



# City of Haverhill City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM  
City Council Chambers, Room 202

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Present –Vice President Hart, Councillors Michitson, Ryan, McGonagle, Macek, LePage, Daly O’Brien and Sullivan.

Absent – President Scatamacchia

City Clerk – Margaret A. Toomey.

1. Approval of Records of the Previous Meeting

The records were approved.

2. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Vice President Hart was appointed to read the minutes.

3. Communications from the Mayor

Communication was received from Mayor Fiorentini filing Chapter 40V – Downtown Market Rate Housing Plan to establish a designated district in Haverhill in which State incentives can be made available to developers of market rate housing and requests City Council Hearing on April 16 2013 to vote on approval of proposed Resolution

PLACED ON FILE

35B

ORDERED: Resolution of the City Council of Haverhill Massachusetts, Authorizing Mayor to submit the Housing Development Zone Plan (see document for complete text)

HEARING TO BE HELD APRIL 16, 2013

24C

4. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)

No Schedule

5. Appointments

Confirming Appointments:

No Schedule

Non-Confirming Appointments:

No Schedule

Resignations:

No Schedule

6. Petitions

Petitions:

Petition was received from Dave Labrode on behalf of the “Frozen Shamrock 3-Mile road race,” requesting a new permit for a walk on Sunday, April 14, 2013, at 1:00 pm, starting from and ending at Archie’s Little River Ale House, 27 Lafayette Sq - Rescheduled from Feb 23 because of snow storm  
GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 37-B

Petition was received from Jeff Grassie requesting permission to use the parking lot at 40 Bailey Blvd (next to the Haverhill Police Station) and adjacent sidewalks for the Haverhill Farmers’ Market; every Saturday; June 29 thru October 26, from 9:00AM. to 1:00PM. There was a related communication from Haverhill Police Department stating no objection to the Farmer’s Market location and related stipulations. MR. GRASSIE STATED THAT THE FARMERS MARKET IS GROWING EVERY YEAR AND HAS 400-500 CUSTOMER WEEKLY. IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER THE FARMERS MARKET IS HELD AT THE UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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Applications:

Applications for Tag Days 2013:

Haverhill Inner City Boxing, July 19 & 20

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

26K

Haverhill High Girl’s Field Hockey, October 12, 13 & 14

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

26L

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Application was received from James Conroy to renew Hawker Peddler license, to sell hotdogs, chips, soda, cookies, canned chili, water, & slush at Bradford Common; March 1 thru Nov. 30, Monday – Sunday, 900AM to 9:00PM, with conditional Health Department approval and Bond  
GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 28B

Application was received from Kim Therrien for license to operate as an employee of a Hawker Peddler, Jim Conroy, at Bradford Common  
GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 28C

7. Hearings and Related Orders  
No Schedule

8. Motions and Orders

ORDERED: That the following locations are hereby established as Polling Places for all Elections to be held during the year 2013, in accordance with Chapter 554, Section 24 of Massachusetts General Laws:

Ward 1 Precinct 1	Consentino School
Precinct 2	Washington Square Elderly Housing
Precinct 3	Haverhill High School - Gymnasium
Ward 2 Precinct 1	Northpoint Bible College
Precinct 2	Hunking School-Art Room
Precinct 3	Moody School
Ward 3 Precinct 1	Citizen Center
Precinct 2	Haverhill Public Library
Precinct 3	Universalist Unitarian Church
Ward 4 Precinct 1	Nettle School
Precinct 2	Northern Essex Community College
Precinct 3	Kennedy Circle Elderly Housing
Ward 5 Precinct 1	Julian Steele Elderly Housing
Precinct 2	First Presbyterian Church
Precinct 3	West Congregational Church
Ward 6 Precinct 1	Haverhill High School
Precinct 2	John Greenleaf Whittier School
Precinct 3	Pentucket Lake School - Music Room
Ward 7 Precinct 1	Elderly Housing Community Room- Greystone Ave
Precinct 2	Hunking School – Library
Precinct 3	Bradford Elementary School

CLERK TOOMEY STATED THAT ZION BIBLE COLLEGE HAS CHANGED ITS NAME TO NORTH POINT BIBLE COLLEGE  
PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 40

9. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings  
No Schedule

10. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Monthly Reports:  
No Schedule

Communications from Councillors:

Communication was received from Councillor Macek requesting to discuss downtown parking. COUNCILLOR MACEK MENTIONED SOME INCONSISTENCIES IN THE PARKING PLAN AND SUGGESTED WAYS TO OPTIMIZE PARKING SPACES. ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 9-0

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Communication was received from Councilor Michitson wishing to announce a major economic development event in Haverhill.

COUNCILLOR MICHITSON ANNOUNCED THERE WILL BE A TRAILBLAZING THE MERRIMACK VALLEY OPEN INNOVATION CLUSTER CONFERENCE ON MARCH 20, 6:00PM TO 9:30PM AT NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE. EVENT IS FREE.

PLACED ON FILE

9-P

Communication was received from Councilor Michitson wishing to discuss steps to reduce the City's \$3M structural deficit.

COUNCILLOR MICHITSON GAVE A PRESENTATION SUGGESTING WAY TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT

PLACED ON FILE

9-Q

Communications from City Employees:

Communication was received from City Clerk Margaret Toomey requesting that the City Council Meetings for April 30, 2013 & June 25, 2013 be cancelled due to Elections on those dates for U.S. Senate

PASSED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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11: Resolutions and Proclamations

ORDERED: A resolution to file and accept grants with and from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, executive Office of Energy and Environmental affairs for the Parkland acquisitions and renovations for communities program for improvements to the Tattersall Farm

Whereas:

The Tattersall Farm is by and far a community-wide asset and the preservation and improvements to this facility are a City priority as evidenced in the most recent Open Space and Recreation Plan; and

The Tattersall Farm is dedicated to park and recreation purposes under M.G.L. Chapter 45, Section 14; and

The Tattersall Farm's ultimate restoration, guided in principal by its protected covenants, will greatly enhance this facility with improved public access and usage through a community garden program, a playscape, an outdoor learning area, improved and expanded trails with educational signage, and improved infrastructure with additional water supplies and expanded parking; and The main focus of the Plan is to increase the available space on the Farm to adequately provide for the public's agricultural utilization and to host major events, activities, and educational programming. This overall cost and fiscal budget constraints prevented the City from proceeding forward with implementation of this project; and

The project will be implemented with the intention of securing grant funding, when and if available, to assist in this effort; and

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is offering reimbursable grants to cities and towns to support the preservation and restoration of urban parks through the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant program (301 CMR 5.00); and The Tattersall Farm Project will cost a total of \$572,000 (Five Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Dollars) and the City has allocated \$572,000 in general funds for the Project, with the understanding that \$388,960 (68%) will be reimbursed to the City by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the remaining \$183,040 (32%) will be the City's commitment. This commitment will be shared by the City (\$50,000), the Tattersall Farm Charitable Trust (\$50,000), and their in-kind service partners (\$83,040), including the City's Public Works, Water, and Wastewater Divisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

1. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to file and accept grants from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; and
2. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this grant to be administered by the Conservation and Recreation Departments; and
3. That this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

ROBERT MOORE, JR, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN, GAVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FARM

PASSED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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12. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor LePage presented the minutes and recommendations of the Administration & Finance Committee meeting held February 28 which include an addition to the Rules and Regulations of the City Council for 2013.

COUNCILLOR LEPAGE STATED THAT THE RULES & REGULATIONS INCLUDE REFERENCE TO REMOTE PARTICIPATION AND THAT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE RELATING TO WAIVER OF FEE OR CHARGE WILL BE REVISED BY SOLICITOR COX  
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

11C

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

Attest: Margaret A Toomey  
City Clerk