



**PLANNING, LICENSES AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Council Chambers A
April 27, 2016
7:00 PM

City of Keene
New Hampshire

David C. Richards
Philip M. Jones
Bettina A. Chadbourne
George S. Hansel
Robert B. Sutherland

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| 1. COMMUNICATION | Swamp Bats – Request to Discharge Fireworks |
| 2. COMMUNICATION | Big Brothers Big Sisters – Request to Use City
Property – Stiletto Sprint |
| 3. COMMUNICATION | Clarence DeMar Marathon – Request to Use City
Property – Community Event |
| 5. TABLED REPORT -
REFERRED BACK | Requesting that the City Council Take a Position
on the Kinder Morgan Pipeline |
| 4. MEMORANDUM | Police Captain – Large Gathering Ordinances |

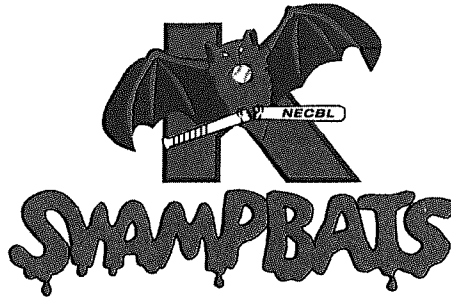
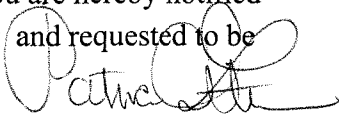
MORE TIME ITEMS:

More Time Awaiting Either Public Hearings/Planning Board Review/Joint Committee:

- A. Ordinance O-2016-01: Creation of Residential Preservation District, a Business Growth District and Re-Use District
- B. Suggested Ban on Single Use Plastic Bags

Possible Non-Public Session

In City Council April 21, 2016.
Referred to the Planning, Licenses and
Development Committee, which will
meet Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at
7:00 PM in Council Chambers, Keene
City Hall. You are hereby notified
of the meeting and requested to be
present.



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City Clerk
April 15, 2016

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

City Council Members:

Per this letter, the Keene SwampBats request your approval to host a Class B Fireworks display on two separate dates:

Weds, June 22nd

Sun., July 3rd

These events would take place at Keene's Alumni Field on Arch Street, immediately following the regularly scheduled SwampBats game on those nights, at approximately 9:45 pm. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kevin D. Watterson, Pres.
Keene SwampBats



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March 23, 2016

Mayor Kendall W. Lane
3 Washington St.
Keene, NH 03431

City Clerk

Dear Mayor Lane and the Keene City Council,

Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire would like to respectfully request approval to close Railroad Street on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 3pm – 6pm for the Annual Stiletto Sprint. We further request to reserve the following Sunday, September 18, 2016 for a rain date.

Our Young Philanthropists for Mentoring (YP4M) Committee and BBBSNH staff will be organizing the Stiletto Sprint once again. The YP4M Committee is a group of young professionals who help raise financial support and awareness for Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire.

The goal for the Stiletto Sprint event is to help raise funds for our mentoring programs while garnering positive media coverage for the City and awareness of the agency. All proceeds from this event will support Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire's mission to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported, one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire will work with your Council and the Fire and Police Departments to make this a successful and minimally disruptive event. We will require every participant to sign a release of liability waiver as well.

Please know that our agency is willing to work with your Council to select an alternative date and/or time and/or street to host this event if necessary.

If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please contact me at 603-669-5365 x2211. We look forward to continued collaboration with the City of Keene.

Sincerely,

Gregg Burdett
CEO

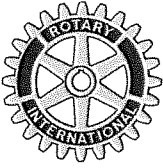


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Greater Keene: 310 Marlboro Street, Keene, NH 03431 (603) 352-9536

Greater Nashua & Salem: 33 Main Street #401, Nashua, NH 03064 (603) 883-4851

Greater Seacoast: 4 Greenleaf Woods Drive #201, Portsmouth, NH 03801 (603) 430-1140



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April 8, 2016

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Keene City Council
3 Washington St
Keene, NH 03431

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City Clerk

Re: 39th Annual Clarence DeMar Marathon and 3rd Annual DeMar Half Marathon
Request for City Event permit

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Councilors,

The Keene Elm City Rotary Club respectfully requests an event permit for our official
Community Event; the annual Clarence DeMar Marathon and DeMar Half Marathon to be held
on Sunday, September 25th 2016. A part of our event includes the Kids DeMar Marathon and
Super Senior DeMar Marathon programs.

I invite all members of city government and staff to join us on the quad at Keene State College to
experience the energy and personal accomplishment of so many people on race day.

I am available for any questions you might have.

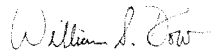
Yours in service,

Alan Stroshine, Race Director
Member, Keene Elm City Rotary Club

Keene Elm City Rotary
PO Box 1786
Keene, NH 03431

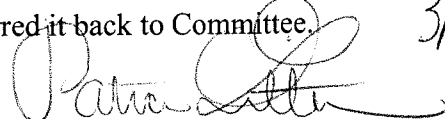
Clarence DeMar Marathon Corp is a 501c3 organization – Tax ID: 02-0454040

In City Council April 7, 2016.
Tabled the report. Public information
meeting set for Thursday, April 21, 2016
at 6:30 PM.



Deputy City Clerk

In City Council April 21, 2016.
The Mayor removed the PLD Report from
the table and referred it back to Committee.


City Clerk

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City of Keene
NEW HAMPSHIRE

March 23, 2016

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Planning, Licenses and Development Committee

SUBJECT: **COMMUNICATION: Sarah Wilton, Skye Stephenson & Councilor Clark -
Requesting the City Council take a Position on the Kinder Morgan Pipeline**

On a vote of 5-0, the Planning, Licenses and Development Committee recommends that the City Council direct City staff to draft a resolution to the PUC identifying the concerns the City has for the NED pipeline's effect on Keene residents.


Chairman/Designee

Background:

Sarah Wilton, 127 School Street addressed her request noting her concerns first that the Council acknowledge its constituents who have written countless letters appearing in the Sentinel especially those that oppose the New England Direct (NED) pipeline. Secondly, Ms. Wilton would like the Council to acknowledge the community, neighbors, and cities that are opposing this pipeline that are in our region. Ms. Wilton named the communities opposing the pipeline. Ms. Wilton said the Council has a choice of looking to the future or remaining in the past. She noted the earlier discussion regarding plastic bags adding there was agreement on the importance of Keene's environmental vision. Rejecting the pipeline is consistent with promoting our environmental ethics promoted by Antioch University, our green businesses, and renewable energy; as well as Project 2020. Referring to a Sentinel article yesterday, Ms. Wilton suggested the pipeline breaks the environment in many ways; 1) the extraction process releases methane emissions, 2) laying the pipe destroys wildlife habitats, and 3) the pipe leakages break the environment (one pipeline leak every 30 hours from 1986 and 2014). After additional comments Ms. Wilton stated that corporations like

Kinder Morgan have more power than our collective communities and states; she continued entering into any agreement with fossil fuel corporations such as Kinder Morgan puts our families and communities at a disadvantage, and a very unequal power relationship. Ms. Wilton noted the many citations Kinder Morgan has received.

Councilor Jones asked if we did this what organizations would we be petitioning. Ms. Wilton said there are two things; 1) you would support Keene going on record as filing for intervenors status with Federal Emergency Regulatory Commission (FERC), second Keene would be joining the coalition of other communities opposing the pipeline. Councilor Jones clarified the deadline for claiming intervenors status has passed; he asked if other communities filed before the deadline. Ms. Wilton agreed they had and noted FERC is allowing some flexibility in this matter.

Councilor Sutherland reported he did some research on this by going to the FERC website to understand what it took to be an intervenor. Councilor Sutherland shared his findings. He asked if the City was being asked to comment or intervene in a court proceeding. Councilor Sutherland did look up Docket CP 16-21 owner Tennessee Gas Pipeline, LLC with the project name Northeast Energy Direct. He noted there are three opportunities for public input within the process. Continuing on Councilor Sutherland stated our interests here are for other communities and we're being asked to comment on something that has to do with air and water which has federal implications; Councilor Sutherland continued his comments wanting clarity on what was being asked. Ms. Wilton clarified she is asking Keene to file for intervenors status on behalf of all 25,000 residents of Keene. Councilor Sutherland asked if this was an invitation for Kinder Morgan to come here and tell us what they're offering. He noted he would like to have full knowledge of what's going on. Councilor Sutherland continued his comments noting he is unsure whether this request should go to local legislators, directly to FERC (from Ms. Wilton), or to the EPA. Ms. Wilton reiterated her thought that it should go to the City Council because she wants the City to be on record either opposing or supporting the pipeline as are other cities in our region.

Councilor Clark addressed Councilor Sutherland's question of what standing the City of Keene has on this issue noting the standing is very important and hasn't really been discussed. Councilor Clark reported that Kinder Morgan is asking electrical rate payers to pay for this project; every person in Keene who receives an electric bill will be affected by this so that is where our standing is. He continued it is real economic sense to what we're asking of you. Councilor Sutherland agreed that is concerning, noting he doesn't think the City of Keene has any authority over utility rates; he thinks this is something that would go to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) or the Consumer Protection office at the state level.

Chair Richards clarified the request is for us to write a letter opposing the pipeline along with other communities.

There being no additional Committee comments/questions Chair Richards asked for public comments.

Patricia Martin, of 17 Power Road, Rindge addressed Councilor Sutherland's question commenting yes, you should be concerned for all rate payers in Keene and the State of New Hampshire that they will be paying for this pipeline. Yes, the PUC is going to make a decision and so is FERC.

Currently we have 3 to 4 billion cubic feet of natural gas coming into all of New England; we use about 1 billion cubic feet per day to generate our electricity for all of New England (50% of our electricity). The proposals coming before us would increase the natural gas supply coming into New England by almost 70%. Since 2013 our wholesale electric costs have dropped almost 60% and yet we have seen no reduction in our retail electricity rates. Ms. Martin introduced Representative James McConnell to address the export scheme that is behind this proposal. Ms. Martin continued her comments noting the Cheshire County Commissioners did file for intervenors status.

Representative James W. McConnell, of 17 Suburban Acres, Swanzey outlined the Kinder Morgan proposed pipeline route starting in the fracking fields of Pennsylvania out to the Maritimes. This is an export pipeline with Kinder Morgan running around New England looking for opportunities to pretend they have demand up here. So far all they have been able to do is sign a couple of agreements with Liberty. The reason Keene and every other rate payer on the grid has a problem with this is because the Governors met two years ago and determined they needed more gas capacity here in New England, and would be happy to pay for it on the backs of New England electric rate payers. They are proposing a tariff and in addition the idea that electric generating companies could contract for capacity on the pipeline which they may or may not use. This would mean Kinder Morgan would be able to build the pipeline on the backs of the rate payers whether or not the demand was here. This is public funds paying for a private company's pipeline. Representative McConnell's content and desire with the Bills that have been filed along with arguments to the PUC are that if Kinder Morgan is required to pay for this pipeline based on economic demand they will run into real trouble. Beginning in December 2015 Kinder Morgan's outlook was downgraded from stable; there was a 30% drop in their stock price in 10 days. The downgrade applied to 44 billion dollars of pipeline debt; adding another 5.2 billion for this project that has no real demand might be more than they can handle. Kinder Morgan's expectation has been that they would have overseas demand; last February 9th the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) filed with the Department of Energy to block the export permits which they knew where the basis under which this pipeline was being proposed. Happily, the price overseas has dropped quite a bit since then; but the IECA were afraid given the export scale they were talking about the price of natural gas would go up. That matters to us as well because 50% or thereabouts of our electricity is generated by natural gas. That increase would be felt here in the New England grid. Recently, Repsol the owner of one of the major facilities up in New Brunswick has indicated they will no longer be going through with their 2 to 4 billion dollar conversion to allow for the export of gas though the terminals up there. This is because the price of natural gas overseas has dropped so dramatically. Our fear is if Kinder Morgan is allowed to get us to buy this pipeline for them it will be a gigantic case of overkill with no advantage to New Hampshire or the rest of the New England grid. It will also do tremendous damage to the 17 towns in southern New Hampshire that it will go through. Representative McConnell addressed the growth of the pipeline industry as it came out of World War II. He noted the FERC requirement for scoping sessions; many letters were sent to FERC suggesting these sessions couldn't be held because much of the information provided by Kinder Morgan along these routes was TBD's. Ten days after the scoping sessions began Kinder Morgan dropped a 6,500 page change to what they had submitted on the towns. Representative McConnell proposed a Bill that would prohibit the PUC from allowing Kinder Morgan to charge rate payers. We should see a report out on this late in the summer. Representative McConnell noted another Bill requiring the PUC to consider any number of things such as the public good; which thus far they have not proceeded to do. Representative McConnell suggested the Governor has been less than helpful as she is in

support of this pipeline. He noted Kinder Morgan is very aggressive; they have a number of lobbyists, one was a former PUC Chairman, and another one was a PUC Commissioner. Continuing his comments Representative McConnell suggests the TV commercials suggesting lower electric prices are nonsense.

Acknowledging the end of Representative McConnell's presentation Chair Richards thanked him and noted he got a lot of information about things he didn't know. Chair Richards asked for questions/comments from Committee members.

Councilor Hansel asked Representative McConnell if eminent domain is a factor in this. Representative McConnell replied in the affirmative. They have the right to exercise eminent domain once they get their Certificate of Convenience from FERC. Representative McConnell noted a Bill that would require them to take the entire parcel once they take the piece they want. Chair Richards asked for clarification that the company Kinder Morgan was authorized to exercise eminent domain. Representative McConnell verified Kinder Morgan is authorized to exercise eminent domain; permission is granted by FERC. Councilor Hansel asked if eminent domain issues would come up on extensions off this pipeline; potentially one going to Keene. Representative McConnell replied in the affirmative; if they had laterals the same condition would apply. Councilor Hansel commented that would potentially affect Keene residents' properties down the line. Representative McConnell concurred.

Councilor Jones asked why we aren't petitioning the PUC. Representative McConnell indicated that is who you should be petitioning. FERC will be making a number of decisions and may provide additional periods to become an intervenor. Right now the PUC wants to hear from anyone opposing the project. Those of us opposed to this project would love to have the City of Keene express reservations about this project.

Patricia Martin, of 17 Power Road, Rindge reported on an additional connection noting Liberty Utilities is owned by Algonquin; Liberty Utilities is the only entity contracting on the pipeline right now. Liberty Utilities bought the gas company here in Keene. We have learned their parent company has a 10% stake in the NED pipeline, and Eversource has a 40% stake in the Algonquin project. She noted the power generators have not signed up for any of this gas. Ms. Martin continued the price of natural gas the other day was \$1.70/per dekatherm, and if we had the capacity contracts the utilities would be asking the power generators to pay the \$1.70 plus \$1.50 for the reservation capacity per dekatherm. This sounds like a very bad deal that the rate payers will be stuck with.

Jerry Silverman, of 67 East Lake Road, Fitzwilliam displayed photos of pipeline construction. Addressing why Keene should be a part of this Mr. Silverman reported on the Coalition formed last year. He noted the Town of Fitzwilliam joined in May and holds meetings every two weeks. Mr. Silverman contends this is a regional impact, not a state impact; it is really a Northeast impact as it goes from Pennsylvania to the coast and beyond. The pipeline is a real threat to the environment and our water quality. Mr. Silverman made note of the outdated technology utilized. Mr. Silverman concluded by saying Keene is not an island, you are our hub, and we need your support.

Councilor Carl Jacobs commented he did learn many things tonight; he added there are environmental and economic concerns if this project moves forward. He reported he has been attending the Regional Issues series put on through the Chamber of Commerce and has been involved in some regional efforts surrounding the arts. Councilor Jacobs commented sometimes Keene acts like a 500 pound gorilla; here are our neighbors that have identified a real problem, just because we don't see it in our backyard we don't seem to want to care about our neighbors. Councilor Jacobs continued he thinks he has been convinced tonight that the problem is actually in his backyard. He commented here are our neighbors asking us for help; noting he thinks we should give that consideration and he hopes we take some action. Chair Richards thanked Councilor Jacobs for his comments noting we don't usually think that way; he added they really opened his eyes.

Patty Stevenson, of 14 Barrett Avenue thanked those present for bringing their expertise in this issue forward. She shared her knowledge of the struggle in Massachusetts to prevent the pipeline from going through many towns. Ms. Stevenson noted the original pipeline route had nothing to do with New Hampshire; she also noted the potential danger to our water system the pipeline could cause.

Seth Reece, of the Richmond Planning Board noted the research he has done on this issue since being advised the pipeline wanted to come through this region. He reiterated earlier comments regarding Liberty Utilities and New Hampshire Gas. Mr. Reece reported Keene would have the ability to receive clean natural gas at the expense of the 18 towns the pipeline will cross. Mr. Reece reported Kinder Morgan currently uses 30 inch diameter pipe with the gas running at about 1,500 PSI; he noted the devastation that could be caused by leaks and the resulting explosions. Noting that Keene residents might save a few cents on gas Mr. Reece asked they take into consideration the risk this puts on your southern New Hampshire neighbors. When the blasting begins for this pipeline they will be crossing three major stratified drift aquifers; if the blasting cracks these aquifers they will go way underground and become inaccessible to the well fed southern residents. Mr. Reece commented he would love to see Keene go to bat and support its neighbors.

Stephanie Scherr, of Fitzwilliam thanked the Committee for hearing those present and invited Keene to join them as their big sister town. She made note of the possible compressor stations in New Ipswich, Northfield, Mass, and Winchester. Ms. Scherr continued her comments noting we are talking about the Connecticut Valley region. Ms. Scherr encouraged Keene to support these efforts.

Susan Durling, of Winchester noted her health concerns with this pipeline. Ms. Durling asked how she can get all her files to the Committee. Noting our email is very limited Chair Richards agreed a link to her documents would be acceptable. Ms. Durling indicated she would also forward a NHDES report on stratified drift aquifers; she displayed a photo depicting the aquifers and the pipeline and suggested Keene's water would be affected.

Susan Silverman, of 67 East Lake Road, Fitzwilliam referred to a Sentinel article noting regional Fire Chiefs have met to discuss the health and safety of this project. She mentioned the recent gas leak in Keene that was very scary; she added we are talking about the potential for something much worse. Ms. Silverman reported Rhododendron State Park is part of the route for the pipeline; she note this is a regional asset. Ms. Silverman is also looking for support from Keene in this endeavor.

Noting the late hour Chair Richards asked for Committee members thoughts.

Councilor Hansel commented he is moved by our neighbors coming and addressing their concerns. His own private research yielded a similar opinion. He comes to the place of where is Keene's input going to be most effective; he feels if Kinder Morgan is going to have New Hampshire rate payers pay for this pipeline where they will be exporting the majority of the gas they are basically asking every rate payer in New Hampshire to speculate on international gas prices. Councilor Hansel's suggested course of action is for the City of Keene to send a letter to the PUC letting them know that Granite Stators pay some of the highest rates in the country and we should not have to suffer bill increases so that energy companies can take their land by eminent domain. We need to get the point across that this seems like a lose-lose situation for the residents of the Monadnock Region.

Agreeing with Councilor Hansel's comments, Councilor Jones asked the City Attorney if the response should be by resolution rather than letter. The City Attorney commented the Council has taken a number of different approaches to these types of things, and it depends on what approach the Committee and Council would like to take. Councilor Jones indicated he would like to see this done by resolution; he added it would be important for us to see a draft of the resolution before going on and approving it. Chair Richards explained the resolution process.

Councilor Sutherland noted he appreciated the educational commentary provided this evening; he added there is still information he doesn't know. He is most concerned that anything this City Council does is effective; he is not interested in just the letter but where it goes and what impact it will have. Councilor Sutherland suggested there may be multiple letters. Discussion continued with Councilor Hansel replying to Chair Richards the PUC is reviewing information right now. Chair Richards also wanted additional information on FERC's intervenor's status. Representative McConnell replied intervenor's status gives one the ability to comment and take/be party to a legal action. Representative McConnell recommended Keene send FERC a letter as the opportunity for intervenors status is closed; our focus at the moment is with the PUC. Susan Silverman, of Fitzwilliam indicated she would be happy to forward a copy of the letter sent to the SCC from the town of Fitzwilliam. Chair Richards agree this would be helpful. Ms. Silverman indicated Keene could still intervene at FERC; she agreed with Representative McConnell's comments you could intervene just to have a say and to be informed. She indicated the FERC process would be going on at least until the end of this year when they finish the final environmental impact statement. Ms. Silverman suggested the state level is a place where you can really make a difference.

Noting the hour Chair Richards suggested the focus should be on exactly who we're sending it to and why; have all the information provided to the City Attorney to start crafting the letter. The City Attorney explained this is a five week month; he assumed the Chair is talking about having this go to Council on April 7th for instructions to move forward with this process. If that is the case the next PLD Committee meeting would be on April 13th. Chair Richards clarified he was thinking it would first come back to this Committee.

Councilor Jones recommended a resolution addressed to the PUC noting that's the part that affects Keene residents the most. This shows our sister communities we're on their side; we can also send a copy to FERC showing our opposition. He recommended keeping it very simple; Councilor Hansel agreed noting the key issue is against having New Hampshire rate payers paying for this construction. Councilor Hansel suggested this is what would be most effective and is the key to

what links the pipeline to Keene residents and our constituents. Attorney Mullins asked if you're going to ask the full City Council to approve that or are you asking staff, after the Council meeting of April 7th to come back with a resolution that you will consider and then send on to the Council. Discussion continued with Attorney Mullins noting the question before the Committee is should the City Council take a position with respect to the Kinder Morgan pipeline through the PUC by drafting a resolution, and a letter, to the PUC. Chair Richards agreed the right answer is to go to the full Council first. The City Manager suggested the shorter version of this would be to make a motion tonight to request the City Attorney and staff draft a resolution to go back through the Council process.

There being no further questions/comments from the public or Committee Chair Richards asked for a motion.

Councilor Hansel made the following motion which was seconded by Chair Richards.

On a vote of 5-0, the Planning, Licenses and Development Committee recommends that the City Council direct City staff to draft a resolution to the PUC identifying the concerns the City has for the NED pipeline's effect on Keene residents.

The City Manager said he thinks the verbiage is fine beyond the Planning, Licenses and Development Committee recommends that the City Council. Chair Richards agreed.

Toby Tousley, of 499 Washington Street asked if he was only allowed to discuss the motion on the floor. Chair Richards replied in the negative. Mr. Tousley discussed alternative energy sources and electricity production in this region. He suggested listening to the other side and that natural gas is a good alternative to get us to the next 30 years. Members of the public provided additional comments in response to Mr. Tousley's comments. Chair Richards halted additional comments at this time, again noting the hour, and advised that this issue would go before City Council in two weeks and be back before this Committee in three weeks.

Police Department
City of Keene, New Hampshire

Date: April 26, 2016

To: Planning, Licenses and Development Committee

Through: Medard Kopczynski, City Manager
Brian Costa, Chief of Police *det #111*

From: Steve Stewart, Police Captain *SMS #102*

Subject: Large Gathering Ordinances

Recommendation:

Informational.

Background:

On March 9th 2016 the committee met and heard a presentation from a Keene citizen relative to his concern over larger gatherings of students.

The committee directed city staff to look into the topic of other municipalities in New Hampshire that had adopted large gathering ordinances. Specifically, the towns of North Hampton and Sutton were referenced.

I have spoken with officials in both towns and learned that neither is really comparable to Keene.

Both are much smaller and lack a college population. North Hampton's ordinance was born out of efforts to curb a local music and art festival that intended to draw large crowds into a residential neighborhood on a regular basis.

Sutton considers their ordinance to be unenforceable as its first version lacked a penalty component and efforts to legislate a new version failed due to lack of public support. Their renewed and subsequently failed efforts to enact this ordinance were in response to safety concerns during events at a regional high school in the town.

North Hampton's ordinance requires a permit (or waiver from the police chief for private parties on residential properties) for gatherings of over 200 people. The process was the source of much discussion and confusion for several years.

Recently approved applications in North Hampton include events such as, road races, bike rides, car shows, cross country track meets held at a golf course, and charity benefits held at

private establishments. Were these events to occur in Keene, the vast majority would have been handled through existing protocols relative to community events and outdoor periodic events.

Additionally, I spoke with police officials in the towns of Durham and Hanover. Durham has no specific ordinances that address the number of people at private gatherings. Hanover does have an outdoor activity ordinance. This ordinance has no specific provision for the number of people in attendance. Additionally, due to the makeup of Dartmouth College, large off-campus parties are virtually non-existent as all of their fraternities and sororities are located on college property. These on-campus parties are largely regulated through a system that requires them to register with Dartmouth's Office of Conferences and Events.

As outlined at the previous meeting the police department has long-standing partnerships with KSC, KFD and the city's code enforcement department in dealing with quality of life and life safety issues.

The resolve of these partnerships was certainly solidified after the events surrounding Pumpkin Fest 2014.

Keene State College has been very active through their Office of Student Conduct in holding students accountable for their conduct both on and off campus. Additionally, the college has provided sizeable amounts of funding to support extra police patrols aimed at reducing quality of life and life safety issues.

City police, fire and code are in regular communication regarding a variety of quality of life and life safety issues.

Over the course of the first semester we saw a 33% reduction in noise complaints, a 52% reduction in Unlawful Possession of Alcohol arrests and a 60% reduction in Open Container of Alcohol offenses.

While there is currently no statistical data from the yet to be completed spring semester, the same strategies as previously outlined have been applied with good results to date.

In summary, the police department believes we have the right tools, the right partnerships and the right strategies in place to help improve quality of life and life safety issues in the city, while still staying securely within the bounds of our department's mission statement.