

**MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN OUTREACH COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2019**

A Citizen Outreach Committee meeting was held on Thursday, November 14 at 7:00PM, in the City Council office, room 204.

Committee Members: Committee Chairperson Barrett, Councillors Sullivan, LePage and Jordan. Council President Michitson and Councillors Bevilacqua, Macek and Daly O'Brien also attended. Department Heads: Capt. Robert Pistone-HPD, Sgt. Kevin Lynch-HPD, Fire Chief Laliberty, Mike Stankovich-Public Works Director.
Attendees: Stephanie Lesiczka

The following items were discussed:

1. **Doc. #7-M/18** – Communication from Councillor Daly O'Brien regarding street parking change after storms by providing alternate street parking the night after storm to improve plowing and clearing in inner city streets;

Several alternatives to the monthly odd/even winter parking ban was discussed.

Among them:

- *Odd/even day parking starting at 6:00pm,*
- *Staying on one side all season,*
- *Odd/even on certain streets only,*
- *24 hour clearing alternate side.*

All alternatives had complications even if they helped the issue of clearing curb to curb. Some of the negative issues included notifications for re-training parkers, issues with handicap spots, not enough space on one side as opposed to other for vehicle parking. Some were not workable with the size of clearing crews available the day after a long overnight of plowing.

Director Public Works Stankovich identified slightly over 100 streets where narrowing of plowed roads cause a hazard to traffic and emergency vehicles. He suggested that on an Ad Hoc basis the city clear snow on these streets. It would have to occur sometime after crews have recovered from plowing the initial storm. Mr. Stankovich could map out problem streets and assign crews depending on the amount of snow and situations on the street.

A motion was made by Councillor LePage with a second from Councillor Sullivan to recommend that the city DPW proceed with the suggested Ad Hoc removal of snow on those narrowed streets as suggested by Mr. Stankovich. Motion passed 4-0. Letter to DPW and Mayor.

2. **Doc. #100-J** – Communication from President Michitson requesting to provide an update on alternative broadband networks for Haverhill.

Council President Michitson presented a survey being done in Quincy, MA to see the need/interest regarding their potential municipal broadband. Their questionnaire on broadband needs were for existing residential and commercial entities and anticipated future needs. He suggested the City of Haverhill conduct a similar survey to see what the needs are in Haverhill. President Michitson suggested the city also spend \$200 to \$250 to*

set up a web page to link to city website to explain the options, costs and potential for a municipal broadband.

A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan with a second from Councillor Jordan, recommending that the City Council and Mayor support both a survey and website to determine the broadband needs of citizens and businesses. Motion passed 4-0.

Letter to Mayor on funding the estimated \$200-\$250 cost for web page with link to city website.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Handout from President Michitson – Proposed Broadband Survey