



MUNICIPAL SERVICES, FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Council Chambers, Keene City Hall
May 27, 2026
6:00 PM

A. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Terri O'Rorke - Request to Address Nuisance Dog Barking During Daytime Hours
2. Report Out - Concerns Relating to Cars Congesting Royal Avenue During School Pick-up
3. NHDOT Reconstruction of Rt. 101 - Project Update - Public Works Director
4. Court Street Water Main Replacement Project Project Easements — City Engineer
5. Staff Report - Chemical Detections in Groundwater - Assistant Public Works Director and Laboratory Manager
6. Downtown Infrastructure Project Update - Public Works Director

B. MORE TIME ITEMS

NON PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

April 21, 2026

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council,

I am looking to have this issue placed on an upcoming City Council meeting, please. This is in reference to nuisance barking dogs. I understand from a recent talk with Officer Grimes that owners of dogs who constantly bark during the night time can be fined. However, there is nothing addressing this constant, continuous daytime barking in neighborhoods.

I have been in touch with Officer Grimes since last year about this issue, she assures me she has spoken to the owner, but without any "teeth" in the ordinance there's not much else she can do. I have been documenting this nuisance barking since last year, dropped off this year's (so far) documentation to Animal Control and am including just one day of it (April 13) with this letter for a better understanding of what my neighborhood goes through on a typical day. With the days getting longer, weather getting better and more people out and about, I anticipate another year like the previous two.

I understand what may need to happen is legislation, perhaps an amendment to the current RSA 466:31. Guidance from the Council could be helpful.

Thank you,



Terri O'Rourke

34 Hillside Ave.

4.13.2026 owner gone, curtain open. From **1:56pm to 2:25-** barking constantly at a woman who is jogging & then walking by (circling the neighborhood) A good **HALF HOUR!!!**

2:32- who knows why for a couple mins.

From **3:23-3:53**-kids playing outside. They finally shut up at 3:56!!!

4:01- after 5 mins. of quiet, same kids playing in dog yard (owner not home). I can hear dogs bouncing off the window and see it shaking under their weight!!

4:20- **STILL BARKING!!! FOR NEARLY AN HOUR!!!**

4:26- who the hell knows why!!!

4:28- Heidi walking her dog, more crazy barking, bouncing off window. This has been going on for **over an hour!!**

5:15- kids on scooters in & out of dog yard

5:25- **STILL BARKING!** Now a man & 2 kids jog by. Finally shut up at 5:27.

6:04- I walk by, crazy barking begins

6:47- Walk back to my house, more barking. Owner is now home, quiets them. Too bad the neighborhood didn't have that luxury during the day!!

6:55- kids in dog yard, starts barking again. Owner shuts them up, how thoughtful.



CITY OF KEENE NEW HAMPSHIRE

ITEM #A.3.

Meeting Date: May 27, 2026
To: Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee
From: Donald Lussier, Public Works Director
Through: Elizabeth Ferland, City Manager
Subject: **NHDOT Reconstruction of Rt. 101 - Project Update - Public Works Director**

Recommendation:

Move that the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee recommend that the Report from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation be accepted as informational.

Attachments:

None

Background:

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) provided a presentation to the MSFI Committee regarding the planned reconstruction of Rt. 101 between Optical Avenue and Branch Road on September 27, 2023. Since that date, the design has progressed and the project team have scheduled a Public Hearing on the project for Thursday, May 28TH at the Keene Public Library.

Staff from NHDOT and CHA Consulting, Inc. will provide the Committee with a project update and discuss the process as it moves towards construction.



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Meeting Date: May 27, 2026

To: Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee

From: Bryan Ruoff, City Engineer

Through: Elizabeth Ferland, City Manager
Donald Lussier, Public Works Director

Subject: **Court Street Water Main Replacement Project Project Easements — City Engineer**

Recommendation:

Move that the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee recommend that the City Manager be authorized do all things necessary to negotiate and execute temporary access agreements and permanent easements with the affected property owners necessary for the construction and future maintenance of the Court Street River Crossing Water Main Replacement Project.

Attachments:

None

Background:

As part of the City's CIP-planned Court Street Water Main Replacement Project, currently in final design and scheduled for construction in FY27, the existing 10-inch cast iron water main installed in the 1930s on Court Street between East Surry Road and West Surry Road is proposed to be replaced with a new 12-inch HDPE water main.

As part of the project scope, the proposed water main alignment includes installation of a portion of the main beneath the Ashuelot River using horizontal directional drilling (HDD). During the design process, this approach and alignment were determined to be the most suitable and preferred method and location for installation of the replacement water main.

To accommodate the proposed alignment and allow for the installation, future operation, and maintenance of the water main, utility easements and temporary access agreements for construction are required for the project.



CITY OF KEENE NEW HAMPSHIRE

Meeting Date: May 27, 2026

To: Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee

From: Aaron Costa, Asst. Public Works Directors/ Operations Mgr.
Andrew Keyser - Laboratory Manager
Donald Lussier, Public Works Director

Through: Elizabeth Ferland, City Manager

Subject: **Staff Report - Chemical Detections in Groundwater - Assistant Public Works Director and Laboratory Manager**

Recommendation:

Move that the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee recommend accepting the report relating to Chemical Detections in Groundwater as informational.

Attachments:

None

Background:

The City of Keene supplies its customers with approximately 2 million gallons of water every day. To meet this demand, the City has three separate water supplies, none of which can meet the current daily water needs alone. Two surface water reservoirs in Roxbury, three groundwater wells located off Court Street, and one groundwater well located off West Street.

Each well field has multiple monitoring wells surrounding the production wells. The Laboratory Division within the Public Works Department samples these monitoring wells for various contaminants. In October 2025, staff detected low levels of a compound called Iprodione, which is a fungicide and nematicide, in Production Well 3 located off Court Street. Staff will present its findings to the committee as well as steps taken and the action plan moving forward.