



# City of Haverhill City Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 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 Macek was appointed to read the minutes.

3. Communications from the Mayor

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:

No Schedule

Applications:

Application was received from Father Robert Murray, on behalf of St James Church, requesting a permit for the 4th Annual 5k Fun Run and Walk on Sunday, October 27 beginning at 10:00AM at St James School, 415 Primrose st

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

37L

Annual License Renewals:

No Schedule

7. Hearings and Related Orders:

Hearing was held on Document 91, a petition from John H Pettis III, Engineer, for the City of Haverhill, requesting street name change from Maynard Street to Maynard Avenue; appearing in favor and no one in opposition, the hearing was closed. A favorable recommendation was received from the Planning Board & Planning Director William Pillsbury.

HEARING CLOSED

91

Document 91-B.

ORDERED: That the public way laid out and accepted as “Maynard Street,” as shown on the attached plan, shall and is hereby changed to “Maynard Avenue”, all the requirements of the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 222, §4(A-C) and §9 – 10 having been complied with. (see document for complete text)

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

91B

Hearing was held on Document 92, a petition from John H Pettis, III, City Engineer, requesting to alter portion of “Old Newton Road” south of Route 495, by converting an existing City Lot (Map 671, Block 602, Lot 24 to right of way, and also approval of a name change of this roadway to “Dutton Road”; appearing in favor and no one in opposition, the hearing was closed. A favorable recommendation was received from the Planning Board & Planning Director William Pillsbury.

HEARING CLOSED

92

Document 92-B.

ORDERED: That the public way laid out and accepted as “Old Newton Road,” which is south of Route 495, be altered by adding a City of Haverhill lot to the right of way, and further that the name for the altered public way shall and is hereby changed to “Dutton Road” all the requirements of the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 222, §4(A-C) and §9 – 10 having been complied with. (see document for complete text)

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GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 92B

8. Motions and Orders

ORDERED:; Election Warrant; Local Election, Tuesday, November 5th for Mayor, City Council, and School Committee with polls open for voting at 7:00AM to close at 8:00PM (see document for complete text)

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 40F

ORDERED: That in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 64, authorize the payment of bill(s) of the previous years and to further authorize the payment from current year departmental appropriations as listed: (see document for complete text)

Schwaab, Inc.	\$ 55.98	Health Department
Casey Engineered Maintenance	\$ 179.90	Citizens Center Maintenance
Haverhill Public Schools	\$60,863.67	Various Accounts (see attached)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 21Y

ORDERED: That the sum of \$25,858 be transferred from the Salary Reserve account in the amounts stated to the following General Fund Accounts to fund Furlough Reimbursement:

City Council Salary (staff only)	\$ 175
Mayor Salary (staff only)	\$ 733
Auditor Salary	\$ 3,096
Purchasing Salary	\$ 1,051
Assessing Salary	\$ 1,304
Treasurer Salary	\$ 2,353
Legal Salary	\$ 1,177
Human Resources Salary	\$ 2,590
Information Technology Salary	\$ 3,641
Conservation Salary	\$ 1,045
Planning Salary	\$ 1,294
Police Salary	\$ 1,070
Building Zoning Salary	\$ 1,134
Public Works Admin Salary	\$ 741
Veterans Salary	\$ 920
Human Services Salary	\$ 1,273
Public Library Salary	\$ 2,261

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 21Z

Ordinances (File 10 Days)  
No Schedule

9. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

Document 57-W

Communication was received from Councillor Macek wishing to introduce area residents to discuss concerns relative to the 12th Avenue Playground. A related communication was received from Vin Ouellette, Director of Human Services, reporting on the 12th Avenue Playground with measures in-place and recommendations.

Mr. Ouellette reported that he has met with the neighbors/abutters, has received permission to use Nettle School gym, Mon. & Weds 6:00PM to 8:30PM, and JG Whittier School gym, Tues. & Thurs. 6:00PM to 8:30PM.; has established linkage with Valley Works to conduct outreach. Recommended installing new single poles and aluminum backboards; installing fence on the 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. side of the court, post curfew times.

PLACED ON FILE 57W

10. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Monthly Reports:  
No Schedule

Communications from Councillors:

Communication was received from Councillor Macek requesting to introduce Thomas Spitalere, President of the Hilldale Cemetery, to update the City Council on recent developments.

MR. SPITALERE GAVE AN ACCOUNTING OF THEIR FINANCIAL STATUS. THERE IS LEGAL ACTION BEING TAKEN AND HE COULD NOT ELABORATE ON THAT. THE BOARD WILL MEET IN DECEMBER TO COME WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN VETERANS AREA IS BEING WORKED ON. DAVID VAN DAM, CHIEF OF STAFF, MENTIONED THAT THE MAYOR HAS OFFERED TO TAKE OVER THE VETERANS AREA BY HAVING VOLUNTEERS MAINTAIN IT & THERE WOULD BE NO TAX PAYER EXPENDITURE

PLACED ON FILE 102C

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Communication was received from Councillor Daly O'Brien requesting to introduce Carol Crowell, Haverhill Historical Commission, to discuss Shoe Workers' Plaza  
MS. SULLIVAN INVITED THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ATTEND DEDICATION OF SHOE WORKERS PLAZA ON OCT.26<sup>th</sup> AT 10:00AM, IN FRONT OF THE NEW PARKING GARAGE ON GRANITE ST.  
A BRONZE PLAQUE WILL BE INSTALLED.  
PLACED ON FILE 102D

Communication was received from Councillor Sullivan requesting to recognize Haverhill native James E. Rothman for having been awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2013.  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COUNCIL SEND MR. ROTHMAN A CONGRATULATORY LETTER/CITATION. DAVID VAN DAM, CHIEF OF STAFF, STATED THAT THE MAYOR HAS CONTACTED MR, ROTHMAN, WHO IS AT YALE UNIVERSITY, & WILL UPDATE THE COUNCIL.  
PLACED ON FILE 102E

Communication was received from Councilor Michitson to address dangerous off ramp, Route 495, exit 51A, onto Main St. in southerly direction. Exit 51A backs up to Route 495 during rush hour.  
PLACED ON FILE & REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE 102F

Communication was received from Councilor Michitson requesting to discuss public safety and related issues in Mount Washington neighborhood.  
Councillor Michitson invited Adam Sotirakopoulos to speak about the recent events in the area and his concerns. This was prefaced by opening remarks by Councilor Michitson. Deputy Chief Thompson stated that directed patrols have been requested for the "Hill" area and mentioned other initiatives to address crime issues. A neighborhood meeting will be planned. Pastor Ben Yosua-Davis spoke about his involvement.  
PLACED ON FILE, LETTER TO MAYOR & FOLLOW UP WITH INSPECTIONAL SERVICES, CDBG  
CONTINUED TO NOV. 12, 2013 102G

Communications from City Employees:  
No Schedule

11. Resolutions and Proclamations

PROCLAMATION  
United Nations Day; October 24, 2013  
(see document for complete text)

ADOPTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 1 24N

12. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Council Committee Reports:  
No Schedule

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 o'clock P.M. Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: *Heather Budrewicz*  
Acting City Clerk