



PLANNING, LICENSES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Council Chambers A, Keene City Hall
July 7, 2021
7:00 PM

A. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Kevin Watterson - Change in Date - Request to Discharge Fireworks
2. Keene Elm City Rotary Club - Use of City Property - Clarence DeMar Marathon
3. Danya Landis/Machina Arts - Request to Erect a Parklet in Public Parking Spaces
4. Councilor Gladys Johnsen - Legislative Authority to Install Parklets in Parking Spaces

B. MORE TIME ITEMS

1. Terry Clark - Relating to Small Wireless Facility Deployments in Public Rights-of-Way
2. Keene Music Festival - Request to Use City Property
3. Keene Kiwanis Club - Request to Use City Property - Tree Lighting Ceremony



CITY OF KEENE NEW HAMPSHIRE

ITEM #A.1.

Meeting Date: July 7, 2021
To: Planning, Licenses and Development Committee
From: Kevin Watterson
Through: Patricia Little, City Clerk
Subject: Kevin Watterson - Change in Date - Request to Discharge Fireworks

Recommendation:

Attachments:

1. Communication_Swamp Bats

Background:

The discharge of fireworks scheduled for Independence Eve was canceled due to rain. Kevin Watterson is requesting a new date of July 31, 2021 for the discharge.



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303 Park Ave. • Keene, NH 03431 • (603) 357-5464

July 2, 2021

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 move our annual Independence Eve celebration to Sat., July 31, 2021. Weather conditions prohibited us from staging this annual event on July 3rd. Recall, it includes a Class B Fireworks display put on by Atlas Pyrotechnics.

The event will be very similar to our traditional Independence Eve in that the SwampBats will play their last regular season game, starting at 6:30 pm, followed by the fireworks display at approximately 10 pm.

Please know that Atlas has already started the re-permitting process with the State of New Hampshire, pending your approval of this request. I am available to attend any committee meetings or the Council meeting itself should you so desire. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Kevin D. Watterson, Pres.
Keene SwampBats



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ITEM #A.2.

Meeting Date: July 7, 2021

To: Mayor and Keene City Council

From: Alan Stroshine
Elm City Rotary Club

Through: Patricia Little, City Clerk

Subject: Keene Elm City Rotary Club - Use of City Property - Clarence DeMar Marathon

Council Action:

In City Council July 1, 2021.

Referred to the Planning, Licenses and Development Committee.

Recommendation:

Attachments:

1. Communication_Stroshine

Background:

The Keene Elm City Rotary Club requests an event permit for their official City of Keene Community Event; the annual Clarence DeMar Marathon and DeMar Half Marathon to be held on Sunday, September 26th 2021.



June 28, 2021

Mayor George Hansel
Keene City Council
3 Washington St
Keene, NH 03431

Re: 43rd Annual Clarence DeMar Marathon and 7th 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 City of Keene Community Event; the annual Clarence DeMar Marathon and DeMar Half Marathon to be held on Sunday, September 26th 2021. 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



CITY OF KEENE NEW HAMPSHIRE

ITEM #A.4.

Meeting Date: July 7, 2021

To: Mayor and Keene City Council

From: Councilor Gladys Johnsen

Through: Patricia Little, City Clerk

Subject: **Councilor Gladys Johnsen - Legislative Authority to Install Parklets in Parking Spaces**

Council Action:

In City Council July 1, 2021.

Referred to the Planning, Licenses and Development Committee.

Recommendation:

Attachments:

1. Communication_Johnsen

Background:

Councilor Johnsen is requesting that the Legislative Delegation be approached as to whether they can assist with legislation that would provide for the legislative authority to locate a parklet in a public parking space.

June 29, 2021

Dear Mayor Hansel and City Councilors,

During our PLD meeting on June 23rd the topic of parklets was again discussed. At that time, City Attorney Mullins shared his research about municipalities using streets and sidewalks, without having direct authority from the State. I then asked whether we could meet with our State Senator and Representatives, to see if they could help our committee make a temporary regulatory decision—most specifically for this summer season.

Chairperson Bosley explained how this discussion is much more complicated than we had originally thought. I heard, appreciated, and understood her reasons why we could not approve any parklets; however I am asking that this issue be included in the agenda for our upcoming City Council Meeting on July 1, 2021. Perhaps there might still be a way to help our business owners as they try to recover from the Covid-19 limitations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Councilor Johnsen

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gladys Johnson", with a stylized flourish at the end.