

## City of Sanford



**From the Desk of  
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City Manager**



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### Memorandum

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To: City Council  
Subject: **Manager's Report for December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**  
Date: December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

#### **Abandon Property Update:**

The Public Safety and Zoning Subcommittee met on December 17<sup>th</sup> to review progress stemming from the November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Determinations on 5 Properties so deemed abandon, pursuant to new State Law Title 30-A Section 3106-A and Title 14 Section 6326 et al. Progress was reported that 3 of the 5 initial properties had addressed the Notice of Violations deficiencies. Property located at 6 Goodwin Court has taken no action. Administration will contact owner of record seeking to secure title and conduct a negotiated sale to accomplish the demolition and removal of said structure. The fifth property at 9 Kirk Street has not taken actions. City will communicate actions to be taken including brushing, trash removal, and removal of a above ground pool. The Owner of Record is being sent a second NOV of further violations and estimated costs should the City perfect actions. A negotiated disposition is being sought with the Owners to address remediation of the property.

The Committee reviewed a series of other properties potentially qualifying under the Abandon Property Law and Administration has prepared NOVs to be sent this week. The properties in question and to be notified are:

**209 Brook Street**  
**357 Sam Allen Road**  
**54 Mill Street**  
**12 Bougie Lane**  
**2 Henry Avenue**

Notification and publication of these properties will occur the 1<sup>st</sup> of January with Council consideration by the end of January.

#### **Opiate Addiction Treatment Program:**

Chief Connolly of the Sanford Police Department has completed a Draft Memorandum of Understanding with Maine Behavioral Health to establish a service partnership whereby the Police Department will train Officers to identify and work with people using opiates. People identified as willing to participate will be diverted from the law courts and into a treatment program designed by and administered by Maine Behavioral Health Services. The Police Department will compile the tracking of progress of the individuals as an evidence based

program. The Program design is different from the Project Hope. The Medication-Assisted Opiate Treatment Program or MAT will be a partnership between the Sanford Police Department and Maine Behavioral Health to implement an evidence-based, medication assisted, opiate treatment program. By diverting eligible individuals to services, the commitment is to improve public safety and public order, and reduce the criminal behavior of people who participate in the program. Resource utilization and savings will be compared to the individual being prosecuted in a court of law as well as the recidivism rate.

### **Schools:**

The High School Plans are now at 100% and are pending for a Department of Education validation on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The Bid documents will be issued on the following day with Bids coming back for the end of April. Provided qualified bids are received that are at or below Budget, the Project will move to construction by June of 2016. The completion date will be August of 2018 with classes starting at the new facility that fall.

The High School cost estimates on the 100% plan set is \$1.0 million under budget on the State side with the Local Share remaining just below the \$10.0 M as authorized. It should also be noted that the City avoided an estimated \$2.5 M in environmental impact fees due to expertise of our Site Engineers at Sebago Technics and the City's ability to contribute adjoining wetland properties towards mitigation. The City is also pursuing the remaining mitigation impacts on Airport Property with a conservation easement that coincides with existing Airport maintenance practices.

It should also be noted that the Sanford Water District was a willing partner towards the City achieving its necessary environmental conservation easements offering for an easement to be procured on one of its properties if the Airport Property was not obtainable. A sincere note of appreciation is also extended to the Water District as a continued partner in the City's overall development objectives and service provisions.

The second phase of School development was also presented to the Department of Education on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The City engaged Harriman Associates who developed seven design options to utilize existing school facilities to accommodate the education needs of the elementary and middle school student populations into the future. Of the 7 options presented, the DOE favored an option, to be presented to the public soon, of developing three (3) Pre-K thru 4 grade schools (Carl J. Lamb, Margaret Chase Smith, and the current Junior High) and then a consolidated Middle School of grades 5-8 at the current High School. The Plan will likely close both Willard and Lafayette and possibly return Memorial Gym to the City for utilization. The concept Plans still need to go before the Sanford residents just as the High School Project before any of the Options are finalized.

### **Airport Solar Program:**

Administration worked with Representatives of Ranger Solar this past week towards the finalization of a Master Lease for the future development of a Solar Photovoltaic Array, or Solar Farm at the Sanford Regional Seacoast Airport. The 40 page documents was put through an extensive review after amalgamating Ranger's Standard Lease with a Lease implemented on the Denver Colorado Airport that has been subsequently approved by the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA).

Airport Manager Allison Rogers has an early January meeting in Boston with the FAA to review the subsequently amended Lease. Once fully reviewed by the FAA, the Lease will be come back to the City Council for review and further amendment as well as a negotiation on

the applicable compensation scheduled and any resulting Power Purchase Agreement as may be feasible. The Lease will then be sent for finalization and amendment by the City's legal counsel.

Ranger indicated that they had not worked with a pro-active entity towards the implementation of a Lease and appreciates the City's diligence and attention to the details.

### **York County Advocacy Group Meeting:**

On December 10<sup>th</sup> the York County Advocacy Group, a coalition of elected and appointed Municipal Officials, County Officials, as well as York County State Legislators, met to develop and affirm a Legislative Agenda for the ensuing year. Topics of importance discussed and retained on the Agenda are:

- a. Skilled Workforce
- b. Transportation
- c. Broadband
- d. County Jail Funding
- e. Streetlights
- f. York County Courthouse
- g. EB-5
- h. Pine Tree Development Zones
- i. Dead Duck Boat Launch in Eliot
- j. LD 1
- k. Solar Energy
- l. Substance Abuse

### **Department of Homeland Security Updates:**

#### **Fact Sheet**

Dec. 16, 2015

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#### **UPDATE TO THE NATIONAL TERRORISM ADVISORY SYSTEM**

#### **Background: The National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS)**

In 2011, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) replaced the color-coded alerts of the Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) with the National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS), designed to more effectively communicate information about terrorist threats by providing timely, detailed information to the American public.

When it was launched, NTAS featured an advisory system that consisted of two types of "Alerts": Elevated and Imminent. An "Elevated Alert" is intended to warn of a credible terrorist threat against the United States and its territories that is general in both timing and potential location such that it is reasonable to recommend implementation of protective measures to thwart or mitigate against an attack. An "Imminent Alert" is intended to warn of a credible, specific, and impending terrorist threat or on-going attack. DHS has continuously evaluated intelligence threat streams through the NTAS process since the system's creation, but it has never issued an Alert because neither the circumstances nor threat streams have risen to the required level or purpose of the system.

In order to determine how DHS can more effectively and quickly communicate information to the public and other partners regarding threats to the homeland in the evolving threat

environment, and following discussions with homeland security stakeholders, Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson directed a review of the NTAS to consider possible revisions. Based on this review, DHS is updating the NTAS to add a new form of advisory – the NTAS “**Bulletin**” – to the existing NTAS “Alerts.”

#### **NEW: NTAS “Bulletins”**

DHS will achieve the objective of more flexible, timely, and useful communication with the public regarding terrorist threats through the introduction of an additional component of NTAS to accompany the existing NTAS Alerts: **the NTAS “Bulletin.”** NTAS Bulletins will provide information describing broader or more general trends and current developments regarding threats of terrorism. They will share important terrorism-related information with the American public and various partners and stakeholders, including in those situations where additional precautions may be warranted, but where the circumstances do not warrant the issuance of an “elevated” or “imminent” Alert. An NTAS Bulletin will summarize the issue and why it is important for public awareness, outline U.S. Government counterterrorism efforts, and offer recommendations to the public on how it can contribute to the overall counterterrorism effort.

With the introduction of the Bulletin, NTAS will now consist of two types of advisories: Bulletins and Alerts. As under the existing system, if there is sufficient information regarding a credible, specific terrorist threat against the United States, such that it is reasonable to recommend implementation of protective measures to thwart or mitigate against an attack, DHS will share an NTAS Alert – either Elevated or Imminent – with the American public. The Alert may include specific information, if available, about the nature of the threat, including the geographic region, mode of transportation, or critical infrastructure potentially affected by the threat, as well as steps that individuals and communities can take to protect themselves and help prevent, mitigate, or respond to the threat.

The update to the NTAS announced today will allow us to better achieve the goal of making sure Americans across the country have the information they need to keep themselves and their communities safer. This action is not in response to a specific, credible threat to the homeland, but is a prudent measure to ensure that Americans are better prepared and aware of the evolving terrorist threats.

\*\*For more information, visit <http://www.dhs.gov/ntas-frequently-asked-questions>.

Citizens may find the Alerts and other information at <http://www.dhs.gov/advisories> On the Home page is the National Terrorism Advisory System link.