

City of Sanford



**From the Desk of
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City Manager**



Memorandum

To: City Council
Subject: Manager's Report for August 2, 2016
Date: August 2, 2016

Nomination Papers Available:
CITY OF SANFORD & VILLAGE OF SPRINGVALE

Date: August 2, 2016 Department/Bureau: City Clerk
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Nomination Papers for Municipal offices will be available in the City Clerk's Office beginning Monday, August 15, 2016. Positions available are as follows:

- 1 – City Mayor (3 year term)
- 2 – City Council Members (3 year terms)
- 2 – School Committee Members (3 year term)
- 1 – Trustee, Sanford Water District (3 year term)
- 2 – Trustee, Sanford Sewerage District (3 year terms)

To qualify for Municipal Office, candidates must be registered voters with their principal place of residence in the City. They will need to obtain a minimum of 50 signatures of registered voters in Sanford/Springvale.

For Trustee to Sanford Water or Sewer District, 25 signatures of registered voters.

The deadline to file nomination papers for all offices is:

Monday, September 26, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Questions regarding the nomination process can be answered by calling the City Clerk's office during normal business hours: 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Officials whose terms are expiring 12/31/2016:

City Mayor: Thomas Cote

City Councilors: Victor DiGregorio
John Tuttle

School Committee: John Roux
Scott Sheppard

Trustee, Water District: Roger Durant

Trustee, Sewer District: Jonathan (Adam) Brock
Kevin Eaton

Chapter 500 Storm Water Law for Phosphorous Mitigation:

As part of the permitting for the New High School Site under Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) Chapter 500, the Project paid \$195,000 of impact fees to address phosphorous mitigation within the Lower Estes Watershed. The Impact Fees are held in trust by the York County Soil and Water Conservation District (YCSWCD). Administration is currently working with both the YCSWCD and MDEP on identifying priority projects that will qualify for and utilize the Impact Fees to the highest benefit possible within the Lower Estes Watershed area.

To date a series of communications have been exchanged and a scoping meeting was held on July 19th, 2016. Priority use of the funds is to remove phosphorous sources and or to provide for treatment of phosphorous sources to prevent discharges within the defined watershed area. The Lower Estes Watershed starts at the discharge of the No. 1 Pond impoundment and follows the drainage area of the Mousam River to the discharge of Estes Lake.

Priorities under review are:

1. Drainage and treatment in the Downtown area of Washington Street and Main
2. Various discharges of storm water from street drains that go directly into the Mousam
3. Mitigation along the trail system connecting the Downtown to the New High School along the Mousam River.
4. GIS mapping of storm water drainage systems in the impacted area and engineered improvements for phosphorous mitigation
5. Purchase of a New Street Sweeper for vacuuming streets and evacuating storm water catch basins

Administration continues to work internally on the strengths and priorities of each of these areas in preparation for a next meeting with DEP and YCSWCD to communicate the Cities preferred scope of works.

DEP also noted that there remains approximately \$20,000 in funds under Chapter 500 Storm Water Management for the No. 1 Pond impact area. Administration now has this under scoping. We will report out to the Municipal Operations and Property Subcommittee prior to the next meeting with State and County Agencies.

Property & Maintenance:

The Committee has begun reviewing proposed on-street parking improvements and cross walk pedestrian safety planning for Springvale Village. The focus has been to maximize available on-street parking while creating the required setbacks from cross walks that maintain visibility of and for pedestrians crossing the street. A solar-powered pedestrian crossing light is also being considered for the crosswalk from the Bradford Block to Rite-Aid due to the sight impediments caused by the curvature of the roadway moving southeasterly.

Public Works is also preparing an Application to the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) for a Municipal Partnership Initiative Grant of approximately \$100,000 to address pavement deficiencies on Main Street from Berwick Road to Old Mill. The Department is also working on obtaining funds to assist in constructing sidewalk improvements along this same portion of road on the south side of Main Street to better accommodate pedestrian traffic.

Roosevelt School:

The former Roosevelt School has now been sold with the closing taking place on Friday, July 29th, 2016. The property sold for \$42,000 to Twin Brooks Partners, LLC. Prior to the sale, the purchaser had gone through and obtained a Site Plan for the property and subsequently obtained a construction permit to renovate the structure into 8 two and or three bedroom market rate apartments. The Owner indicates they should begin renovations by early fall.

MetroCast Franchise Agreement:

The Council authorized Franchise agreement has been signed by the City and MetroCast. Metrocast has provided the Community Grant per contract in the full amount of \$29,130 representing \$0.75 per current subscriber. They have also stopped billing for the fiber network lease providing current savings of over \$34,200 per year between the City and School Departments.