

# City of Sanford



**From the Desk of  
Steven R. Buck  
City Manager**



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## Memo

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To: City Council  
Subject: City Manager's Report for May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Date: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### **South Sanford Forest Fire of May 2 – 3, 2018:**

Chief Benotti provided the following summary of the events surrounding the recent Forest Fire:

Kennebunk Rd Wildland Fire May 2-3, 2018.

- 1) 14 municipalities sent 30 units of different firefighting and support vehicles.
- 2) York County EMA assisted with Command Van, UAV support, Command Staff, Portable Toilets, and other logistics
- 3) Forestry Service from State of Maine dispatched 4 Rangers and 1 Helicopter used for firefighting, support, investigation, and media interactions.
- 4) Over 150 firefighters worked the fire in a 22 hour period.
- 5) 2 Bulldozers were supplied by the land owner for cutting fire line in stopping the spread of the fire.
- 6) Total acreage burned was 314 acres.
- 7) Source of the fire was a permitted burn that was left un-extinguished
- 8) Remote terrain, delayed alarm, high winds, and a heavy fuel load all were contributing factors to this fire's intensity and size.

Chief Benotti  
RE: Wild Fire Video Drone Footage



**Sanford/VILLAGE OF SPRINGVALE**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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**DATE:** May 10, 2018

**DATE OF RELEASE:** May 10, 2018

**DEPARTMENT/BUREAU:** Sanford Public Works Department **CONTACT PERSON:**  
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The City of Sanford/Village of Springvale would like to inform the Public that beginning Sunday, May 13, 2018 @ 8:00 p.m. FineLine Pavement Striping Company will start centerline striping all City streets. They will be striping for approximately 3 days (weather permitting).

Please be aware of large striping equipment and crews working in the roadways. **PLEASE WATCH FOR WET PAINT.**

The City would like to thank Citizens, in advance for proceeding with caution in areas where crews are working.

Should you have any questions, comments and/or concerns please feel free to contact the Department of Public Works at (207) 324-9135.

**Sanford Community Based Opioid Treatment Program:**

Chief Connolly submitted the attached letter on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to the Maine Department of Public Safety requesting consideration of the extension of the State provided funding for the Program as designed and implemented by the Sanford Police Department. The Chief outlines his work with Enso Recovery and Nasson Health on the Evidence Based Medication Assisted Treatment Program with currently 30 people still in the Program. There is a high propensity of relapse and or overdose for those Patients NOT completing their treatment program.

The State replied on April 12, 2018 as well as on May 10, 2018 to the Chief's last plea to extend that, "We received your extension request for subgrant SA-03-16. As was mentioned in previous emails, notably the email of April 12, 2108, period of performance extension are prohibited under Maine regulations. Unfortunately, there are no exceptions allowed."

As a City we do not fault the State Department of Public Safety as they are only administering the Legislation as passed by our Legislators and signed into effect by the Governor. There will be no extension.

See Attached Letter:

### **Continued CIP Improvements on Roadways:**

Quick Notes:

Both Mt. Hope and Old Mill received an emergency Maintenance Overlay for Pavement preservation. Translation, a short-term skim coat to hold the road for 2 years for the pending Municipal Partnership Initiative Application pending with MDOT for a 50/50 cost share for a full depth Mill and Fill resurfacing of the two roadways. Public Works applied, under contract, approximately 1,500 tons at a cost of approximately \$100,000. The actions will require amendments to this year's prior scope of work but were necessitated by the near loss of the roadway from last winter.

The Old Mill Intersection, Circumferential Roadway between Burger King and KFC to Alumni Drive, and the movement of the Signal Light to Old Mill and Alumni Drive are all in progress. A schematic of the circumferential roadway is attached. Utilities have relocated the light poles and are working on the attachments. A hydrant must also be moved to accommodate the widening to three lanes of the current Old Mill Intersection. The Traffic Light work has been awarded to Electric Light and elements are under order.

Harry Howes Road is currently waiting for demolition contractors for ledge and then public work will begin the preparation and reconstructive actions designed for the roadway.

The Springvale Parking Plan and Lane Reconfiguration is also currently underway with the long striping already in place. Remaining hand striping, rapid flashing pedestrian crossing, and signage are all pending.

### **Unitil Gas Line Extension:**

Unitil continues a rapid pace on this year's extension of natural gas lines to serve new residential and business clients. The work, although somewhat impacting, has been and continues to be very well coordinated with daily work schedules and updates published. Attached is a single page of the daily updates received providing the progress achieved to date. See Attached.

Summary:

- Of the approximately 1.8 miles of Rt 109 8" main, 68% has been laid as of 5/14/18
- Of the approximately 1.08 miles of 4" main for Emery, Pioneer, Washington, and Riverside 10% has been laid.
- Of the approximately 2.7 miles of 2" main to be laid within a number of side streets coming off Rt 109 Main St this year 20% has been laid to date.

Main Size	Street / Sectioned		Approx. Length	Overall length	Installed per Street		Installed per pipe size	
					Footage	%	Footage	% Complete
8"	Main Street	Section 1	3561	9528	3540	99%	6500	68%
		Section 2	2062		2040	99%		
		Section 3	1866		920	49%		
		Section 4	2039			0%		
4"	Emery		2041	5716	600	29%	600	10%
	Pioneer	North	1729			0%		
		South	378			0%		
	Washington		668			0%		
	Riverside		900			0%		
2"	Carver		1183	14301	1075	91%	2820	20%
	Jackson		1667		1745	105%		
	Elm		1302			0%		
	Kimball		1326			0%		
	Twombly		2000			0%		
	St Ignatius		600			0%		
	School	North	1573			0%		
		South	387			0%		
	Bodwell		660			0%		
	Church		460			0%		
	Dale		320			0%		
	Grove		440			0%		
	Mousam		0					
	Nowell		523			0%		
	Prescott		930			0%		
Shaw		930		0%				
Total				29545	9920	34%		



# Sanford Police Department

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May 9, 2018

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Dear Mr. Chicoria:

I am writing today to request approval of a no-cost extension to SA-03-16, the Sanford Community-Based Opioid Treatment Program grant.

It is my understanding that there is a significant amount of money remaining in the grant, and if this money is not expended, it will be returned to the state treasury. If this is indeed correct, then extending the grant would have absolutely no cost to the taxpayers of Maine since the funds have already been appropriated. I had hoped that the federal government would intercede and provide funding for evidence-based treatment before this grant expired. It appears that while such funding has been approved, it will not begin until October 2018 at the earliest. In the interim, anyone receiving treatment under this grant will be on their own.

Currently, there are approximately thirty patients actively receiving treatment in the program. I have spoken to Tim Cheney from Enso Recovery and Marty Sabol from Nasson Health. Both providers are adamant that ending the program and eliminating additional funding will result in most of those receiving care to lose the option for any future medication-assisted treatment. The only exception will be for those very few patients who have Maine Care or private insurance. For the remainder, their treatment will end, and they will be cut loose to fend for themselves. As I have said many times in the past, to the legislature and the media, a Heroin user who desires to stop using has practically zero options in Maine. Even now, some three years after the Opioid Epidemic became a public health emergency, there is a dearth of services in Maine for people who truly want to get well.

All of the best opioid treatment research states that treatment needs to be long term; most experts will state that treatment for opioid addiction is a three to five year process. Please consider the following:

- Addiction is a life-long disease that should be viewed the same as asthma, diabetes, or high blood pressure. For a small percentage of people addicted to opioids, treatment may well be required for the remainder of a patient's life
- Effective treatment programs typically incorporate many components, each directed to a particular aspect of the illness and its consequences
- Medication-assisted treatment reduces opioid-related overdose deaths! A person using methadone or buprenorphine will not be seeking and using illegal opioids on the streets. After buprenorphine became available in Baltimore, overdose deaths in Baltimore decreased by 37 percent. *We could argue that this fact alone is enough to provide medication-assistance to anyone who needs it!*
- Patients receiving medication-assisted treatment are able to concentrate on attending group meetings and individual counseling sessions, finding employment, reducing exposure to HIV and Hepatitis C, avoiding drug-related crime and risky sexual behaviors, and focus on their recovery.
- Follow-up of injecting drug users from a primary care center suggests that survival is substantially improved with each year of exposure to opiate substitution treatment
- The risk of death from overdose is eight-to nine times higher in the month immediately following the stoppage of treatment
- At longer treatment durations... opiate substitution treatment is highly likely (more than 85% chance) to reduce the overall mortality in opiate users and lead to a decline in the number of drug related deaths

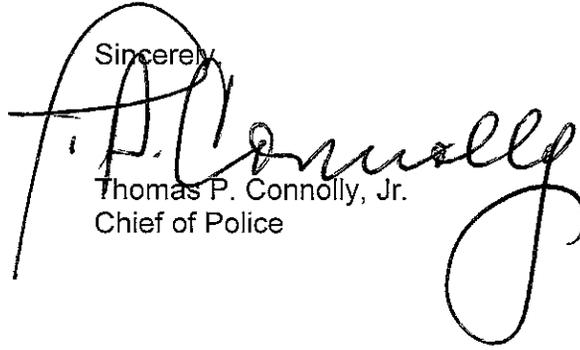
And finally, when a patient in a medication-assisted treatment program is suddenly deprived of the opioid substitute, there is the very high possibility that the person will relapse and die from an overdose. Some experts put this number at forty-percent; in this case that could equate to twelve human beings dying.

Enso Recovery, Nason Health, and the Sanford Police Department implore the State of Maine to approve this no-cost grant extension through December 31, 2018. This would allow our treatment group to apply for and secure federal funds to continue our program. The loss of even one life would be a tragedy.

In Matthew 25: 44-45, Jesus tells us that we are expected to care for our brothers and sisters:

For I was hungry and you never gave me food, I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink, I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, lacking clothes and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me. Then it will be their turn to ask, Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or lacking clothes, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help? Then he will answer, In truth I tell you, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.

Please join us in continuing to provide this life saving treatment for our clients who are struggling with Opioid Use Disorder. We need to continue this program for as long as there are people who need help.

Sincerely,  
  
Thomas P. Connolly, Jr.  
Chief of Police

