



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES,
FACILITIES AND
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Council Chambers B
March 9, 2016
6:00 PM

City of Keene
New Hampshire

Janis O. Manwaring
Randy L. Filiault
Robert J. O'Connor
Stephen L. Hooper
Gary P. Lamoureux

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| 1. COMMUNICATION | Phil Suter/Greater Keene Chamber of commerce –
Removal of Granite Curbing – West Side of
Central Square – Sidewalk Café License |
| 2. MEMORANDUM | City Clerk – Significant Items of Legislation |

MORE TIME ITEMS:

- A. Reconstruction of the City Roadways and the Addition of Sidewalk Construction to Reconstruction Projects - Council Policy
- B. Dorrie O'Meara – Granite Curbing – West Side of Central Square

Possible Non-Public Session



February 22, 2016

City Council
City of Keene
3 Washington St.
Keene, NH 03431

In City Council March 3, 2016.

Referred to the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee whom will meet Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, Keene City Hall. You are hereby notified of the meeting and requested to be present.

City Clerk

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing in reference to the letter from Dorrie O'Meara (Moxie Realty LLC), which appeared in the February 18, 2016 Council Packet.

Specifically, Ms. O'Meara requests that the granite curbing "starting at Mon Amie Jewelry to Amidon Jewelry" be removed, because she has "had several issues with the patio setup as well as much need for expansion."

As the Council knows, the Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce owns #48 Central Square, located between the two jewelry stores Ms. O'Meara refers to in her letter.

While I am not necessarily opposed to Ms. O'Meara's desire to expand sidewalk seating – it's an attractive feature of the downtown during the warmer months – I am opposed to restaurant seating in front of our office during normal business hours.

As you know, the Chamber serves as a visitor center for the City and, more broadly, for the entire Monadnock Region. Our highest foot traffic times are April-October – times that coincide with peak sidewalk dining season in the City. It can be difficult for some visitors to navigate the sidewalk during peak dining hours, especially if there are tables set up in front of our building.

In addition, the handicapped ramp access to our building also serves the Public Defender's office next door, so keeping access to the ramp as clear as possible is important.

I am more than willing to work with the Council and Ms. O'Meara to make the west side of Central Square as commercially and visually appealing as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Philip N. Suter
President/CEO

City of Keene
NEW HAMPSHIRE

March 7, 2016

TO: Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee

FROM: Patricia A. Little, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: Significant Items of Legislation

Each year City staff reviews legislation in an effort to identify which proposals impact their departmental operations. This effort is directed by a City Council policy adopted in 2009 that recognizes a community's effectiveness at influencing legislation is dependent upon identifying issues which are important and then communicating positions in a timely fashion.

For the convenience of the staff and the City Council, web pages are maintained that lists bills by specific departments. These legislative web pages link to the State of New Hampshire legislative pages where information regarding the bill text, docket information and proposed recommendations of the Committees can be found.

While departments have been given the discretion without seeking direct authorization from the City Council to testify on specific bills; there is always a role for the Council as the governing body. Of all the pieces of legislation that are being tracked by City staff, there are certain ones that are considered *significant enough* to be brought to the attention of the Keene City Council for an official position of the City. The staff considered the following criteria in determining whether a piece of legislation is significant:

- * Results in a Budgetary Impact
- * Results in Significant Operational Impacts or Service Delivery
- * Validates or contradicts a statement in the Comprehensive Master Plan

The significant items of legislation are referred to the Standing Committee that has responsibility for the underlying issue. City staff will be present to explain the legislation and the basis of their recommendation. A typical motion for the Committee would be to endorse the position of the City staff.

HB 1619**An Act relative to the Use of Narcan**

House Bill 1619-FN provides that hospitals in Hillsborough County shall, prior to discharge of any patient who has been admitted after receiving Narcan, offer the patient the option to meet or speak with a recovery coach or receive contact information for a recovery coach. 'Recovery coach' means an individual who has completed the accepted curriculum defined by the board of licensing for alcohol and other drug use professionals. This bill would also mandate that hospitals report to the commissioner of health and human services the number of patients who accepted and the number of patients who declined counseling. Such information would be beneficial in deciphering the effectiveness of the utilization of recovery coaches.

The Coordinated Access Point Program will be launching shortly in Cheshire County and is built around the premise of linking addicts with recovery coaches when they are ready for treatment. Because the current heroin epidemic is not limited to any one county, staff believes HB 1619 should not be limited to hospitals located in Hillsboro County, but rather all hospitals in the State.

Staff Recommendation: Support with an amendment to expand the legislation statewide