They are concerned for the safety of pedestrians because of distracted drivers. He said Public Works Director Scott Sweet had expressed concern about old water/sewer lines in the area. Mr. Simonds continued that he is a huge supporter of art and he respects Mr. Montenegro's visions, but he cannot support this particular project at this point in time.

Mr. Bergeron agreed with Mr. Simonds. Mr. Bergeron said he has received 1 positive and 40 negative responses to this proposed project. People do not want the square disrupted. He said he will vote no.

Mr. Koloski said he was concerned this was not listed as a public hearing tonight.

Mr. Damren said he has received a number of emails and the no's far outweigh the yeses. He will vote no. He said Mr. Sweet's opinion regarding the infrastructure in the area swayed his opinion. He gave credit to Mr. Montenegro for the vision, but Mr. Damren doesn't think it fits in the Square. He said the right-hand side needs some sprucing up. He said if you want to do anything, it needs to be a part of a larger plan for rejuvenation.

Mr. Temple asked if this plan has been put before the Planning Board. Mayor Lovett said not since June. Mr. Temple said the Planning Board is where the public gives its input.

Mr. Koloski and Mr. Bergeron agree the Council is in charge of public property and Council would need to give its permission for such a project.

Bill Limoges, Ward 1, said he opposes the sculpture because of issues with snow removal; distractions for drivers; this represents only one artist's concept; and he thinks a better place for this would be by the Parking Garage. He thinks it is a good idea, just the wrong place. He suggested small sculptures could be built behind the Visitors Center (i.e. 3 feet high sculptures describing industry that fits our history and placed along the walkway). He suggested extending invitations for designs and then Claremont could select the designs. They would not be a distraction to drivers and they would enhance the Brewfest and the Chili Cookoff.

George Caccavaro, Ward 2, said that Mr. Sweet swayed his opinion. He said this is the wrong place and he thinks the City should honor his opinion.

Steve Picano, Ward 1, agreed it would be a distraction and may cause accidents. He said it is nice looking, but it needs a better home. As for lights on the arches, Granite State College dormitories are above New Socials Restaurant and that may affect the students' sleep. He suggested putting it somewhere that it can be seen from a distance in order to see it all.

Francis Gauthier, Ward 1, said the artwork is really nice. He said it would be nice to have it next to the "ourhandsthenandnow" sculpture toward the smokestack and to have green space and a playground under this new sculpture. He talked about the historical architecture in the City Center. Another place for the sculpture could be Arrowhead.

Mr. Santagate said Mr. Montenegro is an original thinker and hopes he stays with it. People like the project, but maybe Mr. Montenegro could come up with another location. He thanked Mr. Montenegro and hopes he comes back with another project that would be accepted by the community.

Ernest Montenegro, Ward 1, thanked Mr. Damren for moderating the public forum. Mr. Montenegro said he appreciates all the community input. He said it's really interesting and exciting to him that the concept of art is generating a lot of buzz. He understands this will be a negative vote. He said his real agenda was to make a model that was over-the-top to get the idea of change out in the air of Claremont, which he thinks is desperately needed. He said he respects the historic aspects of the City. He said things change and change is healthy.

Bernie Folta, Ward 3, agreed the problems with this project as proposed are too great. He wished there were some way to connect Opera House Square to the Sugar River, although he didn't know how.

Mr. Temple suggested having arts and culture as part of the Master Plan. He said this project is not on the Council's list of goals and objectives. He would like to see art incorporated into a community-wide Master Plan. He encouraged Mr. Montenegro to be a part of the Master Plan Committee.

Mr. Koloski said he is on the Master Plan Committee and arts and culture are being discussed at that level. He is involved in the arts and it was pointed out to him that only Claremont has the "ourhandsthenandnow" sculpture, no other community. He doesn't love the location of the proposed sculpture. He would like to know if Mr. Montenegro had considered any other location. He suggested making a smaller version of the sculpture and placing it in the municipal parking lot across from Broad Street Park and dedicating it to veterans. He suggested that Home Depot may support a project like that.

Ms. Towle said she loves art and that we need more in the City. She doesn't believe the location is the right one. She echoed Mr. Santagate's wish that Mr. Montenegro continue with the process and that maybe he would help with the Master Plan.

Mr. Montenegro said it is definitely an option going forward. He chose Opera House Square because it would be a lightning rod. He is partial to that spot because it is a unique space/situation. He is open to a different spot, but the model would be modified dramatically.

A motion was made by Mr. Pope and seconded by Mr. Bergeron to not move forward on the Opera House Square Fountain Project.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Sullivan County ATV Club Annual Trail Permission

Dianne Harlow and Ken Harlow, Ward 3, spoke as representatives of the Sullivan County ATV Club (SCATVC). This is the annual request for permission to use the trails on City-owned property. Cat Hole and Arrowhead have the majority of the trails. Also, Veterans Park Road from the old swimming pool to Cat Hole is the main one. They also pointed out White Water Brook Road (Fitch).

A motion was made by Mr. Koloski and seconded by Mr. Damren to grant Wheeled Vehicle Trail Permission to Sullivan County ATV Club for a period of one (1) year including City-owned property and Class VI roads. The City reserves the right to limit trail access for any reason.

Martha Adams, Ward 1, talked about state approval and gaining access to the state trails. She talked about changing zoning. She said since ATVs have been banned from the Rail Trail, there has been an increase in pedestrians, bikers and joggers using the trail. Bikers can't use a certain portion of the trail because ATVs make it sandy. She is concerned that police are not able to patrol the posted trail section. She said most dirt bikers speed on the trail. Problems: noise, emissions, track damage, added fire risk, animal/people injuries. She said there are no state trails on the south side of the river. She is okay with ATVs using Arrowhead trails.

Ms. Taylor said that currently no ATVs are allowed on the Rail Trail. We have not heard anything regarding the Rail Trail waiver yet. That is not the issue before the Council.

Mr. Raymond said this request does not include the Rail Trail. He said his wife was out on the trail earlier and she noted there is a lot of trash out there which used to be cleaned up by the SCATVC.

Ms. Adams suggested making the section of trail off Chestnut, by the Community Center, into head-in or angled parking.

Voice vote: motion carried 8-0.

Resolution 2016-32 Grissom Lane/River Road Intersection Reconstruction & Turning Lane Project – Public Hearing

The intersection of River Road and Grissom Lane has seen a significant increase in truck traffic as a result of the growth of Jewell Trucking, Canam-Structal Bridge, Crown Point Cabinetry, New Hampshire Industries, Connecticut Precision and others, as well as the construction of a new facility for North Country Smokehouse in Syd Clarke Park. The existing intersection currently has a 10' turning radius, which is inadequate for the current volume of truck traffic, creating a hazardous situation. The volume of truck traffic traveling through this intersection is expected to increase. The City intends to reconstruct the intersection of Grissom Lane and River Road and add a turning lane on Grissom Lane in order to improve safety at this intersection.

This is a request to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$130,000.00, said sum to be taken from the River Road Tax Increment Finance District (TIFD) Fund Balance (with no impact on the tax rate), for the purpose of reconstruction of the Grissom Lane-River Road intersection.

Public Works Director Scott Sweet said this request is for funds from the River Road TIFD due to the increased truck traffic in the area. He would like to do this before the River Road TIFD is closed out.

Mr. Temple said he didn't see this in the CIP (Capital Improvements Plan). He asked if a traffic truck count and the turning radiuses had been part of the Planning Board review. Mayor Lovett said there was discussion about that and the increased traffic was discussed.

Mr. Temple asked if there were any impacts with the intersection of Route 12A. Mr. Sweet said NH DOT okayed the project. They will meet with contractors to help determine pricing. The engineering will be done inhouse.

Mr. Temple said he thought that if the project was that important, it would have been on the CIP or did this come about because there was \$130,000 available. Mr. Sweet said this was brought up due to the truck traffic and then they found out the TIFD money was available. Mr. Temple asked if this went to Technical Review. Mr. Sweet said no. Ms. Taylor said that is not needed because the project will not go to the Planning Board. Canam Steel is increasing the size of beams that it is making and there have been problems with trucks hitting fire hydrants.

Mr. Temple expressed concern that this was not on the CIP, but the Council is talking about spending \$130,000 on it. Mr. Santagate said he will check this out and will try to be more careful of the process in the future.

Mayor Lovett asked what the Fund Balance is in the River Road TIFD. Mr. Santagate said there is \$1.5 million available and he would like to talk with the Council about some options. He said it would be a good idea to pay off the Downtown TIFD.

Mr. Raymond asked about water and sewer on Grissom Lane. Mr. Sweet said there would be no impact except to move a hydrant.

Victor St. Pierre, Assistant Public Works Director, said there is a safety issue with the trucks having to swing wide and not staying on their own side of the road. This needs to be addressed and the City would have to find the money to do it. He said that both he and Mr. Sweet were estimators in previous jobs. Mr. Sweet said they usually get an engineer's estimate before the project goes out for bid.

A motion was made by Mr. Damren and seconded by Mr. Raymond to adopt Resolution 2016-32 Grissom Lane/River Road Intersection Reconstruction & Turning Lane Project.

Mr. Damren read the resolution into the record.

Mayor Lovett opened the public hearing.

Bernie Folta, Ward 3, asked how much surplus is expected when the River Road TIFD sunsets. Mr. Santagate said \$1.5 million and the Council will decide what to do with it.

Mayor Lovett closed the public hearing.

Mr. Temple said he will support this; he understands the need. He talked about Harold Lavalley expanding his manufactured housing business and the turning radius on lower Main Street needed to be widened by Lambert's Supply and Lavalley's had to pay for that. Now the City is paying for this location. He said it is the same concept.

Mr. Damren said he didn't believe the difference between the \$1.5 million and the \$130,000 would go back to the General Fund. He agreed with Mr. Temple that Council will need to discuss a CIP budget versus an operating budget.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Bergeron said the Policy Ad Hoc Committee hopes to bring forward an updated cemetery ordinance in July.

Mr. Koloski said the Master Plan survey is available.

Mayor Lovett said the Amtrak ridership is up 3.8% at the Claremont stop.

Mayor Lovett said she had questions on the Planning and Development Report regarding CDA properties. She asked Mr. Raymond for an update on what the CDA is doing. Mr. Raymond said they tore down a portion of the building behind the old Pleasant Restaurant. They have plans to do something with the Old Pleasant Restaurant and if that happens, they would put in an elevator to access the second floor of the Farwell Block. He will bring back more information when it is available.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES

Mr. Damren mentioned a possible joint meeting of the Council and School Board on June 28th. He also mentioned the tour of Arrowhead for the proposed logging.

There was a consensus of the Council to meet with the School Board in July. Mayor Lovett will check with the School Board about meeting the 2nd or 4th Tuesday in July.

Councilors agreed that a weekday night at 6 p.m. would be a good time to schedule the Arrowhead tour. Mayor Lovett will talk with the Administration.

Mayor Lovett asked the Council and Administration to organize a green-up day in April 2017; perhaps it could coincide with Vermont's Green-Up Day. She asked for a presentation in the summer to see what is being done and what could be done differently to address the litter in the community.

Ms. Towle said she received an email from Jim Feleen regarding the land swap with Mr. MacGlaflin and would like to see it as an agenda item. Mayor Lovett said maybe this summer.

Mr. Temple said he had asked several meetings ago for a comparison, going back 5 years, for the water and sewer departments of what was budgeted and the actual expenditures to see over/under expenditures. He would like to see that before the Public Works budget meeting. He wants this not only for the budget but also to prepare for the water/sewer rate study.

Mr. Bergeron asked for the value of the land that is in Current Use. He would like to see the impact on the budget.

Mayor Lovett said on June 8th she would like a breakdown of lost valuation since the revaluation, any gain to the valuation since that time and a timeline of projected valuation growth during FY 17. She said it would be important to have that information before the final budget approval on June 22nd.

Mayor Lovett presented a letter she would like to have go out with the tax bill. She said it was reviewed by Scott Sweet, Public Works Director, and she said she talked to the City Manager about it. She said this is one more venue to use to communicate to the property owners.

Ms. Taylor said this would need to go on an agenda so the Council can take a formal vote. She said under the statute in order to include something in the tax bill, the Council has to take a formal vote. Mayor Lovett said she has done this before and took a consensus. Ms. Taylor disagreed and said she will check. Mayor Lovett asked Councilors if they wanted to take a vote now. Ms. Taylor said that this has not been publicized. Mayor Lovett said it is a communication piece from the Council to the property owners.

A motion was made by Mr. Damren and seconded by Mr. Pope to include the communication letter from the Claremont City Mayor in the next tax bill to be mailed.

Voice vote: motion carried 8-0.

CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

None

NON-PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3,II(d) – REAL ESTATE

At 9:53 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Koloski and seconded by Mr. Temple to enter into the Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II(d) – Real Estate and to invite Parks and Recreation Director Mark Brislin, Public Works Director Scott Sweet, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Santagate and Council Clerk Dorée Russell into the session.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

At 10:17 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Damren and seconded by Mr. Temple to exit the Non-Public Session.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Koloski and seconded by Mr. Damren to seal the minutes until the purpose for entering into the non-public session no longer exists.

Roll call vote: motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:19 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Damren and seconded by Mr. Pope to adjourn.

Voice vote: motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorée M. Russell
Clerk to the Council