



# City of Haverhill City Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7:00 PM  
City Council Chambers, Room 202

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

Acting City Clerk – Heather Budrewicz

1. Approval of Records of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved.

2. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor LePage was appointed to read the minutes.

3. Communications from the Mayor

Communication was received from Mayor Fiorentini submitting Memorandum of Agreement with City's Highway/Park Labor Group and also submits related Salary Ordinance

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE  
An Ordinance Relating to Salaries  
(see document for complete text)

CHAPTER  
Highway/Park Department

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

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

No Schedule

5. Appointments

Confirming Appointments:

No Schedule

Non-Confirming Appointments:

William L. Grad was appointed to the Benjamin and Eva C. Grad Family Trust

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Christian G. Sewell, Constable, Term to expire September 4, 2014

PLACED ON FILE

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Danielle Smida was appointed to the Friends of Bradford Rail Trail Committee

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Resignations:

No Schedule

6. Petitions

Petitions:

Petition was received from Paul Arsenault, contractor for 12-13 High st Realty Trust, requesting a Special Permit for 7 Unit Building Rehab on 12 High st ; Plat 515, Block 295, Lot 3– 7 rental units

REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD

COUNCIL HEARING NOVEMBER 12, 2013

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Petition was received from Collean Combs, on behalf of Whittier Rehab Hospital, requesting a permit for the 4th Annual Dodo 5K Run/Walk fundraiser and also requests to use chalk on roads; on Saturday, September 14, 9:00AM to 10:30AM starting at 145 Ward Hill av . The request to chalk the roads was withdrawn.

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

37J

Petition was received from Edward Mahoney for One Day Liquor License; to sell Beer and Wine for Tattersall Farm Charitable Foundation at Farm Day; at 542 North Broadway; 12:00Noon to 6:00PM, on September 22 with rain date of September 29.

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

31H

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6.1. Applications:

Annual License Renewals: Pilgrim Lanes, 600 Primrose st,

THE FOLLOWING WERE GRANTED:

Bowling:	20 Lanes	Yeas 9, Nays 0	96
Sunday Bowling:	20 Sunday lanes	Yeas 9, Nays 0	70C
Pool Tables:	5 Tables	Yeas 9, Nays 0	61F
Sunday Pool Tables:	5 Sunday Tables	Yeas 9, Nays 0	70D

John Cardran - New application, Buy & Sell 2nd Hand Articles, VID/COMP, 161 Washington st,  
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 64N

7. Hearings and Related Orders:

No Schedule

8. Motions and Orders

Ordinances (File 10 Days)

No Schedule

9. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

Document 35-D

Communication was received from Mayor Fiorentini requesting to address Council concerning the City's pensions. There was a related communication from Mayor Fiorentini submitting Pension information along with "Haverhill Retirement System" Actuarial Valuation dated January 1, 2012 .\*

**Councillor Ryan recused himself and left the chambers.**

Document 51-B

ORDERED: That the City Council of the City of Haverhill accept the provisions of Chapter 188, Section 19, of the Acts of 2010 which would increase the Cost of living adjustment base in \$1,000 increments each for FY 14, FY 15, and FY 16 such that any cost of living adjustment granted by the Haverhill Retirement Board will be based upon \$13,000 for FY 14, \$14,000 for FY 15 and \$15,000 for FY 16

MAYOR FIORENTINI GAVE A POWER POINT PRESENTATION. HE EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE COSTS OF THE PENSION SYSTEM. HE INTRODUCED CINDER MCINERNEY, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF FIRST SOUTHWEST; SOUTHWEST PROVIDES FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE CITY. SHE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE UNFUNDED LIABILITIES (PENSIONS & HEALTHCARE) THAT THE CITY HAS TO ADDRESS IN THE FUTURE.

MR. LEWIS POORE, HAVERHILL RETIREMENT BOARD, DISPUTED THE INFORMATION THAT WAS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR. \*

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN TO REFER TO ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE Yeas 8, Absent 1 51B

Document 51-C

ORDERED: That the City Council of the City of Haverhill accept the provisions of Chapter 139 of the Acts of 2012, the so-called "widow's pension," which would amend the provisions of M.G.L. c. 32, § 101 to increase the benefit of the widow/widower of a member retired for accidental disability retirement before August 9, 1996 from \$9,000 to \$12,000 annually

PASSED Yeas 8, Absent 1 51C

Document 57-R

Communication was received from Councillor Hart requesting to introduce David Tuttle, Commander Post 248, American Legion about petition for additional wording on the new Bates Bridge.

MR. TUTTLE STATED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH SENATOR TARR ABOUT AMENDING THE NAME OF THE CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM H. BATES BRIDGE TO INCLUDE VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE. HE SUGGESTED THAT MR. TUTTLE ENLIST THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT. MR. JAMES DOLE OF GROVELAND DISTRIBUTED A LETTER TO COUNCILLORS REQUESTING THAT A SEPARATE PLAQUE BE PLACED ON THE BRIDGE TO HONOR DECEASED VIET NAM VETERANS SGT. WILLARD R. RYAN AND SGT. STEPHEN EDWARD KRAJESKI. COUNCILLORS ADVISED HIM TO WORK WITH GROVELAND OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO ACHIEVE HIS GOAL.\*

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR HART TO SEND A LETTER TO SENATORS TARR AND O'CONNOR IVES SUPPORTING THE AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE WITH A LETTER TO THE MAYOR AND VETERAN SERVICES DIRECTOR REQUESTING THEIR SUPPORT. Yeas 8, Absent 1 57R

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10. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Monthly Reports:

No Schedule

Communications from Councillors:

Communication was received from Councillor Daly O'Brien wishing to introduce Dave LaBrode to discuss public signage.

MR. LABRODE IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH BRIGHTSIDE. HE SPOKE ABOUT THE CORRUGATED PLASTIC SIGNAGE (CORPLAST) THAT IS NOW BEING USED. HE QUESTIONED THE CITY'S SIGNAGE ORDINANCE/REGULATIONS AND ITS ENFORCEMENT.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO REFER TO NATURAL RESOURCE AND PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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Communications from City Employees:

No Schedule

11. Resolutions and Proclamations

No Schedule

12. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Council Committee Reports:

Councillor Hart announced the Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for September 16 To discuss the city's problem with jay walking.

Councillor LePage announced the Administration & Finance Committee meeting scheduled for September 18 to discuss the sale of second hand articles.

\*Doc. 51-B – Handout from Mayor Fiorentini and Handout from Lewis Poore

\*Doc. 57-R – Handout from James Dole

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Absent 1

Attest: Heather Budrewicz  
Acting City Clerk