

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

President Brian S. McCarthy presided; Deputy City Clerk Judy Boileau recorded.

Prayer was offered by Deputy City Clerk Judy Boileau; Alderman Don LeBrun led in the Pledge to the Flag.

The roll call was taken with 13 members of the Board of Aldermen present; Alderman Wilshire and Alderman Cookson were recorded absent.

Mayor James W. Donchess and Corporation Counsel Steven A. Bolton were also present.

### REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

I wanted to speak with you about the Safe Stations Program which began on Thursday. The model is after Manchester which started a very similar program in early May. The way this works is that any person who wishes to seek help, treatment or recovery, can go to one of our six fire stations and talk with a firefighter and taken in and then will be picked up by Harbor Homes and transported to either a shelter like the Maple Street Shelter where Tom works or to the medical detox beds that they have at High Street. Harbor Homes will work with the person and enable them to get into a longer term treatment program. We have all heard how serious a problem this has been in Nashua and throughout the State of New Hampshire. We have parents and grandparents who are stricken with grief over children or grandchildren who are caught in addiction. We have the neighbor who says someone is dealing next door and we have the teachers who report they have kids in their classrooms whose parents are involved with heroin and come to school without enough food and care. Of course there are the deaths and overdoses that we have seen, seven deaths in September and seven deaths in October and fortunately of one so far this month. I think this is an important response that the city is making here to enable people to have another route towards recovery. The results in the last five days have been good, at least two people have gone into the stations and more people have called. I went over the Harbor Homes today because of a Thanksgiving dinner that they have and they told me that they think six or seven people have come into their program and a number of them have been sent to Farnum and other treatment facilities as a result of the Safe Stations initiative. Many people participated in what I think is a big step forward and a big success, Chris Stawasz from AMR; AMR responds to every medical call anyway, including all of the OD's. He understood the program well from Manchester and was definitely very critical. Our fire department chief and all of the firefighters who are participating at each of the stations, our health department who helped provide additional training to the fire fighters beyond the Narcan training that they have already received. Harbor Homes is participating, Peter Kelleher and everyone over there making sure that this program works. The Opioid Task Force and the hospitals and other people have been very involved and they all have been necessary in making this possible. The one thing that I am asking from the city is that Harbor Homes does not have the funds to cover the cost of transportation on an indefinite basis so I propose that we allocate \$20,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year out of the contingency account. Peter Kelleher is the head of the partnership for successful living where Harbor Homes will come to discuss this at whatever committee this resolution goes to. We've talked about the fact that he can report on what the real costs are after 90 days or so and as we gain experience with the program and see what the cost of transportation might be we can use the funds to reimburse Harbor Homes for that purpose and I hope in the end you will endorse that expenditure.

On a lighter note, we have the Holiday Stroll coming up on Saturday and I hope everybody can go. Paul Shea has done a great job this year and has gotten the usual 50 different performances of music going on and has gotten additional food trucks. It's usually a very successful night for downtown. We have the enhanced holiday lights that have been put up by the Parks & Rec Department. These were funded through the budget which you appropriated and in addition an allocation made by the Downtown Improvement Committee. Everybody got together and chose the additional lights that you see. I think it is something that we can build on in the future if we care to. I wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

Alderman Lopez

Having a front row seat I can say that the drivers and shelter staff at Harbor Homes have really stepped up and they are committed to making this happen. There is a very much all hands on deck mentality. There was one unit reserved at Maple's Arms to be a hold station because at times when you pick someone up after hours or on a weekend other programs aren't open and you can't tell that person to come in a couple of days. They need someone to be with them. So while there is a unit reserved for that the rest of the shelter is substance free. It is a fledgling initiative; we've already seen some extremely powerful results out of it. I will be abstaining from the vote just to avoid any semblance of a conflict of interest.

Alderman McGuinness

Mayor Donchess, I heard you on Monday morning and there was a number that was mentioned, something like 600 people had applied to this program, were you discussing Manchester as the model?

Mayor Donchess

Yes.

Alderman McGuinness

I was impressed with that number.

Mayor Donchess

Manchester started the program on May 4<sup>th</sup> and it's not totally up to today but within the last week the number of people who had reported into the program in Manchester was around 700. We have already had six or seven people in five days and I think quite a few people will participate. The firefighters are already delivering through their normal response to medical emergencies 30 plus doses of Narcan per month which means they are reviving 30 OD's per month. That's about one per day. They have saved a lot of lives; we don't know how many of those would have passed away but a good number. I think the fire department should be commended for that and for this.

RECOGNITION PERIOD – None

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2016, AND THE PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED BY THE PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF NOVEMBER 15, 2016, BE ACCEPTED, PLACED ON FILE, AND THE READINGS SUSPENDED**

**MOTION CARRIED**

COMMUNICATIONS

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

From: Mayor Jim Donchess

Re: Notification of Entry into Contract with Essex Power Services for Operation and Maintenance of Two Hydroelectric Facilities

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT TO ESSEX POWER SERVICES  
MOTION CARRIED**

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO ITEMS EXPECTED TO BE ACTED UPON THIS EVENING - None

PETITIONS – None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Finance Committee .....11/16/16

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the November 16, 2016, Finance Committee accepted and placed on file.

Human Affairs Committee .....11/14/16

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the November 14, 2016, Human Affairs Committee accepted and placed on file.

Planning & Economic Development Committee.....11/15/16

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the November 15, 2016, Planning & Economic Development Committee accepted and placed on file.

WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS – None

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-16-073**

- Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
- Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
- Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
- Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
- Alderman June M. Caron
- Alderman Richard A. Dowd

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$46,592 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INTO POLICE GRANT ACTIVITY “2016 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL)”**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-16-073  
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-16-073 declared duly adopted.

**R-16-078**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderswoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$87,573 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY "STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM" INTO FIRE GRANT ACTIVITY "2016 HAZMAT WIDE AREA MONITORING"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-16-078  
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-16-078 declared duly adopted.

**R-16-079**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$61,900 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY "STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM" INTO POLICE GRANT ACTIVITY "2016 TACTICAL AND HAZMAT ROBOT"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-16-079  
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-16-079 declared duly adopted.

**R-16-080**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$49,364.76 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY "STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM" INTO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT ACTIVITY "2016 INFLATABLE SHELTER"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-16-080  
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-16-080 declared duly adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-16-081**

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess  
**AMENDING THE PURPOSE OF THE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR OPERATING THE JACKSON MILLS DAM TO A HYDROPOWER RESERVE FUND FOR BOTH DAMS**

Given its first reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD TO ACCEPT THE FIRST READING OF R-16-081, ASSIGN IT TO THE BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017, AT 7:00 PM IN THE ALDERMANIC CHAMBER  
MOTION CARRIED**

**R-16-082**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman Benjamin M. Clemons  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderman Ken Siegel  
Aldерwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
Alderman Don LeBrun  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$20,000 FROM DEPARTMENT 194 – CONTINGENCY, ACCOUNT #70100 – GENERAL CONTINGENCY TO DEPARTMENT 109 – CIVIC & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION 56 – OUTSIDE AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING TO HARBOR HOMES FOR THEIR ROLE IN THE SAFE STATIONS PROGRAM**

Given its first reading; assigned BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE by President McCarthy

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

**O-16-024**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman David Schoneman  
Alderman Benjamin M. Clemons  
Aldерwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd

**EXTENDING THE OVERNIGHT ON-STREET PARKING PROGRAM INDEFINITELY AND ALLOWING RESIDENTS OF ORANGE STREET AND WHITNEY STREET TO PURCHASE OVERNIGHT ON-STREET PARKING PERMITS**

Given its first reading; assigned to the COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE by President McCarthy

**O-16-025**

Endorser: Alderman Richard A. Dowd

**AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY REZONING THREE LOTS ON AMHERST STREET FROM AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL (AI) TO HIGHWAY BUSINESS (HB)**

Given its first reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO ACCEPT THE FIRST READING OF O-16-025, REFER IT TO THE PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE NASHUA CITY PLANNING BOARD AND THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016, AT 7:00 PM IN THE ALDERMANIC CHAMBER  
MOTION CARRIED**

**O-16-026**

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Ken Siegel  
Aldерwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
Alderman Sean M. McGuinness  
Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

**COMBINING THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS AND THE BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION CODE APPEALS INTO ONE BOARD OF BUILDING AND FIRE CODES APPEALS**

Given its first reading; assigned to the PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE by President McCarthy

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Alderman Lopez

I want to encourage everyone that small business Saturday is on Saturday and it's nice to support our local businesses.

Alderman O'Brien

I want to thank our fire fighters to open up their homes for our residents to come in with a Safe Station initiative. It proves exactly the quality of force that we have in the city. I thank the rank and file guys that are doing this.

Also, for everyone who will be using a turkey fryer, read the directions and Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman LeBrun

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and I want to thank the numerous organizations around town, the fire fighters, the police and others that have provided food baskets, meals, clothing and etc. to many of those who less fortunate than ourselves.

Alderman McGuinness

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and I am looking forward to the stroll on Saturday.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

I would echo Alderman O'Brien's comments regarding the firefighters. I commend all of them for their support for the community. I know some of you were at the lighting of the mural downtown and thank you to Positive Street Art who is coming up to their 5 year anniversary. As part of the festival of trees will be at the Hunt Bldg. Santa is arriving at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The festival of trees will be open until 9:00 p.m. and then open the next day from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and also open for the Symphony's Holiday House Tours. Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman Schoneman

I would like to extend my condolences to the family of Roger Johnson, a long-time Ward 3 resident. He was very active in the community and he became a good friend.

Also I think the downtown looks great for the holidays. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Alderman Siegel

I would like to thank the Mayor and all of those who worked on the Safe Stations Program. It's nice to see that we are using best practices and that we are learning from other municipalities in helping people. There is a cost but the cost is much greater when someone dies or we have to rescue somebody. We are talking about human life. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, God bless everybody.

Alderman Caron

I too would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. On December 3<sup>rd</sup> the Lion's Club will be holding a Santa breakfast to benefit the Nashua Senior Center from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and then the craft fair and the gingerbread contest runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 per person, \$5.00 from ages 5 to 12 and 4 and under is free.

Alderman Dowd

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe one.

Alderman Clemons

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hopefully we will see you at the stroll on Saturday.

President McCarthy

I want to express my condolences for former Alderman Art Craffey and his family on the passage of his wife last week.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and the mural is a beautiful addition to the city. Positive Street Art does a fantastic job on those things.

Committee announcements:

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Strategic Planning will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Planning and Economic Development Committee will meet December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Alderman Moriarty

December 1<sup>st</sup> is the Pennichuck Water Special Committee is at 7:00 p.m.

Alderman Dowd

Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> is the Budget Review Committee at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SIEGEL THAT THE NOVEMBER 22, 2016, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Attest: Judith Boileau, Deputy City Clerk