

**COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2018**

Mayor Casavant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Michael Swanton, John McCurry, Jr., Stephen St. Cyr, Amy Clearwater, Norman Belanger, Michael Ready, Laura Seaver, Marc Lessard

Robert Quattrone, Jr. was excused.

The Council, and all who were present, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustment to the Agenda:

- Add Update on Fire Department Contract Negotiations

Game of Chance Application: York County Veterans Alliance

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to recommend issuance of the Game of Chance license to York County Veterans Alliance.

Vote: Unanimous.

Consideration of Minutes: **December 4, 2018**

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Swanton to accept the minutes as printed.

Vote: Unanimous.

Orders of the Day:

2018.143

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL.....DECEMBER 18, 2018

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager be authorized to purchase two (2) 2020 Peterbuilt plow trucks as per bid of December 7, 2018 (the “Equipment”) from Whited Peterbuilt (the “Vendor”) and may pay the Vendor an amount not to exceed \$434,744.00 (before discounts valued at \$85,000.00) for the Equipment as follows:

1. The City of Biddeford expects to incur debt to reimburse expenditures to pay the cost of the Equipment;
2. The City of Biddeford reasonably expects that the maximum principal amount of the debt, including for reimbursement purposes, is \$434,744.00;
3. The City Manager, on behalf of the City of Biddeford, is authorized to enter into a lease purchase, loan or other financing agreement for the Equipment provided that (a) the principal amount of such agreement will not exceed \$434,744.00, (b) the term of such agreement will not exceed one hundred and twenty (120) months and (c) any obligation of the City of Biddeford to make lease or loan payments pursuant to such agreement is subject to annual appropriation by the City Council of the City of Biddeford;
4. The City Manager is authorized to advance money from the General Fund of the City for payment of the costs of the Equipment; and
5. The City Manager, on behalf of the City of Biddeford, is authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, deliver and cause to be performed, and to approve, any and all agreements, instruments, certificates and other documents, and to grant security interests in the Equipment, upon such terms, conditions, limitations and undertakings, which the City Manager determines are necessary and proper for the acquisition and financing of the Equipment, provided that any lease purchase, loan or other financing agreement will be countersigned by both the Mayor and the Treasurer of the City of Biddeford. Without limiting the foregoing, the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Biddeford, in connection with the acquisition of the Equipment, is authorized to sell, transfer, trade in or otherwise dispose of any equipment, which the City Manager determines is no longer useful to the City of Biddeford.

NOTE: The Finance Committee will review this item on December 18, 2018 and vote to recommend it to the City Council for approval. The purchase of this item is included in the FY19 CIP budget

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Seaver to grant the order

Vote: Unanimous.

2018.144

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL....DECEMBER 18, 2018

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager be authorized to sign a unit cost contract with J Pratt Inc. of Hebron, Maine for the construction of the Main Street Sidewalk Reconstruction Project 2018, Phase II as per the bids opened on November 13, 2018, in the bid amount of \$1,416,247.00, and to expend additional funds for project support costs for a total projected project cost of \$1,500,000, funding for this work to be as outlined in the memo from James A. Bennett, titled "Next Phase on Main Street Improvements (Funding Sources)" dated December 11, 2018.

NOTE: The Finance Committee will review this item at their December 18, 2018 meeting. The Capital Projects Committee has been provided a copy of the Project Information for their review.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Seaver to grant the order.
Vote: Unanimous.

2018.117

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..OCTOBER 2, 2018

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiation and execute an agreement with Hans and Anne Asoera, or their designated representative, owners of the property located at 1 Bay Street (GIS 60-48), to facilitate landscape improvements at said property and the public right-of-way to the beach substantially in the form presented in the letter from Jessica Kimball of Terrence J. DeWan & Associates dated August 2, 2018. The final terms of the agreement shall be beneficial to the City of Biddeford in consultation with the City Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that any cost associated with the negotiated agreement shall be the responsibility of the property owner except as otherwise required by law.

NOTE: This authorization is limited to the establishment of an agreement between the parties. This Order does not guarantee or otherwise convey or imply permit approval for the proposed improvements. All permitting shall be administratively processed under the independent jurisdiction of the applicable agency, board, commission, or committee.

Motion by Councilor Swanton, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to remove the order from the table.
Vote: 6/2; Councilors McCurry and Lessard opposed.
Councilors Swanton, St. Cyr, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Seaver in favor.
Motion carries.

The original motion to grant the order is under consideration:

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to amend the order by including that the final easement agreement needs to come back to the Council for approval.

Councilor Lessard wished to go on record as offering the City \$2,000.00 for the property in question, along with all legal fees to finalize the transaction.

Vote on amendment: 3/5; Councilors Seaver, Belanger and Clearwater in favor.
Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Ready and Lessard opposed.
Motion to amend fails.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor McCurry to table this order until the first meeting in April 2019.
Vote: 3/5; Councilors Lessard, McCurry and Seaver in favor.
Councilors Swanton, St. Cyr, Clearwater, Belanger and Ready opposed.
Motion to table fails.

Vote on order: 3/5; Councilors Belanger, Clearwater and Swanton in favor.
Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr, Ready, Seaver and Lessard opposed.
Order fails.

2018.145 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..DECEMBER 18, 2018**
BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II Buildings, **Section 18-26 et al - Registrations and Inspections**, be amended by adding the following:

2018.145 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..DECEMBER 18, 2018**
BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II Buildings, **Section 18-26 et al - Registrations and Inspections**, be amended by adding the following:

2018.145 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..DECEMBER 18, 2018**
BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II Buildings, **Section 18-26 et al - Registrations and Inspections**, be amended by adding the following:

Article II: BUILDINGS

DIVISION 1: REGISTRATIONS & INSPECTIONS

§ 18-26 Purpose.

The City intends to hold owners of multifamily dwellings accountable and responsible for the maintenance of safe living conditions by establishing a multifamily dwelling unit registration and inspections program. Many owners form limited liability companies and other various forms of proprietorships in order to have undisclosed and unidentifiable principals. Many individuals no longer have landlines and communicate mainly with cell phones which are mostly unlisted. This makes the effort to locate the person(s) who owns the property extremely difficult and very time consuming. By requiring the disclosure of ownership, it provides a transparency to the citizens of Biddeford and enables City officials to perform their duties. The City intends to improve safety and sanitary living conditions for the residents of multifamily dwellings by establishing a program of regular inspections of such properties through its Code Enforcement Office. The City seeks to assure properties come into compliance with current life safety codes and standards, and that owners are alerted to any detrimental conditions that could place tenants at risk. The City intends to work cooperatively and proactively with owners of such properties by setting a protocol for regular inspections, as well as providing owners with clear standards for maintenance of their properties.

§ 18-27 Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

DWELLING UNIT

A single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

LIFE SAFETY INSPECTION

An inspection performed by the Code Enforcement Office to evaluate the building for compliance with current life safety standards and compliance with the International Property Maintenance Code.

MULTIFAMILY DWELLING

A building containing three or more dwelling units located all within the same structure and under the same ownership.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FIRM

Any company responsible for the management of a multifamily dwelling unit and which has access and control over the entire premises.

PROPERTY MANAGER

Any individual responsible for the management of a multifamily dwelling unit and who has access and control over the entire premises.

§ 18-28 Multifamily dwelling unit ownership/registration.

A. Owner(s) of a multifamily dwelling building shall register their ownership with the City. Registrations are due annually or within 30 days of purchase of the property. If a new owner registers mid-year, they will not be charged unless the inspection is scheduled for that year, as long as the annual fee has already been paid for the building.

The registration is valid through the calendar year.

B. Registrations will be done through the Code Enforcement Office. All fees shall be made payable to the City of Biddeford and shall be processed at the submission of the registration.

C. In the event the owner uses a property management firm or has a property manager, the owner shall provide the property manager's or property management firm's contact information at the time of registration. If the property management changes during the twelve-month registration period, the owner shall notify the City within 30 days of the date of the change.

D. The annual registration and inspection fee is \$25.00 per dwelling unit.

(E) Newly constructed multifamily dwelling units/buildings **requiring a certificate of occupancy for the entire building** shall be exempt from inspection requirements for 10 years from the date of issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

§ 18-29 Inspections.

A. Life safety inspections for all multi-families shall be completed every 5 years. The owner will be notified at the time of registration if the inspection will be completed that year, or a later year. Once a property has been inspected, it will not be re-inspected for five years thereafter, unless there is just cause.

B. Upon two weeks of notice, the owner shall grant the Code Enforcement Office full access to the property during the life safety inspection. This shall include, but not be limited to, each dwelling unit, all common areas, all basements, all outbuildings, and any other area of the property the Code Enforcement Officer deems necessary to inspect.

§ 18-30 Violations and enforcement.

A. The Code Enforcement Office shall have the primary responsibility for enforcement of this article. If the Code Enforcement Officer, or his/her designee(s), determines that a violation of this article has occurred, he or she shall send a notice to the property owner indicating a violation exists, and a time frame for remediation shall be established. Subsequent violations of this article shall be subject to the penalties set forth below.

B. Violations are as follows:

(1) Failure to register shall result in a penalty fee of \$250 assessed for each **ten(10)** calendar days **which elapse** after that date until such time the registration fee and all penalty fees are paid in full.

(2) Failure to update property management/owner contact information shall result in a penalty fee of \$250 for each **ten(10)** calendar days **which elapse** after the date the owner was required to notify the city until such a notice is given and all penalty fees are paid in full.

(3) Providing false information shall result in a penalty fee of \$1,000 for each **ten(10)** calendar days **which elapse** after such information was provided until such time as the information is corrected and all penalty fees are paid in full.

(4) **Failure Refusal** to allow the Code Office to conduct the inspection shall result in a fee of \$1,000 for each **calendar** day until the inspection is complete.

(5) Renting a unit that has not been registered shall result in a fee of \$250 for each **ten(10)** calendar days **which elapse** after the unit was rented until such time the registration fee and all penalty fees are paid in full.

NOTE: The Policy Committee considered this ordinance amendment at their December 10, 2018 meeting and voted unanimously to recommend passage by the City Council. {The Policy Committee revisions are highlighted}

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Seaver to grant the first reading of the ordinance amendment, which includes the deletion of Ch. 18, Division 7 – Disclosure of Building Ownership.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to amend the ordinance to include that if the inspection program comes to an end, the annual fees will no longer be charged. Vote; Unanimous.

Motion by Councilor Swanton, seconded by Councilor McCurry to amend the ordinance by specifying that the annual fees will be due on January 1st of each year; and that a notice of registration and inspection will be sent out during the first week in December each year.

Vote: 1/7; Councilor Swanton in favor.

Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready, Seaver and Lessard opposed. Amendment fails

Vote on first reading of the ordinance, as amended: Unanimous..

2018.146 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 18, 2018**
BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-100 Disability Parking**, is amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows::

Sec. 42-100 Disability Parking

(c) ~~Except as otherwise established elsewhere in this Chapter Any a vehicle displaying the required a disability plate or placard issued; in accordance with 29-A M.R.S.A. § 521, shall be allowed to park for double the allotted time without any time limitations imposed under section 42-92 for Downtown Streets. may park in a public way on any street without time limits.~~ All other posted parking restrictions shall apply.

NOTE: The Policy Committee considered this ordinance amendment at their December 10, 2018 meeting and voted 4/1 to recommend passage by the City Council.

Motion by Councilor Seaver, seconded by Councilor Belanger to grant the first reading of the ordinance amendment.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Seaver to amend the ordinance by eliminating “for Downtown Streets;” and to further amend to replace with, “or Sec. 42-58 “ in the Code of Ordinances.
Vote: 5/3; Councilors Lessard, Ready and McCurry opposed.
Councilors Swanton, St. Cyr, Clearwater, Belanger and Seaver in favor.
Amendment carries.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Ready to amend the ordinance by reverting back to the originally proposed language, which doubled the allotted time limitation imposed under section 42-92.
Vote: 4/4; Councilors Seaver, Belanger, Clearwater and Swanton opposed.
Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr, Ready and Lessard in favor.
Mayor Casavant voted in opposition to break the tie. Amendment fails.

Vote on first reading of the ordinance: 5/3; Councilors Lessard, Ready and McCurry opposed.
Councilors Swanton, St. Cyr, Clearwater, Belanger and Seaver in favor.
Motion carries.

2018.147 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 18, 2018**
BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-90 No Parking**, is amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

Cardinal Lane, odd-numbered side, from the intersection with Marial Avenue to dead end.

NOTE: The Policy Committee considered this ordinance amendment at their December 10, 2018 meeting and voted unanimously to recommend passage by the City Council.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Swanton to grant the first reading of the ordinance amendment.
Vote: Unanimous.

2018.148 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..DECEMBER 18, 2018**
BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-90 No Parking**, is amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

Lily Pond Avenue, both sides, from the intersection with Fortunes Rocks Road, both entrances, entire street.

NOTE: The Policy Committee considered this ordinance amendment at their December 10, 2018 meeting and voted unanimously to recommend passage by the City Council.

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Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Swanton to grant the first reading of the ordinance amendment.
Vote: 7/1; Councilor McCurry opposed.
Councilors Swanton, St. Cyr, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready, Seaver and Lessard in favor.
Motion carries.

2018.149 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 18, 2018**
BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article III, Parking Stopping and Standing, **Section 42-59 Snow Emergency Parking Ban**, be amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

The following provisions shall apply during snow emergencies as declared by the Director of Public Works:

- (1) When the Director of Public Works deems it necessary to allow for the safe and efficient removal of snow and ice from the public ways within the City, the Director may declare that a snow emergency exists. The Director of Public Works will announce the snow emergency by notifying the local radio and television media, and request that they make periodic announcements of the parking ban. The Director will state in his notice that during the hours of the emergency, parking of motor vehicles is prohibited on any way or municipal parking lot within the jurisdiction of the City, except that the municipal parking lots at the Community Center (Myrtle Street side only) ~~and~~ Clifford Park East Biddeford Little League parking lot (on Hill Street), Public Access parking lot (on Pool Street) and Sullivan Street parking lot, are open for parking during the period of the emergency at no fee; and the, Foss Street Parking Lot, Washington Street Parking Lot, Gas House Parking Lot, and the Water Street Parking Lot are open for parking during the period of the emergency on a pay-per-use permit-only basis.

NOTE: The Policy Committee considered this ordinance amendment at their December 10, 2018 meeting and voted unanimously to recommend passage by the City Council.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Belanger to grant the first reading of the ordinance amendment.
Vote: Unanimous.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor McCurry to suspend the rules and allow for the second reading and allow this ordinance amendment to be effective immediately.
Vote: Unanimous.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the second reading of the ordinance amendment.
Vote: Unanimous.

2018.150 **BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 18, 2018**
BE IT ORDERED, that the Biddeford City Council does hereby grant approval pursuant with Title 15 M.R.S.A. §5824(3) & §5822(4)(A) to the transfer of 500.00 in U.S. Currency, or any portion thereof, on the grounds that the City of Biddeford Police Department did make a substantial contribution to the investigation of this or related criminal case.CR-17-777. These funds shall be transferred to the City of Biddeford, Asset Forfeiture Account 3119-40576.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the order.
Vote: Unanimous.

2018.151 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..DECEMBER 4, 2018**
BE IT ORDERED, that the regularly scheduled Council Meeting of January 1, 2019 be re-scheduled for Thursday, January 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers due to the fact that January 1st is New Year's Day.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the order.
Vote: Unanimous.

Appointments:

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 18, 2018

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby appoint **Councilors Amy Clearwater and Michael Ready** to the *Homelessness Initiatives Group*, coordinated in conjunction with Seeds of Hope.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointments.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 18, 2018

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

Carmen J. Morris
City Clerk

as *Biddeford's Voter Registrar* for the State required two-year term; with a term to expire January 2021.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 18, 2018

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby appoint:

William Southwick

as the CHAIR of the *Planning Board* for 2019.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 18, 2018

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

Kenneth Pendleton
25 Harding Street
Ward 4

to the *Biddeford Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC)*, for an initial term to expire in December 2023.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 18, 2018

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

Brian Fleurant
77 Prospect Street
Ward 4

to the *Board of Assessment Review*, for a term to expire in December 2023.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 18, 2018

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

Donald Harper
421 West Street
Ward 3

to the *Cable T.V. Committee*, for a term to expire in December 2021.

Motion by Councilor Swanton, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 18, 2018

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby appoint:

Julian Schlaver
34 Union Street

to the *Downtown Committee* as the Downtown Development Commission representative.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 18, 2018

ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

Sean B. Tarpey
110 Cleaves Street
Ward 2

to the *Zoning Board of Appeals*, for a term to expire in December 2021.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

Public Addressing the Council...(5 minute limit per speaker; 30 minute total time limit):
A couple citizens addressed their comments to the Council.

City Manager Report:

City Manager, James Bennett shared the following:

- (1) The City recently received a \$15,000 Grant from the Maine Community Foundation. He noted that Biddeford is one of the first communities in Maine to embark on a project to convert all streets lights to LEDs.
- (2) He and Mayor Casavant met with folks from the Census Bureau; and he reminded folks that the Census is coming up again soon.
- (3) City Staff from all departments have collectively adopted three families this holiday season and have bought gifts for members of these families in order to provide a wonderful Christmas for these families who otherwise would have gone without.
- (4) Eight of the City's Offices/Departments are participating in a Decorating Contest this holiday season. The judging of the decorations will be this Friday, Dec. 21st.
- (5) On behalf of all City Employees, he extended best wishes for safe travels to all who are traveling during the holiday season; quiet and uneventful shifts for our public safety personnel; and Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to all.
- (6) Due to erroneous comments made during Public Addressing the Council, he invited citizen Jason Litalien to meet with him to gain clarification on TIFs since Mr. Litalien's interpretation was completely off during his public comments. Specifically, Jim wanted to ensure that the public understands that the TIF does not provide that the City build a parking garage.

Other Business:

Councilor Swanton; noted the following:

- 1) Westbrook Skating Rink is owned by the City; however, it is run by volunteers.
- 2) Channel 3, (the public access channel) is now Channel 1301
- 3) The City needs a better way of educating the public about TIF financing
- 4) Urged folks to go to City Hall on Monday, Dec. 24th since it will be open from 8:00am to noon.

Councilor Lessard: wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He also thanked the Council and Mayor for all the good work that has been done over the past year; as well as for the decorum that has been kept throughout the year.

Councilor Lessard asked about the reconsideration of the vote to close City Hall on Monday, December 24th (Christmas Eve), which had failed at the December 4th Council Meeting. He asked about the possibility of City Hall staying open later one evening next week if it were to close on Monday. City Manager, James Bennett stated that he doesn't feel that keeping City Hall open later would be efficient.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to reconsider Order 2018.142 – Authorization/Closure of City Hall on Christmas Eve (4 Hours).
Vote: 2/6; Councilors Seaver and Clearwater in favor.
Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Belanger, Ready and Lessard opposed.
Motion fails.

Council President Addressing the Council: Councilor McCurry announced that at this evening's Finance Committee meeting, it was approved to install a portable toilet somewhere in the downtown. This decision came about as a result of the Homelessness Initiatives presentation by Rev. Shirley Bowen of Seeds of Hope at the December 4th council meeting. City Staff will work on the logistics of the portable toilet, i.e. placement and maintenance.

Councilor McCurry thanked the Council and City Staff for all the work done this year.

Councilor McCurry believes that the Mill owners should pay for their own parking; but also believes that the tenants of the Mill buildings have the right to park on the streets like everyone else. He feels that the City has created their own parking issues by giving waivers to certain businesses.

Lastly, Councilor McCurry wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Addressing the Council: Mayor Casavant announced that the York District Health Council recently awarded the City's Recreation Director, Carl Walsh as a Volunteer of the Year. This is a wonderful recognition of all the hard work and effort Carl puts into all he does.

Mayor Casavant wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year; and he thanked the Council for all their hard work over the past year.

Executive Session: 1 MRSA 405(6)(D)...Labor Contract Negotiations – DPW Supervisors and Fire Department

Motion by Councilor Swanton, seconded by Councilor Lessard to move into Executive Session.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Seaver, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr to move out of Executive Session.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 8:28 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Seaver, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr to adjourn.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 8:28 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk