

**COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2020**

*NOTE: Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held virtually (via ZOOM),
and was live streamed on the City's website*

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

Roll Call: John McCurry, Jr., Stephen St. Cyr, Amy Clearwater, Norman Belanger, Michael Ready, Doris Ortiz, Marc Lessard

William Emhiser and Robert Quattrone, Jr. were excused.

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Presentation: Update from Maine Water

Richard Knowlton of Maine Water gave an overview of the proposed Saco River Drinking Water Treatment Facility, and informed the Council that Maine Water intends to go to the Public Utilities Commission in January 2021 to gain permission to adjust water rates for Maine Water customers. Major points regarding the new infrastructure investment include:

- The new facility replaces one built in 1884 and renovated in 1936. Further renovations to the existing plant, located in the flood plain of the Saco River, are not cost effective.
- The new facility is designed to last into the next century: improved energy and process efficiencies, reducing operating costs, improved reliability and flood resilient.
- The new technologies and efficiencies gained to create a more carbon-friendly footprint benefitting the environment and local community.

Recognition: Spirit of America Volunteer of the Year 2020 – Holly Culloton

Mayor Casavant recognized Holly Culloton as a *Spirit of America Volunteer of the Year*. Holly is recognized for her advocacy for social justice, beautifying our downtown, and her energies in our parks and community gardens. Overall, Holly is there whenever and wherever she is needed and her volunteer efforts have benefited the City immensely.

Public Hearing: 10th Amendment to the Rte. 111-Mill Redevelopment Municipal Development & TIF District

City Manager, James Bennett gave an explanation of what the 10th Amendment means: namely, it separates out the Saco-Lowell property from this TIF District; and it asks to allow the City to fund more and different items than those already approved in the TIF.

The Chair opened the public hearing at: 6:34 p.m.

Louise Merriman, representing the *Friends of the Biddeford Mill Clock Tower*, asked that the Mill Clock Tower be placed in the Pearl Street Park for the community to appreciate and learn of its history.

Jason Litalien, resident of Ward 3, could not find the credit enhancement portion of this amendment. He does not agree with the credit enhancements and disagrees that developers should be paid to come to Biddeford.

Mayor Casavant reminded folks that this is about the TIF District, not the credit enhancement.

The public hearing was closed at: 6:38 p.m.

Public Hearing: New Saco-Lowell Municipal Development and TIF District

The Chair opened the public hearing at: 6:38 p.m.

Jason Litalien, resident of Ward 3, feels that the credit enhancement does need to be a part of this discussion as it is part of the provided documents.

The public hearing was closed at: 6:38 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes: **November 17, 2020**

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to accept the minutes as printed.
Vote: Unanimous.

Second Readings:

{For a copy of the ordinance amendments and first readings, see the council meeting minutes of November 17, 2020}

2020.110) Amendment/Ch. 2, Administration/Art. V, Finance/Sec. 2-340-Sole source procurement/Update “Purchasing Agent” Language

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

Vote: Unanimous.

2020.84) Amendment/Ch. 2, Administration/Sec. 2, Division 12-Police Advisory Committee/Various Amendments

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

Vote: 5/2; Councilors Ready and Lessard opposed.

Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr, Clearwater, Belanger and Ortiz in favor.

Motion carries.

Orders of the Day:

2020.115 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..DECEMBER 15, 2020**
BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Biddeford, Maine to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Biddeford as follows:

NOTE: For ease, **highlighted** text identifies text that has been changed (underline = added, ~~strikethrough~~ = deleted).

**Part III (Land Development Regulations), Article V (Establishment of Zones),
Section 2 (General description of zones and allowed uses):**

e. Industrial Zones

- I-3: Is a gateway zone for a major entrance to the City, as such, appearance of structures and properties is a major consideration in the Planning Board's review process. Land use proposals in this area must meet more stringent design and landscaping standards; facades of new or rehabilitated structures shall be of brick or stone, other materials may be considered on a case-by-case basis; residential styled structures may be allowed on a case-by-case basis. The general zone allows for a mix of land uses, a mixture of commercial and industrial uses. Exterior storage and display is prohibited except on those parcels of land that abut Pomerleau Street but do not abut either Barra Road or Alfred street (Route 111). Residential uses are not permitted on the ground floor or the first floor of any building or structure within 300 feet of Alfred Street (Route 111). Residential uses are also not permitted above off-street parking lots or facilities.
- B-2: These are highway-oriented mixed usecommercial areas. Residential development is prohibited from this zone. Residential uses are not permitted on the ground floor or the first floor of any building or structure within 300 feet of Route 1 (Elm Street). Residential uses are also not permitted above off-street parking lots or facilities.

Part III (Land Development Regulations), Article V (Establishment of Zones), Table A (Table of Land Uses):

KEY:

- * Subject to Article VI, Performance Standards, of this ordinance.
- P Permitted use.
- Not permitted.
- C Conditional use. See Article VII for specific standards.
- A Accessory use

	Article VI Section	I-3	B-2
Residential uses:			
Accessory dwelling unit* 27	78		
Accessory structure*	2	P	P
Boarding, rooming house*	10		
Bed-and-breakfast*	9		
Cluster development*	18		
Congregate housing*	19		
Duplex/2-family	24		
Home occupation*	38	C5	C5
Manufactured housing*			
Mobile home park*			
Multifamily dwelling*	47	P5	P5
Planned unit developments*	73		
Single-family dwelling 11	2		
Commercial uses:			
Adult business	3		C17
Amusement center*	5		C
Art gallery			
Art studio			
Auto body shops		C6	
Automobile graveyard, automobile recycling business, junkyard*	7		
Automobile repair, sales		C6	P6
Boat building, repair, marine services, sales, boat livery, marina, yacht club		C6	P6
Building materials retail sales		P	P
Carwash*	14	A6	C6
Commercial gardening, commercial greenhouse*	17		P
Commercial recreation*	18	C	C
Commercial school*	53	P	P
Drugstore/medical supply		P	P
Financial institution		P	P
Firewood processing*	33		
Fisheries processing, storage*	34		
Funeral parlor		P	P
Gasoline service station*	36	C6	P
Hotel/motel*	40	P	P
Indoor theater		P	P
Kennel, veterinary hospital*	42	P	P
Medical marijuana dispensaries		C23,6	
Medical marijuana growing facilities			
Neighborhood convenience store		P	P
Off-street loading and parking lot and facilities, commercial parking garage	49	A6	P9,6
Offices, business and professional*	52	P	P
Planned unit developments*	73		C
Publishing, printing		P	P
Restaurant*	56	P	P
Retail store		P	P

Sawmill*	33		
Services		P	P
Shopping center		C	C
Telecommunications facilities	71	C ⁶	
Wholesale business		P	P
Industrial uses:			
Air transportation related use			
Air transportation dependent use*			
Airport	4		
Bulk oil terminal*	41		
Contractor's storage yard			
Demolition disposal*	23		
Experimental research and testing laboratory	29	C	C
Light manufacturing*	41	P ⁶	C ⁶
Light trucking dependent industry*	41	C ⁶	C ⁶
Manufacturing*	41	C ⁶	
Planned unit developments*	73	C	
Resource recovery facility			
Recycling facilities	76		
Redemption centers			C ⁶
Storage of bulk gaseous fuels*	41	P ⁶	
Transportation facilities		C14,6	
Trucking, distribution terminal*		C ⁶	C ⁶
Warehousing and storage*	60	A	P
Self-storage facilities*	60	C	C25,26
Educational, institutional public uses:			
Addiction treatment facility 22			
Church, synagogue*			C
Civic, convention centers		C ⁶	C ⁶
Community centers, clubs		C	C
Day care center, adult	22	P	P
Day care home, adult	22		C
Day care home, children's	22		C
Day care center, children's	22	C	C
Essential services	27	C	C
Fire, police station		P	P
Group homes, hospice	19		P
Hospital*	39		
Municipal use	47.1	P	P
Museum, library		C	P
Nursing home*	39		
Public and private schools*	53		C
Public facility		P	P
Rehabilitation facility			
University/college*		C	
University uses*		C	
Water supply system		C	C
Outdoor, resource-based uses:			
Agriculture*	3, 31		
Agricultural products processing and storage*	3, 31		

Animal breeding or care	42		
Campground*	13		
Cemetery	14.1		
Extractive industry*	30		P2,6
Farm stands* 13	31		
Timber harvesting	64		
Golf course excluding miniature golf			
Parks and recreation*		P	P

5. Residential uses are not permitted on the ground floor or the first floor of any building or structure within 300 feet of Alfred Street (Route 111) or Elm Street (Route 1), are not permitted above off-street parking lots or facilities or other uses identified by Footnote 6 in Table A., and are not permitted on those properties within the Alfred Road Business Park as well as the following parcels or portions thereof: 3 Pomerleau Street (Tax Map 2, Lot 44), 17-19 Pomerleau Street (Tax Map 7, Lot 17-1), and 2 Pomerleau (Tax Map 17, Lot 4).
6. Not permitted below any residential uses.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the first reading of the ordinance amendment.
Vote: All Opposed.
Motion fails.

2020.116 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..DECEMBER 15, 2020**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby authorize awarding the upgrade of the boiler system in the City Hall building to Jim Godbout Plumbing & Heating, Inc. of Biddeford, Maine in the amount of \$81,920.00, which reflects Option 2 of the proposal. This project is funded in the heating system fund of the FY19 CIP carry forward funds – 22001-60904.

NOTE: The Finance Committee will consider this item at their December 15, 2020 meeting.

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

2020.117 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..DECEMBER 15, 2020**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby authorize the purchase of two(2) Super T4A3-B Pumps and related equipment from Hayes Pump, Inc. for the Bernard Avenue Sewer Pump Station, in the amount of \$19,570.00. This project will be funded out of account 35102-60602 – Equipment Purchase.

NOTE: The Finance Committee will consider this item at their December 15, 2020 meeting. Despite the amount of the project, this item needs to be considered by the City Council due to the fact that it is a sole source item.

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

2020.118 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 15, 2020**
Tenth Amendment to the Rte 111-Mill Redevelopment Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District (to be re-named to Rte 111-Mill Redevelopment Transit-Oriented Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District)

WHEREAS, the City of Biddeford (the “City”) is authorized pursuant to Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to amend the **Rte 111-Mill Redevelopment Transit-Oriented Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District** (the “Rte 111-Mill District”) Development Program (as amended, the "Rte 111-Mill Development Program"); and

WHEREAS, there is a need for economic development in the City of Biddeford, in the surrounding region, and in the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve and broaden the tax base of the City of Biddeford; and to improve the general economy of the City of Biddeford and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Development Programs will help to improve and broaden the tax base in the City of Biddeford and improve the economy of the City of Biddeford and the region by attracting business development to the Districts; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to implement continued economic development initiatives in the Districts through the Development Programs in accordance with the provision of Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be obtained from the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (the “Department”), approving the *Tenth Amendment to the Rte 111-Mill Redevelopment Transit-Oriented Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District* and the Rte 111-Mill Development Program related thereto;

ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Biddeford hereby approves the Tenth Amendment to the Rte 111-Mill Redevelopment Transit-Oriented TIF District and Development Program; such amendment to be pursuant to the following findings, terms, and provisions:

Section 2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that:

a. This amendment to the Rte 111-Mill Development Program will not result in the Rte 111-Mill District falling out of compliance with any of the conditions of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5223(3); and

b. The Rte 111-Mill District and the Rte 111-Mill Development Program will make a contribution to the economic growth and well being of the City of Biddeford and the surrounding region, and will contribute to the betterment of the health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Biddeford, including a broadened and improved tax base and economic stimulus, and therefore constitutes a good and valid public purpose. The City has considered all evidence, if any, presented to it with regard to any adverse economic effect on or detriment to any existing business and has found and determined that such adverse economic effect on or detriment to any existing business, if any, is outweighed by the contribution expected to be made through the Ninth Amendment to the Rte 111-Mill Development Program.

Section 3. Pursuant to the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. § 5227, the percentage of increased assessed value to be retained as captured assessed value in accordance with the Rte 111-Mill Development Program is hereby established as set forth in the Rte 111-Mill Development Program.

Section 4. The City Manager, or his duly appointed representative, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to submit the proposed Tenth Amendment to the Rte 111-Mill Development Program for the Rte 111-Mill District to the Department for review and approval pursuant to the requirements of 30-A M.R.S.A. § 5226.

Section 5. The foregoing adoption of the Tenth Amendment to the Rte 111-Mill Development Program for the Rte 111-Mill District shall automatically become final and shall take full force and effect upon receipt by the City of approval of the by the Department, without requirement of further action by the City, the City Council, or any other party.

Section 6. The City Manager, or his duly appointed representative, is hereby authorized and empowered, at his discretion, from time to time, to make such revisions to the Tenth Amendment to the Rte 111-Mill Development Program for the Rte 111-Mill District as the City Manager, deems reasonably necessary or convenient in order to facilitate the process for review and approval of the Rte 111-Mill District by the Department, or for any other reason, so long as such revisions are not inconsistent with these resolutions or the basic structure and intent of the Rte 111-Mill Development Program.

Dated: December 15, 2020

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the order.

Richard Rhames, resident from Ward 3, stated that he generally opposes TIFs and credit enhancements. He recalled that the Maine Energy incinerator was once located on Lincoln Street and because of that, development did not exist in that area. He’s pleased to see the current development now that Maine Energy is gone; however, he would like to see the City have a real conversation about allocating TIF funds in realistic amounts for things that benefit all everyone.

Councilor McCurry noted that the TIF District, according to the paperwork provided, goes until the year 2034 and expressed concern about a slated 20-year TIF being completed in fourteen years. City Manager, James Bennet explained that the Council is being asked to consider two different items in this 10th Amendment: (1) asking for the ability to use TIF funds for other and different uses than are already approved in the current TIF District; and (2) to remove the land that the Saco-Lowell Building is on out of the Rte. 111 Mill Redevelopment TIF District. Councilor McCurry then asked how long the proposed new Saco-Lowell TIF is scheduled to go for. Mr. Bennett answered that it is scheduled for 20 years.

Councilor Ready asked for further clarification on what the Council is being asked to approve; specifically, that this TIF Amendment asks for the ability to fund other items not already included in the TIF; and only removes the Saco-Lowell property from this TIF District. The City Manager concurred.

Raymond Cronkhite, resident of Ward 1, stated that he is opposed to the City entering into any TIFs or credit enhancements because the property was stolen from him in fraudulent and corrupt ways, and he claimed to have evidence to this point.

Vote on 10th Amendment to the Rte. 111-Mill Redevelopment Municipal Development & Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District: Unanimous.

2020.119 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 15, 2020**
Saco-Lowell Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District

WHEREAS, the City is authorized pursuant to Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to designate the **Saco-Lowell Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District** (the “Saco-Lowell District,” and together with the Rte 111-Mill District, the “Districts”) and the Development Program (the “Saco-Lowell Development Program,” and together with the Rte 111-Mill Development Program, the “Development Programs”) for the Saco-Lowell District; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for economic development in the City of Biddeford, in the surrounding region, and in the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve and broaden the tax base of the City of Biddeford; and to improve the general economy of the City of Biddeford and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Development Programs will help to improve and broaden the tax base in the City of Biddeford and improve the economy of the City of Biddeford and the region by attracting business development to the Districts; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to implement continued economic development initiatives in the Districts through the Development Programs in accordance with the provision of Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be obtained from the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (the “Department”), approving the **Tenth Amendment to the Rte 111-Mill Redevelopment Transit-Oriented Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District** and the Rte 111-Mill Development Program related thereto and approving the **Saco-Lowell Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District** and the Saco-Lowell Development Program related thereto;

ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Biddeford hereby designates the Saco-Lowell District and adopts the associated Saco-Lowell Development Program for the Saco-Lowell District; such designation and adoption to be pursuant to the following findings, terms, and provisions:

Section 2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that:

- a. At least twenty-five percent (25%), by area, of the real property within the Saco-Lowell District, as hereinafter designated, is suitable for commercial uses; and
- b. The total area of the Saco-Lowell District does not exceed two percent (2%) of the total acreage of the City, and the total area of all existing and proposed development districts within the City (including the Saco-Lowell District) does not exceed five percent (5%) of the total acreage of the City; and

- c. The original assessed value of all existing and proposed tax increment financing districts (including the Saco-Lowell District) does not exceed five percent (5%) of the total value of equalized taxable property within the City as of April 1, 2020; and
- d. The Saco-Lowell District and pursuit of the Saco-Lowell Development Program will make a contribution to the economic growth and well-being of the City of Biddeford and the surrounding region, and will contribute to the betterment of the health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Biddeford, including a broadened and improved tax base and economic stimulus, and therefore constitutes a good and valid public purpose. The City has considered all evidence, if any, presented to it with regard to any adverse economic effect on or detriment to any existing business and has found and determined that such adverse economic effect on or detriment to any existing business, if any, is outweighed by the contribution expected to be made through the Saco-Lowell District and Saco-Lowell Development Program.

Section 3. Pursuant to the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. § 5227, the percentage of increased assessed value to be retained as captured assessed value in accordance with the Saco-Lowell Development Program is hereby established as set forth in the Saco-Lowell Development Program.

Section 4. The City Manager, or his duly appointed representative, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to submit the proposed Saco-Lowell Development Program for the Saco-Lowell District to the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development for review and approval pursuant to the requirements of 30-A M.R.S.A. § 5226.

Section 5. The foregoing designation of the Saco-Lowell District and adoption of the Saco-Lowell Development Program for the Saco-Lowell District shall automatically become final and shall take full force and effect upon receipt by the City of approval by the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, without requirement of further action by the City, the City Council, or any other party.

Section 6. The City Manager, or his duly appointed representative, is hereby authorized and empowered, at his discretion, from time to time, to make such revisions to the Saco-Lowell District and Saco-Lowell Development Program as the City Manager may deem reasonably necessary or convenient in order to facilitate the process for review and approval of the District by the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, or for any other reason, so long as such revisions are not inconsistent with these resolutions or the basic structure and intent of the Saco-Lowell Development Program.

Section 7. The City Manager, in the name and on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a credit enhancement agreement between the City and the developer of the project to be located in the Saco-Lowell District, on terms as described in the Saco-Lowell Development Program and any other negotiated agreements between the City and the Developer.

Dated: December 15, 2020

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the order.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to table the order until a credit enhancement agreement has been submitted.

Vote to table: Unanimous.

2020.120 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..DECEMBER 15, 2020
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby authorize the remaining payments allocated in the FY21 Municipal Service Budget.

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the order.

Vote: 4/3; Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr and Lessard opposed.

Councilors Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Ortiz in favor.

Motion carries.

Appointments:

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 15, 2020
ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

Frederick Oliver
316 Granite Street
Ward 3

to the *Airport Commission*, for a term to expire in December 2023.

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

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 15, 2020
ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby
re-appoint:

Dean Tourigny
12 Thatcher Brook Lane
Ward 6

to the *Airport Commission*, for a term to expire in December 2023.

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

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 15, 2020
ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby
re-appoint:

Charles Drapeau
8 Cherryfield Avenue
Ward 3

to the *Biddeford Fire Advisory Committee*, for a term to expire in December 2025.

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

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 15, 2020
ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby
appoint:

Carolyn Southwick as Chair of the Biddeford Police Advisory Committee

The Chair will serve a 2-year term.

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

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 15, 2020
ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby
re-appoint:

Andrew Barrs
12 Seigny Avenue
Ward 2

to the *Biddeford Police Advisory Committee*, for a term to expire in December 2025.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Andrew Barrs be appointed as Vice Chair of the Biddeford
Police Advisory Committee.

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

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 15, 2020
ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby
re-appoint:

Susan Swanton
110 Old Pool Road
Ward 1

to the *Downtown Development Commission*, for a term to expire in December 2023.

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

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 15, 2020
ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby
appoint:

Ari Brandstein
6 Buckleys Court
Ward 2

to the *Downtown Development Commission*, for a term to expire in December 2023.

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

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 15, 2020
ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby
re-appoint:

Jeff Cabral
50 Adams Street, #5
Ward 5

to the *Historic Preservation Commission*, for a term to expire in December 2023.

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

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 15, 2020
ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby
re-appoint:

Spiros Droggitis
2 Main Street, #35-201
Ward 5

to the *Planning Board*, for a term to expire in December 2023.

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

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 15, 2020
ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby
re-appoint:

Timothy Stebbins
29 Harold Avenue
Ward 3

to the *Recreation Commission*, for a term to expire in December 2025.

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

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 15, 2020
ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby
re-appoint:

Roland Pelletier
10 Debbie Avenue
Ward 3

to the *Shellfish Conservation Committee*, for a term to expire in December 2023.

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

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...DECEMBER 15, 2020
ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby
re-appoint:

**Bobby Mills
10 Windsor Lane
Ward 4**

to the *Zoning Board of Appeals*, for a term to expire in December 2023.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, 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 simply confirmed Councilor McCurry's tabling motion on Order 2020.119 that the item is tabled until there is a credit enhancement agreement in place (not a JDA as was said in the motion). Councilor McCurry agreed.

Other Business:

Councilor Lessard: provided clarification on his earlier comments during the Maine Water update, in particular, regarding the 250 acres of land that the current Maine Water Facility is on. He clarified that his intent was that there should be an opportunity to review what all the options are for that property and that the City have a seat at the table when the decision is made on what to do with the property.

Councilor Lessard looks forward to the day when the Council can meet in person again and actually be able to see each other. That said, he emphasized that this is the time for all of us to be vigilant in order to keep ourselves and others safe and healthy. He wished everyone good health and safety during the holidays and into 2021.

Councilor Belanger: gave a shout out to the Department of Public Works for all their efforts during winter weather events. He appreciates the extra hours they put in, including when they have to be away from their families during the holidays.

Council President Addressing the Council: Councilor McCurry encouraged folks to sign up for the parking ban alerts, which can be done via the City's website.
He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season, a Merry Christmas and better New Year!

Mayor Addressing the Council: Mayor Casavant expressed his pleasure at the success of the recent holiday event put on by the Heart of Biddeford. He was overwhelmed with the amount of people who showed up.
He wished everyone a very Merry and careful Christmas!

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to adjourn.
Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 7:55 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk