



MUNICIPAL SERVICES, FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Council Chambers B, Keene City Hall
June 25, 2025
6:00 PM

A. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Joe Schapiro - Safety Issues Associated with On-Street Parking - Church Street
2. Withdrawal: Proposal to Add the Necessary Infrastructure to Accommodate Banners Across Main Street
3. Goose Pond Spillway Bridge Proposal - Parks & Recreation and Engineering
4. Presentation: Martell Court Force Main Evaluation - Public Works Director
5. Verbal Update: Downtown Infrastructure Project - Public Works Director
6. Relating to Prohibited Parking in Proximity to Driveways
O-2025-22

B. MORE TIME ITEMS

1. Frederick MacMillan - Request to Install a Sculpture at Patricia Russell Park

NON PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

We are writing to request a change in parking regulations on Church Street in the vicinity of the Gathering Waters Charter School. As you may know when the Monadnock Waldorf School built an addition in 2001 meetings with members of the immediate community resulted in an informal agreement to have school staff, parents, and visitors park on the south side of Church Street only. This agreement generally worked well for the next 20 years. When the school became Gathering Waters School, however, in 2020, the number of students increased dramatically and the parking situation became more problematic. When we met with school administrators they were sympathetic, but attempts to maintain the historic policy were unsuccessful. In fact, one of the school administrators at that time suggested that we ask the city to prohibit parking on the north side of the street.

At least twice a day the parking situation is inconvenient at best and dangerous at worst. Cars are parked past the "no parking here to corner" signs. Cars are idling for long periods. Cars are parked on the sidewalks, parked very close to or blocking driveways, parked in the wrong direction, etc. In an emergency it would be difficult for an emergency vehicle to turn onto Church Street from South Lincoln Street and it is difficult to back out of one's driveway. In the winter when snow banks encroach upon the street the situation is exacerbated.

We would like to suggest two solutions. First, similar to Adams Street in the Wheelock School area, we would request that the north side of Church Street, between South Lincoln and Probate Street, be posted with "no parking 8 am - 4 pm on school days" signs. Another option might be permit parking only. Second, we would request clearly delineated parking spaces at a safe remove from driveways on the south side.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter,

Joe Schapiro

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Nicole Demarest
288 Church Street

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CITY OF KEENE NEW HAMPSHIRE

Meeting Date: June 25, 2025

To: Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee

From: Carrah Fisk-Hennessey, Parks and Recreation Director
Bryan Ruoff, City Engineer

Through: Elizabeth Ferland, City Manager

Subject: **Goose Pond Spillway Bridge Proposal - Parks & Recreation and Engineering**

Recommendation:

Accept as informational plans to fundraise and build a pedestrian/bicycle path bridge to cross the Goose Pond spillway.

Attachments:

None

Background:

The Parks and Recreation Department, in collaboration with the Greater Goose Pond Stewardship Committee and City Engineering Staff, has been actively exploring the feasibility of constructing a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the Goose Pond spillway.

The proposed bridge would be located approximately 80 feet downstream of the spillway, providing a safe, protected route that eliminates the need for trail users to walk across the active concrete spillway—where water depth and flow can vary—when completing the loop trail around Goose Pond.

To date, the following project tasks have been achieved with municipal team coordination:

- Preliminary plan development
- Spillway hydraulics review to determine the required bridge height
- Site evaluations with City staff and stakeholders
- Field delineation and wetland confirmation
- Initial fundraising planning
- Consultation with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES)

The final design of the bridge structure is expected to be completed in the coming weeks. Fundraising efforts to support the furnishing and installation of materials are planned to take place

once the final design is complete. Pending weather conditions, bridge installation is anticipated for early fall 2025.



CITY OF KEENE NEW HAMPSHIRE

ITEM #A.4.

Meeting Date: June 25, 2025
To: Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee
From: Donald Lussier, Public Works Director
Through: Elizabeth Ferland, City Manager
Subject: **Presentation: Martell Court Force Main Evaluation - Public Works Director**

Recommendation:

Accept as informational

Attachments:

None

Background:

All wastewater collected within the City of Keene, as well as a portion of flows from Marlboro and Swanzey are conveyed by a 2-mile long force main from the pump station on Martel Court to the wastewater treatment plant in Swanzey. This pipeline is arguably the most critical asset in our wastewater treatment system; there is no redundancy, and no practical alternative method for transporting wastewater to the plant. Failure of the pipe would result in untreated wastewater discharging into the Ashuelot River for days (if not weeks).

The FY22 Capital Improvement Plan provided funds for a detailed inspection of the pipe. The City also requested and received Congressionally Directed Spending to assist with the cost of the project.

The City's engineering consultant has completed their evaluation and will provide the Committee with a presentation of their findings and recommendations.



CITY OF KEENE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Five

AN ORDINANCE Relating to Prohibited Parking Areas

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

That the City Code of the City of Keene, New Hampshire, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding the bolded underlined text and deleting the stricken text from the provisions of Section 94-67, "Prohibited Areas" in Division 1, "Generally", in Article IV of Chapter 94, entitled "TRAFFIC, PARKING AND PUBLIC WAYS" as follows:

Sec. 94-67. - Prohibited areas.

It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle at any time contrary to any of the following unless otherwise directed by a police officer:

- (4) In ~~front of or close~~ **proximity** to a public or private driveway, **as follows:** ~~whether on the same side of the street as the driveway entrance or on the opposite side, if it inhibits use of the driveway.~~
 - a. **Within 5 feet of a driveway in any residential zone, including low density, low density 1, medium density, high density and high density 1.**
 - b. **Within 10 feet of a driveway in all other zones.**
 - c. **Directly across the street from a driveway if it obstructs the normal use of the driveway.**

Jay V. Kahn, Mayor

In City Council June 19, 2025.
Referred to the Municipal Services,
Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.


City Clerk