



City Council Retreat

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017

A G E N D A

Time	Topic	Council Facilitator
8:45 – 9 am	Coffee & Welcome	Mayor Jack Blalock, City Manager Bohenko
9 – 10 am	Code Updates	Assistant Mayor Splaine
10 – 11:15 am	Sustainability Initiatives: Chemical-free Operations, Solar, Renewable Energy, Water Quality & Supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sustainability/Solar opportunities ➤ Renewable Energy Policy Goal ➤ Chemical-Free Operations ➤ Water System Updates 	Assistant Mayor Splaine Councilor Lown Councilor Denton
11:15-11:30	BREAK	
11:30 – 12:30 pm	Responsible Policy Making	Councilor Dwyer
12:30 - 1 pm	Electronic Agendas	Councilor Cyr
1 – 2 pm	Council Rules/Procedures & Public Input – Methods and Opportunities, Best Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Board & Ward Liaisons, Appointments 	Councilor Pearson Councilor Spear
2-2:15	BREAK	
2:15 – 3 pm	“Looking Ahead: Portsmouth’s Next Big Challenges”	Councilor Perkins
3 – 4 pm	Referendum on Police & Fire Commissions	Councilor Dwyer Councilor Spear



Code Updates

FIRE, INSPECTIONS, HEALTH

Code Update Goals



- ▶ **B**est practices guide public safety and public health
- ▶ **E**nact Local Ordinance Amendments to reflect RSAs and minimum requirements
- ▶ **S**ynchronize local amendments with RSAs
- ▶ **A**dd clarity for all users
- ▶ **F**oster greater public knowledge and understanding
- ▶ **E**nhance interdepartmental efficiency and communication

City Ordinance References



- ▶ [Chapter 5, Article IX](#): International Fire Code, 2006:
 - ▶ International Energy Conservation Code, 2006
 - ▶ National Fuel Gas Code, 2009 (NFPA 54)
 - ▶ National Electric Code, 2011 (NFPA 70)
- ▶ [Chapter 12, Part I](#): International Building Code (IBC), 2006
- ▶ [Chapter 12, Part II](#): International Residential Code (IRC), 2006
- ▶ [Chapter 15](#): International Plumbing Code & International Mechanical Code, 2006
- ▶ [Chapter 4](#): Food Licensing and Regulations

Fire Code Update

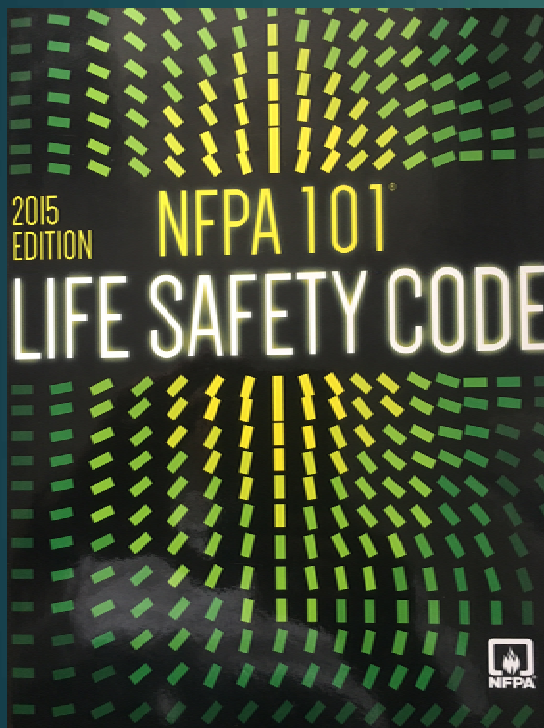


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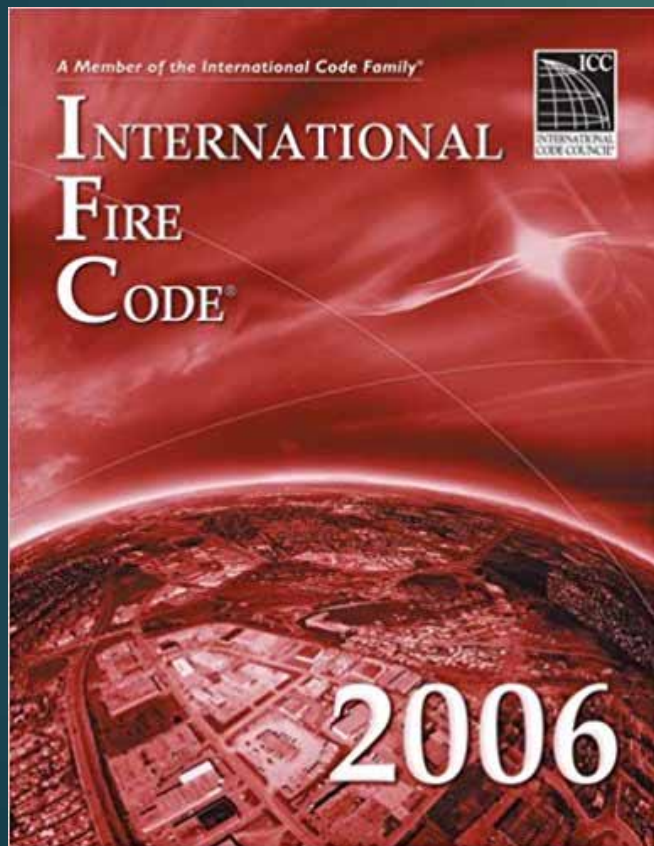
State Fire Code



Local Fire Code



Ordinance Update



Application

New Buildings



Existing Buildings

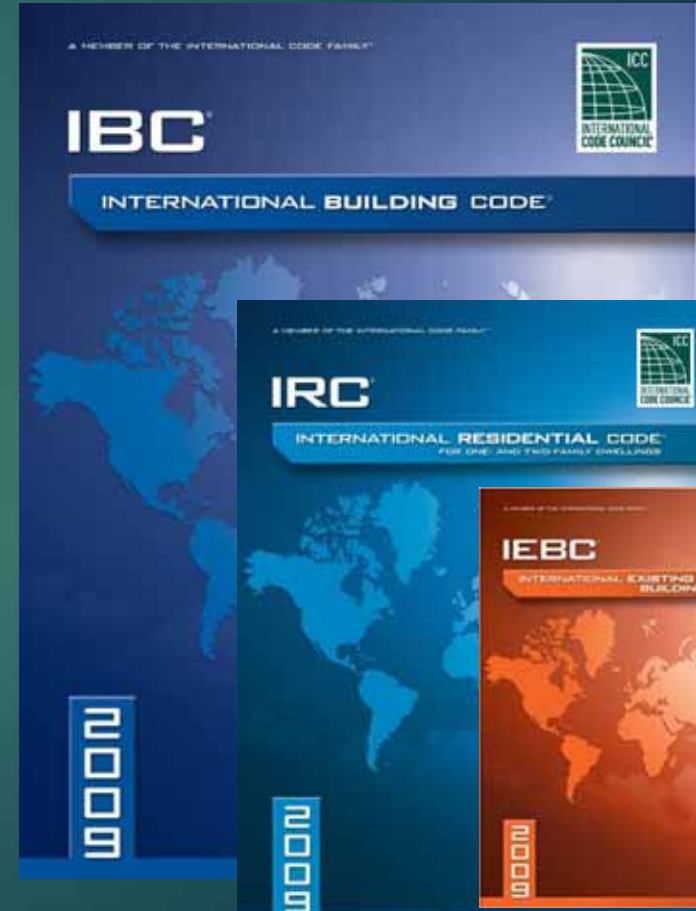
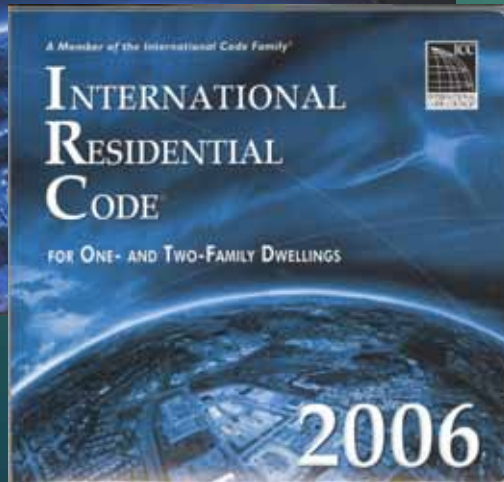
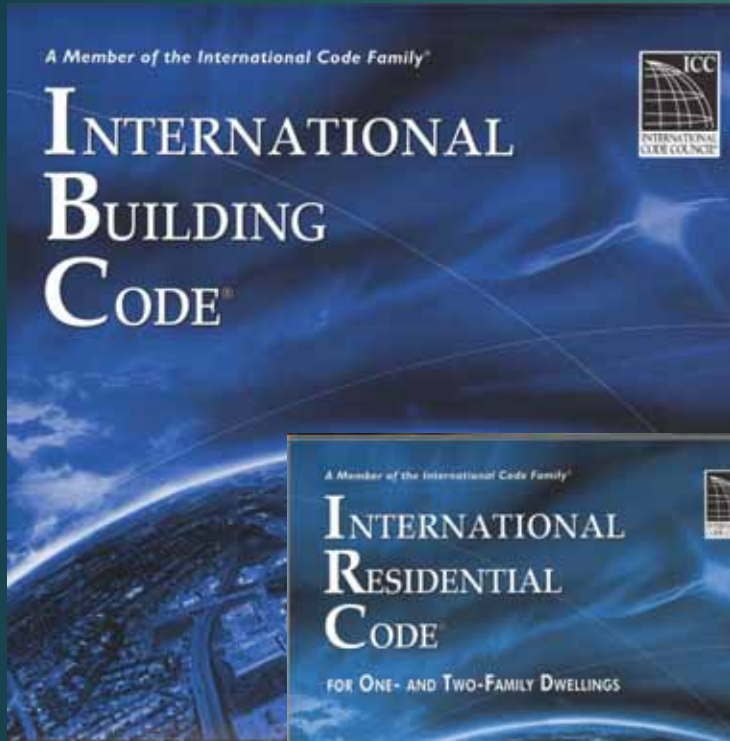


Impact



- ▶ Reflects what's happening in city
- ▶ Keeps pace with technology and current building practices
- ▶ Provides consistency and efficiency in Fire Prevention Bureau and with other Stakeholders
- ▶ Provides consistent and accurate information for contractors, builders, architects, and engineers.
- ▶ May lead to sprinkler system requirement in newer, smaller commercial occupancies.

Inspections Code Updates IBC and IRC 2006 → 2009



ICC Model Codes Updated Every 3 Years

- ▶ Process includes input from Building Officials, Firefighting Professionals, State Agencies, ICC internal review boards, Design Professionals and Builders/Contractors/Product Manufacturers
- ▶ Significant changes are often the result of major events such as the Station Nightclub fire in RI in 2003.
- ▶ 2009 Edition of the ICC Codes ratified by the State OF NH 6/18/12 (with State Amendments)
- ▶ Any conflicts between codes resolved by use of more restrictive.



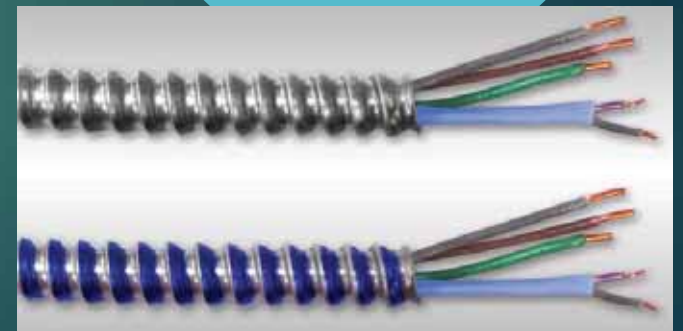
INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE (IEBC):

- ▶ Encourages the use and reuse of existing buildings while requiring reasonable upgrades and improvements primarily related to Life Safety.
- ▶ Very important in Portsmouth given the age of many of our buildings.
- ▶ Chapter 11 deals specifically with Historic Buildings.
- ▶ Existing door, corridor and stairway widths less than those that would be acceptable in new buildings can be approved by the Building Official.



Proposed Amendments to the 2014 National Electrical Code

- ▶ House wiring (NM cable Romex) only to be used in single and two-family dwellings.
- ▶ Plastic-coated cable (SE cable (SEU and SER) only to be used in single and two-family dwellings. (Toxic fumes, will melt and disconnect emergency lighting.)
- ▶ GFCI Protection needed for 120-250 volt outlets and branch circuits in kitchens, bathrooms, basements, and garages in dwellings. Would have prevented recent electrocution.
- ▶ Disconnecting means from exterior for single and two-family dwellings – aids first responders.



Health Department: Food Code



Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives

- W. A. Foster



Food Code

U.S. Public Health Service



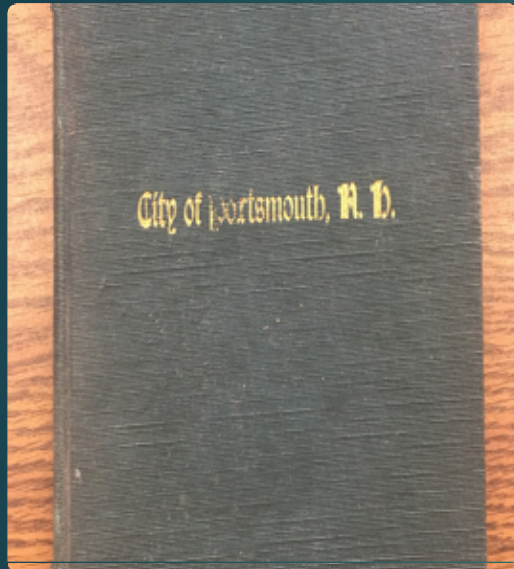
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service • Food and Drug Administration

College Park, MD 20740

1923 Portsmouth Health Ordinances

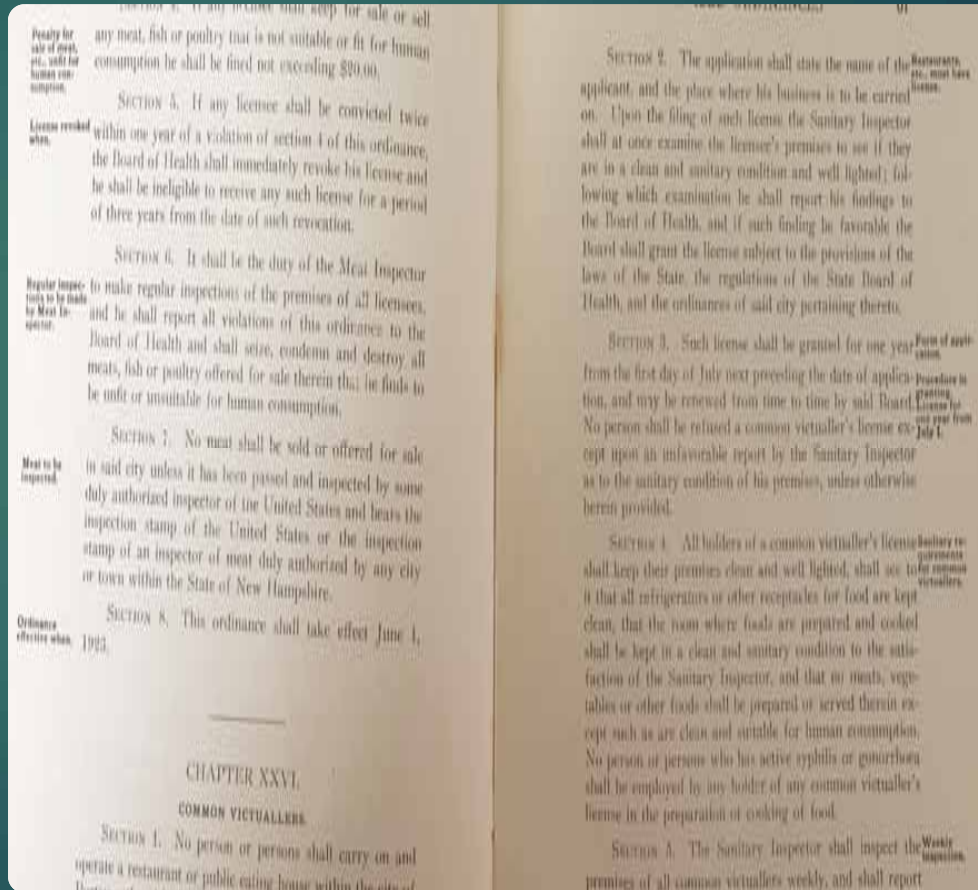


THE REVISED ORDINANCES
OF 1923

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and
Twenty-Three

An Ordinance



1923-2017

Article I Milk > NH Food Protection Dairy Sanitation

Article II & III > USDA Meat Inspection Service

The screenshot shows the official website of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The page is titled "Dairy Sanitation" and is part of the "Food Protection" section. It features a navigation menu with links for Home, About DHHS, Divisions/Offices, Media, Statistics, Online Tools, Vendors / RFP, Job Opportunities, Topics A to Z, and Contact. The main content area includes a search bar, a "DHHS Events Calendar" for the month of April, and a "Program Information" section with links for "File a Complaint", "Licensing/Applications", and "Contact Dairy Sanitation". A "Related Resources" section lists "Conference on Milk Shipments", "Dairy Practices Council", "Dairy Sanitation Rules", and "US Food & Drug Administration". The page also contains a "Milk Production at the Farm" section with an image of a cow and a "Milk Pasteurization Plants" section with an image of a cow. The footer includes a link to the Adobe Acrobat Reader format.

The graphic features the slogan "One Team, One Purpose" at the top. Below it, there are four images: a pig, a person in a lab coat working in a laboratory, a young girl eating a sandwich, and a plate of meat. The background is a blue circular seal with the text "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE" and "P-42". The main title "Food Safety and Inspection Service" is prominently displayed in the center, with the tagline "Protecting Public Health and Preventing Foodborne Illness" below it.

Articles IV & V: Portsmouth Health Department FDA Food Code 1934-2017



Food and Drug
Administration
Food Code

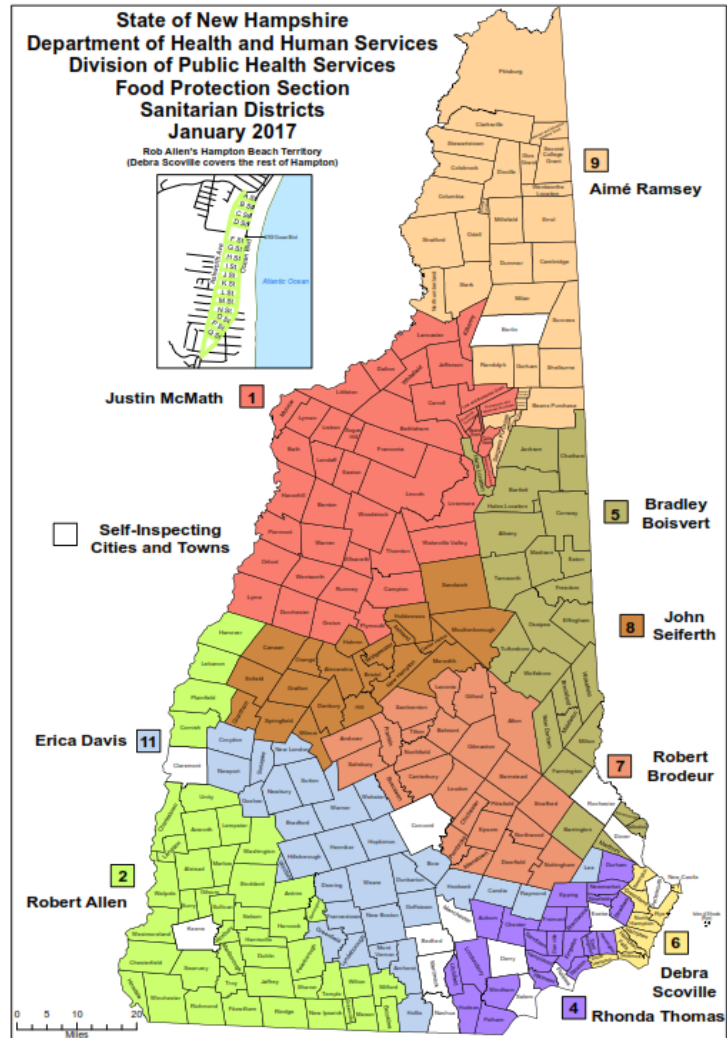


Centers for
Disease Control &
Prevention



United States
Department of
Agriculture


NH Self- Inspecting Municipalities



Opportunity: Clarification on City Policy on Dogs on Outdoor Patios

Menu Sun Weather Michigan


Dogs on restaurant patios? Bill to allow it in Michigan is back



Michigan bill would allow dogs on patios. In this photo, Mary Turner and her poodle "Dodge" sit at an outdoor cafe on New York's Upper West Side. Turner, May 18, 2014. (AP Photo/Richard Drew) (Richard Drew)

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MICHIGAN PROM



Prom 2017: Photos from celebrations across Michigan

START A PETITION 40,258,967 members, the world's largest community for good

care2 PETITIONS CAUSES HEALTHY LIVING REWARDS

ANIMALS WOMEN POLITICS FOOD LGBT HUMAN RIGHTS MORE

Dogs Welcome: California Approves Dogs on Restaurant Patios



TOP STORIES

- 1 Homeless for Over a Year, Ned New Signs In 'Downward Dog'
- 2 Family Removed From JetBlue Flight Over a Birthday Cake
- 3 \$10,000 Reward Offered to Find Killer of Famous Yellowstone White Wolf
- 4 Antarctica Is Going Green, Thanks to Climate Change
- 5 A Black Woman-Owned Company Will Replace Fire's Corroded Water Pipes

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By [J.B. Scott](#) August 28, 2014
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Want to Bite Into a Shark's World?

Wild Mushroom Foraging



ID Expert?
Or Elmer Fudd?



Morels or False
Morels?
Yummy or
Wicked?



Differing
Morphology at
Various Growth
Stages
Makes ID Difficult

Special Processes



Sous Vide

*Salmonella & E. coli
ssp.*



Fermented Foods

Botulism



Blast Freezing





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Sustainability Initiatives

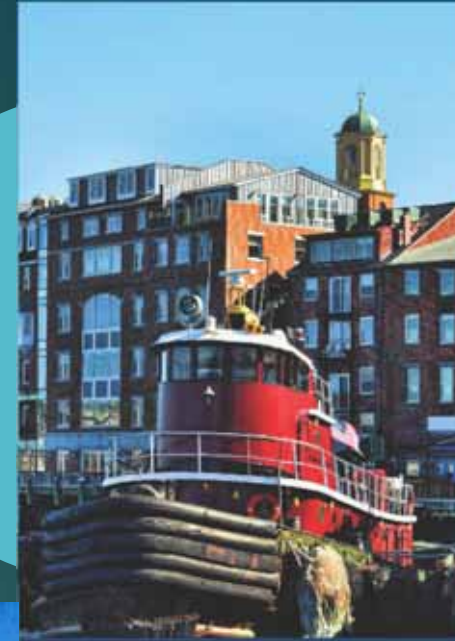
SUSTAINABLE DECISION MAKING/SOLAR , RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY,
CHEMICAL-FREE OPERATIONS, WATER SYSTEM UPDATES

Sustainable Decision Making

- ▶ City Council voted to declare Portsmouth an Eco-Municipality in 2007 and signed a resolution which fully acknowledges Portsmouth's commitment and desire to become more sustainable
- ▶ Being an Eco-Municipality, Portsmouth follows four sustainability principles from *The Natural Step*:
 - ▶  Reduce dependence upon fossil fuels and extracted underground metals and minerals
 - ▶  Lessen the need for chemicals and other manufactured substances that can accumulate in nature
 - ▶  Decrease activities that harm life-sustaining eco-systems
 - ▶  Meet the hierarchy of present and future human needs fairly and efficiently



City Success Since Adopting Eco-Municipality



LED Streetlights



50% of HPS to LED conversion completed to date



PORTSMOUTH LED STREET LIGHTS



1,610 LIGHTS

Affinity LED Lighting is converting cobra head style streetlights located on Eversource utility poles

\$120,000

Annual savings each year



494,000 KWH

Annual electricity consumption saved.

300 METRIC TONS

CO2 emissions prevented annually.



HEALTH & SAFETY

AMA compliant, more accurate color rendering and improved visibility of potential driving hazards.

ECO-MUNICIPALITY

www.cityofportsmouth.com



▶ Economic Benefit

▶ Environmental Benefit

▶ Social Benefit

▶ Dark sky friendly

▶ Lights assembled in Dover NH by US Veterans

PHS + WTP Solar

- ▶ Social Benefit
 - ▶ Clean water made with clean energy at Madbury WTP
 - ▶ Solar panels visible to PHS students on daily basis
- ▶ Environmental Benefit
 - ▶ 710,000 kWh per year
 - ▶ Equivalent 500 CO2 tons
- ▶ Economic Benefit
 - ▶ %5 electricity kWh rate reduction



Energy Efficiency + Clean Energy

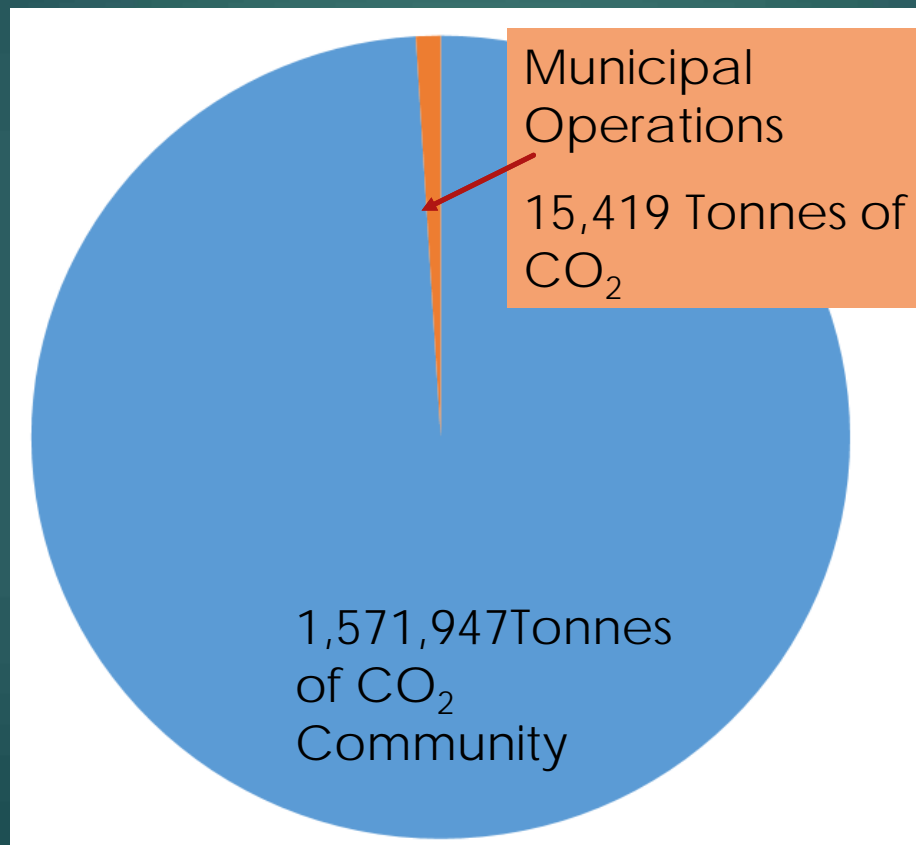
- ▶ Efficiency upgrades such as insulation are hidden from sight yet significantly reduce natural resource consumption
- ▶ Renewable energy such as solar are visually appealing and produce clean energy to consume
- ▶ **Reduction plus Production**
 - ▶ Solar and LED projects combine to reduce City electricity consumption by **1.2 Megawatts** annually for the next 20 years
 - ▶ 1.2 Megawatts reduction results in 846 metric tons of CO2 equivalent emissions
 - ▶ Solar and LED projects combine to **reduce City operations CO2 equivalent emissions by 5%**



Project Name	Project Cost	Additional Funds	Estimated Equipment Lifespan	kWh per year (reduction or production)	Equivalent CO2 Tons per year	kWh Lifetime (reduction or production)	Equivalent CO2 Tons lifetime	Cost per kWh	Cost per CO2 ton
PHS + WTP									
Solar	\$ 1,800,000.00	25%	25	710,000	499	17,750,000	12,475	\$0.10	\$144.29
LED Streetlights	\$ 400,000.00	25%	20	494,000	347	9,880,000	6,940	\$0.04	\$57.64

Community Sustainability Initiatives

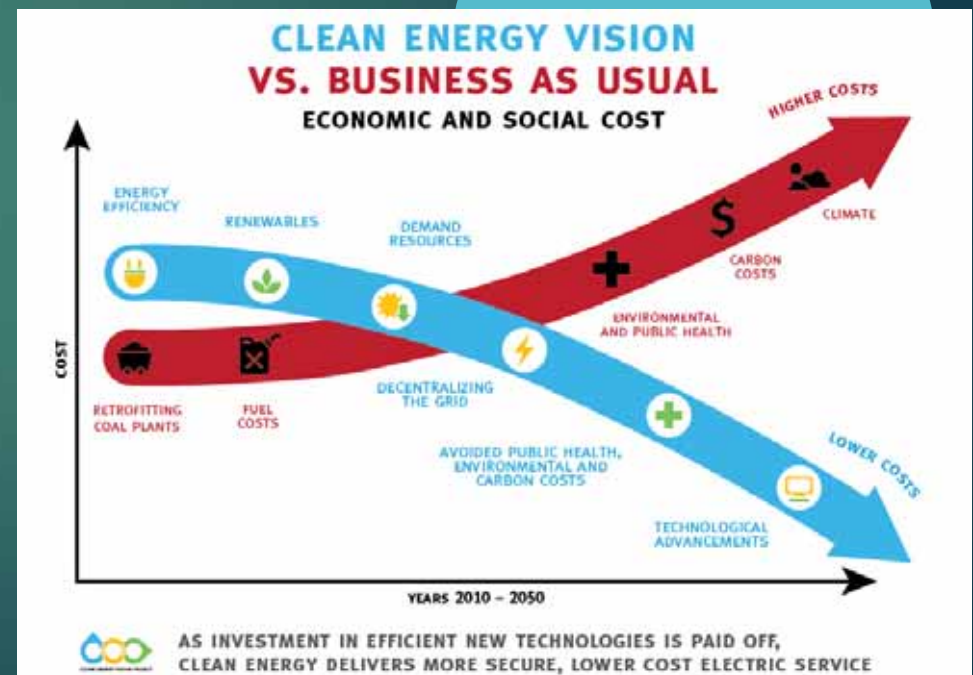
2006 & 2012 Greenhouse Gas Inventories



Net Zero/Clean Energy Vision

How can we encourage the entire Portsmouth community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

- ▶ Current Community Sustainability Initiatives:
 - ▶ Sustainability Alliance Handprint Parties
 - ▶ Energize 360 Portsmouth
 - ▶ Green Alliance
 - ▶ Local Restaurant Composting Initiative
 - ▶ Portsmouth Listens
 - ▶ Solar Panels on Businesses
 - ▶ Surf rider Foundation Plastic Bag Litter



Renewable Energy Policy

Vision, Scope of Work, and Objectives would have to be established:

- ▶ 100% Clean Energy or Net Zero alternative?
- ▶ Just the City government, the entire City of Portsmouth, the entire City of Portsmouth and Pease, or the larger seacoast?
- ▶ Remain part of ISO New England or pursue our own micro grid?
- ▶ Assess the current energy demand and current City assets:
 - ▶ solar arrays
 - ▶ LED lights
 - ▶ energy efficiency program
- ▶ Determine future energy demand and potential future City assets:
 - ▶ anaerobic digester
 - ▶ off-shore wind
 - ▶ Bio Schiller Station
- ▶ Create a policy

"We choose to go to the moon this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

-President John F. Kennedy

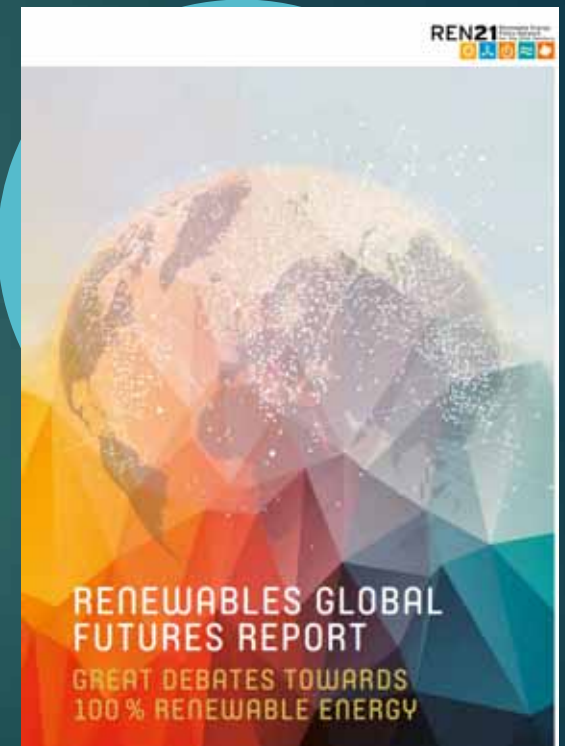
September 12, 1962

Renewable Energy Policy

The Mayor could consider forming a Renewable Energy Policy Committee charged to report back in 4 – 6 months to the City Council with a Renewable Energy Policy.

Committee could possibly consist of:

- ▶ Two City Councilors, one to serve as Chair (2)
- ▶ One School Board Member or one Sustainability Committee Member (1)
- ▶ One Planning Board Member (1)
- ▶ The Deputy City Manager or Planning Director (1)
- ▶ The Environmental Planner / Sustainability Coordinator or Solid Waste Sustainability Coordinator (1)
- ▶ Three residents that are experts in the renewable energy field or Two resident experts and one Pease Development Authority member (3)



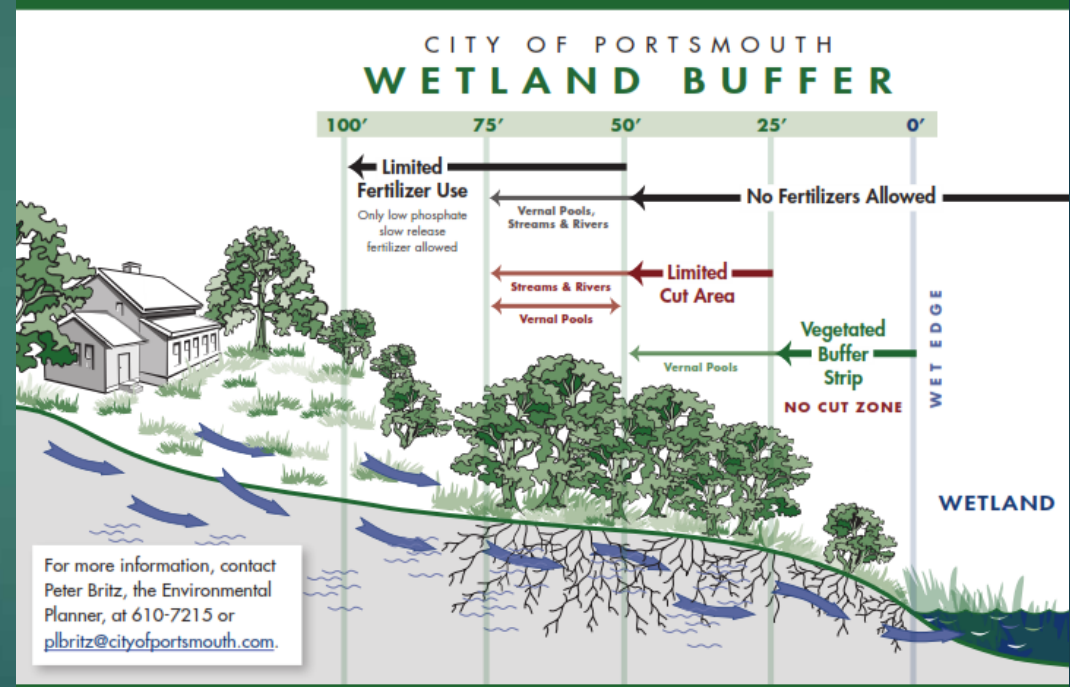
Chemical-Free Operations

- ▶ A Term Used to Indicate a Product is Safe, Healthy or Environmentally Friendly Because Contains Natural Ingredients.
- ▶ Current Chemical Regulations



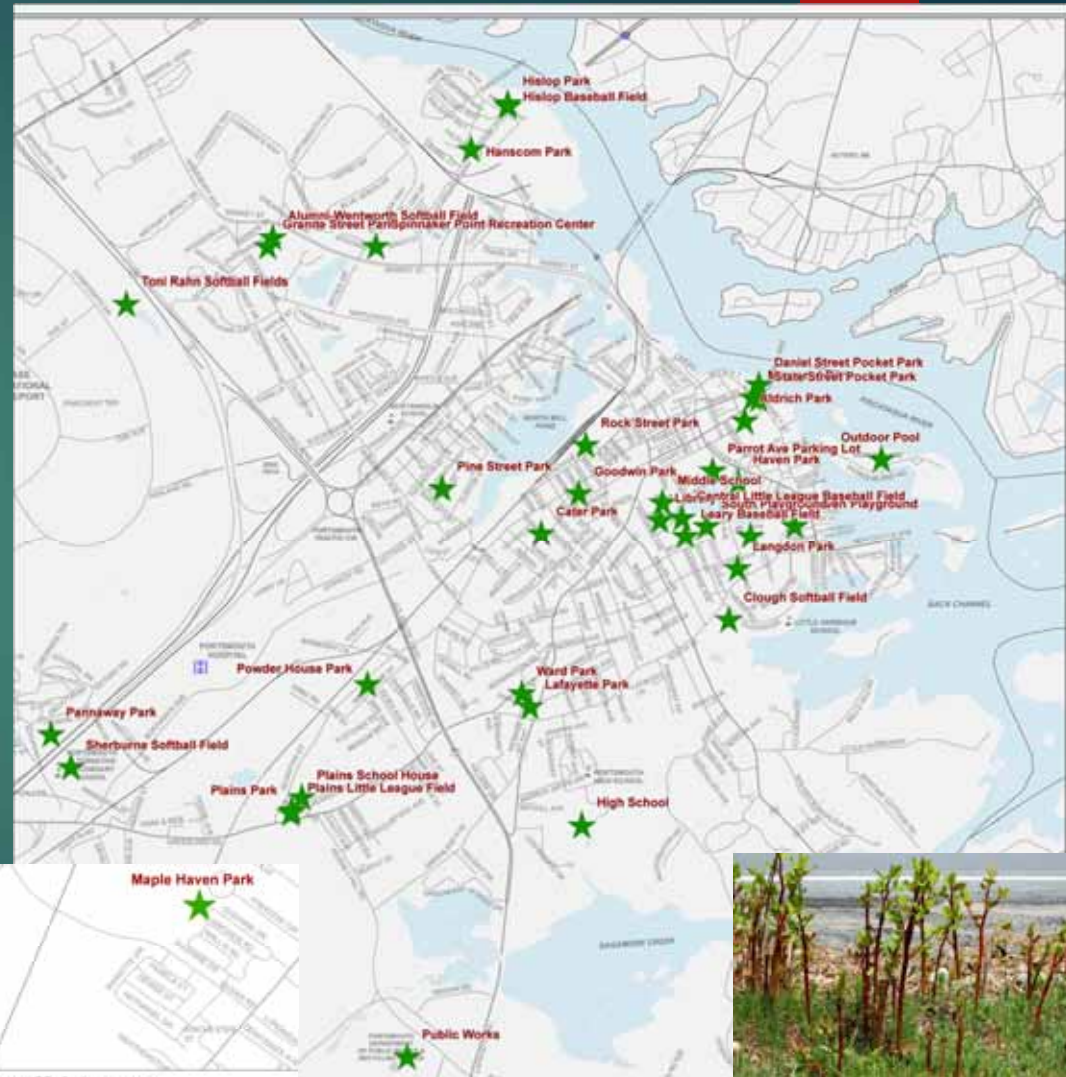
Chemical-Free Operations

- ▶ Current Manufactured Chemical Use in City Operations:
 - ▶ Cleaning Supplies
 - ▶ Ground Maintenance
 - ▶ Pest Management
 - ▶ Weed Control
 - ▶ Treatment Plants



Chemical-Free Operations Current Initiatives

- ▶ Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM)
 - ▶ IPM is a program based on prevention, monitoring and control which offers the opportunity to eliminate or drastically reduce the use of pesticides
- ▶ 2016 Pilot of Organic Weed Control
- ▶ Transitioning to Organic Based Fertilizer for City Parks and Fields (~ 54 acres)
- ▶ 2017 Additional Pilot planned for Organic Weed Control



Greenspace Maintenance

Water Quality Update: Pease Tradeport PFAS Contamination and Well Treatment



Haven Well Shutdown: Chronology of Events

- ▶ April 2014 – City Contacted by EPA regarding their request that Air Force sample the Pease Wells for PFCs
- ▶ Air Force Consultant sampled all three Pease wells in mid-April 2014 for PFCs
- ▶ May 12, 2014 – City staff are notified that PFC levels in Haven Well exceeded the EPA's Health Advisory Standard for PFOS
 - ▶ 2.5 ug/L (Preliminary Health Advisory = 0.2 ug/L)
- ▶ May 12, 2014 - Haven Well is shut down
- ▶ Since May 12, 2014 - Pease water system is supplemented with water from Portsmouth's water system
- ▶ Ongoing Monitoring of PFCs by the Air Force's consultant
- ▶ Ongoing technical work both by Air Force and City staff/consultants
- ▶ July 2015 – EPA Order to Air Force to treat aquifer and wells

A Lot Can Happen in 3 Years...

- ▶ It's no longer "PFCs" – It's "PFAS"
- ▶ It's "Parts per Trillion" (PPT)....
- ▶ A lot more places have detections
 - ▶ Hoosick Falls, NY
 - ▶ Merrimack, NH
 - ▶ Horsham, PA
 - ▶ Colorado Springs, CO
 - ▶ Wurtsmith, MI
 - ▶ Airway Heights, WA
 - ▶ Etc.....



New Hampshire's PFAS Response

The screenshot shows the NHDES website page for the PFOA investigation. The header includes the NHDES logo and navigation links for PUBLIC and GOVERNMENT. The main content area features a title, a brief description of the investigation, and several links for public inquiry, sampling requests, and technical advisories. A sidebar on the left contains navigation menus for NHDES Home, A to Z List, About NHDES, Media Center, Public, Government, Business, Programs, Rules/Regulatory, and Contact Us. A 'OneStop State and Information' logo is also visible in the sidebar.

Investigation into Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) Found in Southern New Hampshire Drinking Water

NHDES is investigating the presence of perfluorochemicals (PFCs) in drinking water in the towns of Merrimack and Litchfield, New Hampshire. The investigation was initiated in early March 2016, when Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics notified NHDES that perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) was detected at low levels (0.03 micrograms per liter (µg/L) or 30 parts per trillion) in samples taken from four water faucets within their Merrimack facility, which is served by the Merrimack Village District Water System. Information related to the investigation and links for additional information about PFCs will be posted on this webpage.

Public Inquiry Line: (603) 271-9461

How to Contact Saint-Gobain: 1 (800) 742-8498 or www.merrimackwater.com

[NHDES State-wide Perfluorinated Chemicals in Drinking Water Investigation – Updated January 10, 2017](#)

[New USEPA health advisories for PFOA and PFOS](#)

[NHDES Well Sampling Request Form](#)

[NH DHHS Perfluorochemical \(PFC\) Blood Testing Program](#)

[October 25, 2016 - Litchfield Water Line Extension Project Map](#)

[NHDES Request for Sampling for PFCs/PFASs at Contaminated Sites](#)

[USEPA Technical Advisory – Laboratory Analysis of Drinking Water Samples for PFOA Using USEPA Method 537](#)

- ▶ Sampling of Private Wells near Merrimack, NH and other suspected PFAS contaminated sites
- ▶ June 2016 Request – Public water system sampling request (Portsmouth participated)
 - ▶ About 50% of samples in New Hampshire have some level of detection
 - ▶ Sampling is at a much lower detection level than UCMR 3 (reportable level of PFOS and PFOA was 0.02 ppb) Fire Department outreach regarding use of PFAS containing foams
- ▶ Sludge testing and other groundwater monitoring requests



Public Involvement:

- ▶ Presentations to Portsmouth City Council
- ▶ "Testing for Pease" Group Forms
- ▶ Haven Well Community Advisory Board
 - ▶ 14 public meetings in 2014
- ▶ Blood Testing
 - ▶ March 31st, 2015 – Public Meeting where NHHS Announces Protocol for Pease Blood Testing
 - ▶ Three public meetings announcing blood test results
- ▶ ATSDR Community Assistance Panel (CAP)
 - ▶ Formed in 2016 to address long-term health concerns
- ▶ Pease Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
 - ▶ Reestablished in 2016

Other Developments...



- ▶ June 2016 - Seacoast Cancer Cluster Investigation
- ▶ July 2016 - Coakley Landfill PFC detections
 - ▶ Private well sampling – few detections
 - ▶ Surface water sampling – higher levels detected
- ▶ January 2017 - Conservation Law Foundation lawsuit against Pease Development Authority regarding Stormwater discharge of PFOA and PFOS
- ▶ January to Present 2017 – Legislation addressing PFOA and PFOS drinking water standards in New Hampshire

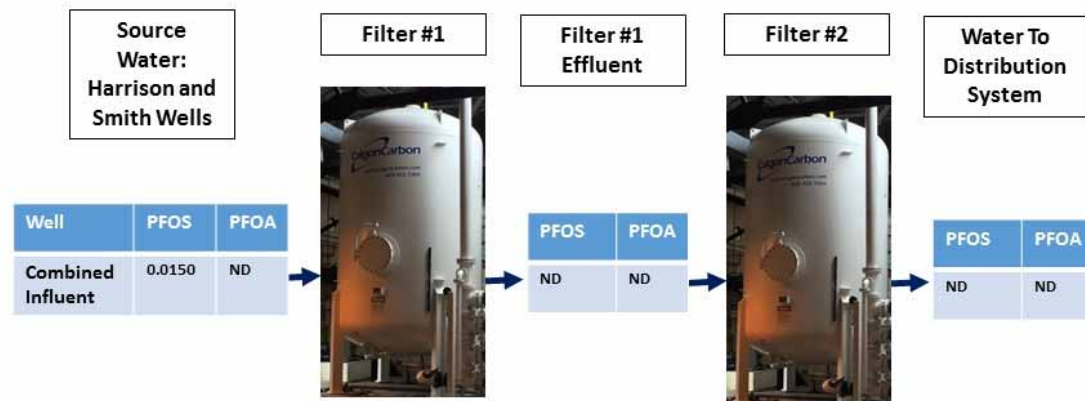
Air Force Agreements to Address the Loss of the Haven Well

- ▶ September 2014
 - ▶ Hydrogeologic study for replacement well
 - ▶ Technical support assistance reimbursement
- ▶ November 2015
 - ▶ Preliminary Treatment Assessment
- ▶ April 2016
 - ▶ Treatment Pilot and Demonstration Project – Filters installed Sept 2016
- ▶ February 2017
 - ▶ Additional Treatment Design Evaluation



Harrison and Smith Well Carbon Filters Installed – September 2016

Pease Tradeport Water System Activated Carbon Treatment Demonstration Project Sampling: May 01, 2017 Results



Notes: All samples in parts-per-billion (ppb)
ND = Non Detect
All samples collected by Weston & Sampson
and analyzed by Maxxam Laboratory

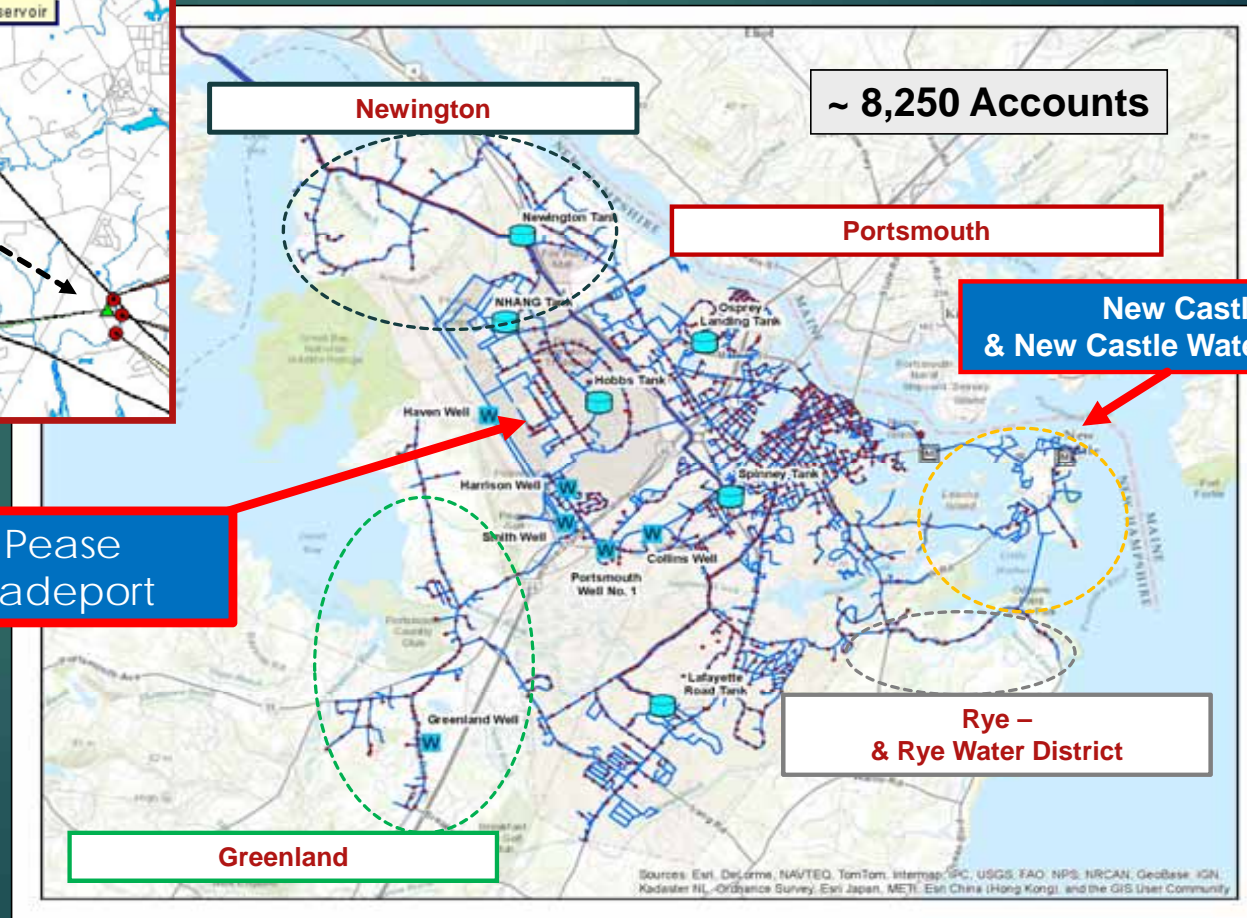
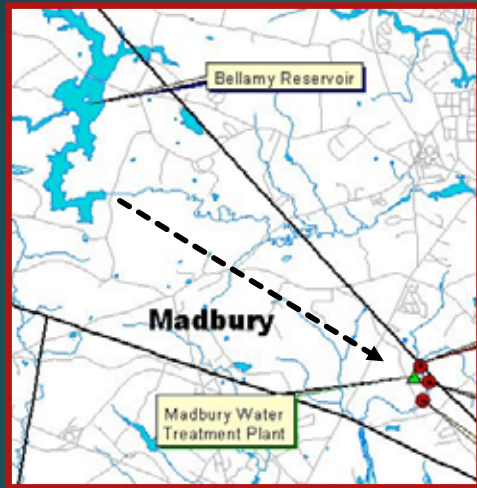
Looking Ahead



- ▶ Continued sampling and assessment of Harrison/Smith filter performance
- ▶ Basis of Design submitted to Air Force in May, 2017
- ▶ Design and Bidding (8 to 12 months)
- ▶ Construction (8 to 12 months)
- ▶ New system on-line (~2019)

- ▶ Continued monitoring of PFAS in wells (Air Force)
- ▶ Aquifer mitigation work (Air Force project)

Portsmouth Regional Water System

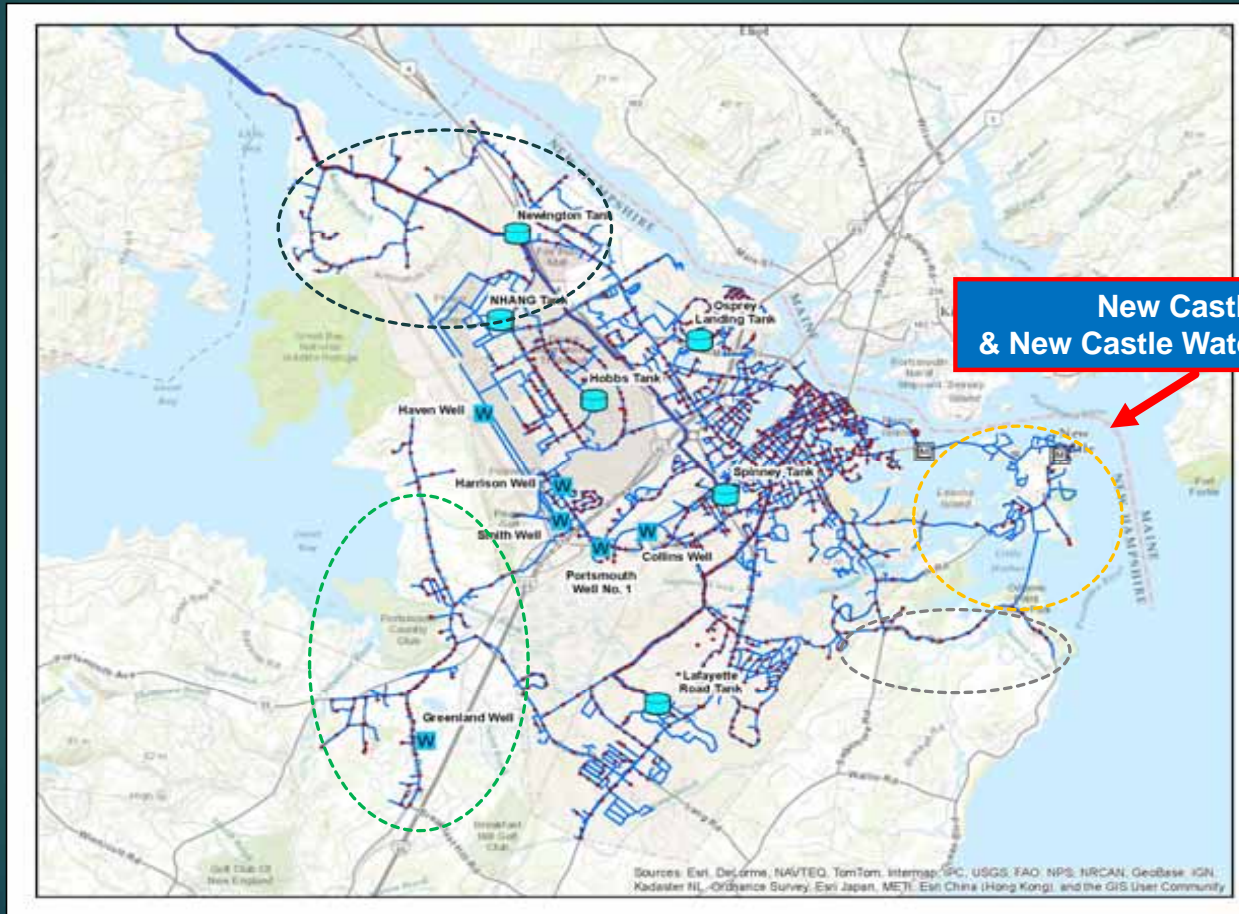


Portsmouth's Regional Customers

TOTAL USAGE BREAKDOWN BY TOWN

Community	Accounts	Annual Gallons	Average Gallons per Day	% of overall CONS
Portsmouth	6,787	938,423,596	2,563,999	76.8%
Newington	341	157,237,080	429,610	12.9%
Greenland	490	44,203,060	120,773	3.6%
New Castle	248	42,900,044	117,213	3.5%
Rye	70	33,177,540	90,649	2.7%
Madbury	2	5,063,960	13,836	0.4%
Durham	2	112,200	307	0.0%
TOTAL	7,940	1,221,117,480	3,336,387	

Water Service to New Castle



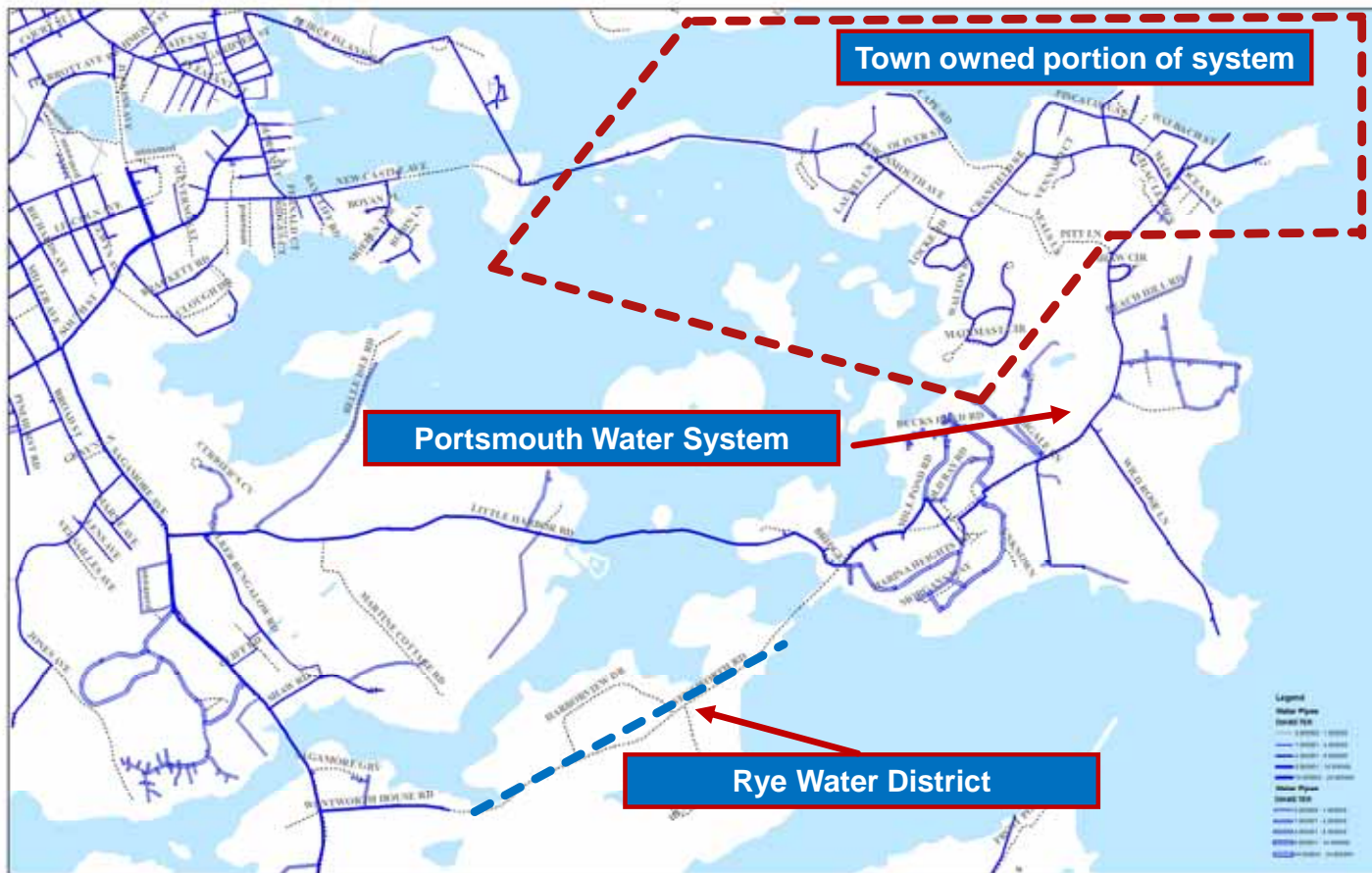
New Castle
& New Castle Water District

History of New Castle Water Service



- ▶ 1899 – New Hampshire Legislature grants the City of Portsmouth the authority to extend its water system throughout numerous towns, including New Castle
- ▶ 1911 – New Castle granted the authority to purchase bulk water from the City to conduct its own retail water system
- ▶ 1916 – New Castle begins to construct their water system

New Castle Water Service



- ▶ City owns and operates water system serving approximately half of the island
 - ▶ 350 customers served by New Castle Water District (wholesale)
 - ▶ 250 customers served by City of Portsmouth Water System (retail)
- ▶ New Castle has no water sources – all water comes from Portsmouth system

New Castle's Desire to Transfer Their Water System to Portsmouth

- ▶ November 2013 – Town sends letter to Portsmouth regarding their interest of conveying their portion of the water system to the City of Portsmouth. Such a transaction would include:
 - ▶ Inventory phase (complete)
 - ▶ Transfer phase (ongoing)
 - ▶ Implementation phase (to be determined)
- ▶ New Castle contracted with Underwood Engineers to perform an assessment of water system needs.
 - ▶ Report issued in 2016
- ▶ Additional follow-up work is ongoing to assess overall needs and coordination of needed upgrades, together with an agreement with City to proceed
- ▶ Town anticipates a public vote to move forward with transfer and costs associated with system upgrades

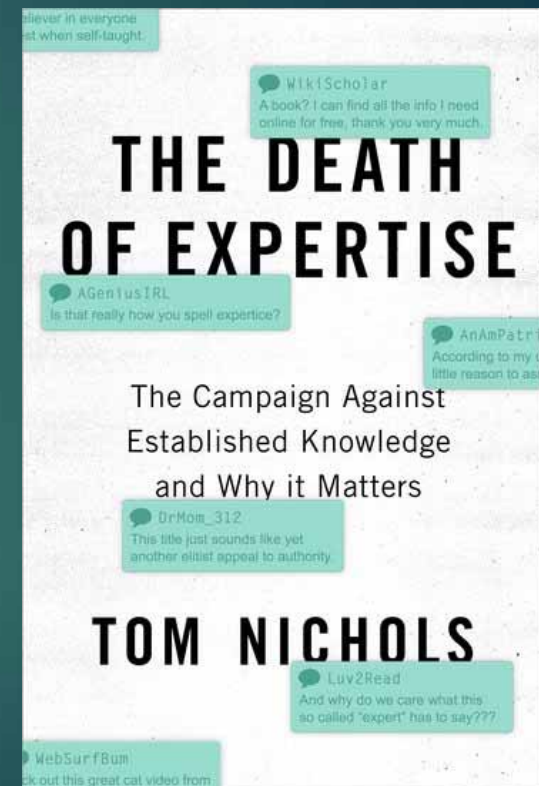


Responsible Policy Making

DISCUSSION

Context

- Information overload
- Broad access to unverified information
- Information without help for interpretation or application
- Expectations of definitive solutions
- Downsides of populism



Goal: Weigh, Balance, Make Explicit Factors Involved in Decision Making

- Scientific
- Affect/Emotional/Personal
- Historical
- Legal
- Practical



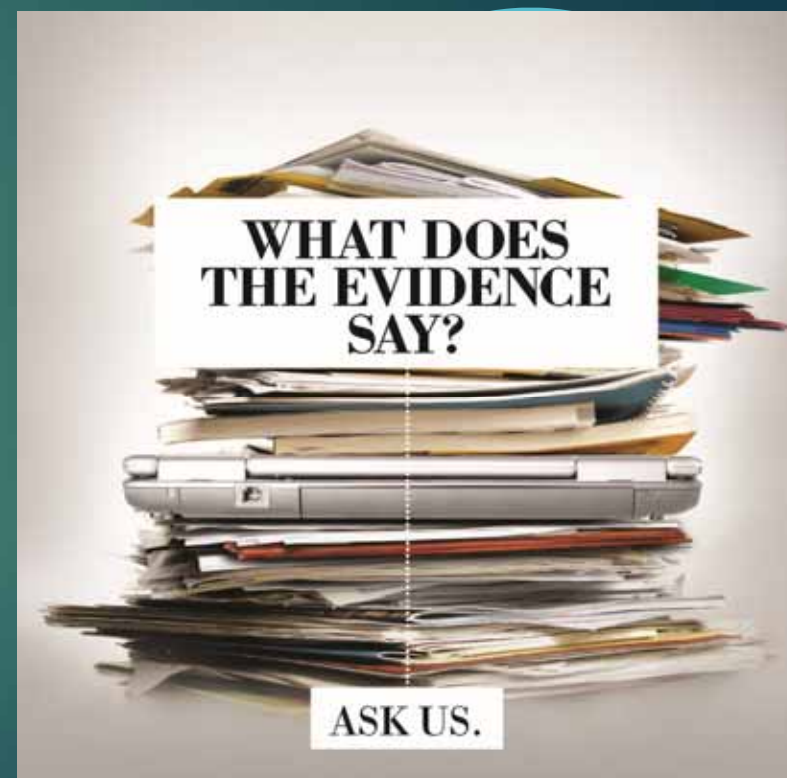
Four Possible Lines of Action



1. Expert Advice to Interpret Best Available Information
2. More Extensive Deliberation in Decision Making Processes
3. Training for Councilors in Key Technical Areas
4. More Emphasis on Communicating Policy Decisions and Documenting Determinative Factors

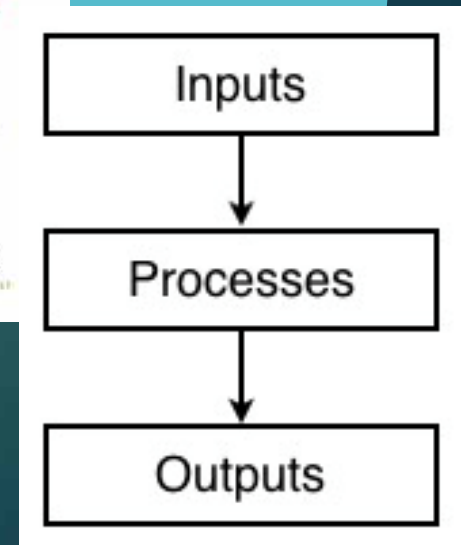
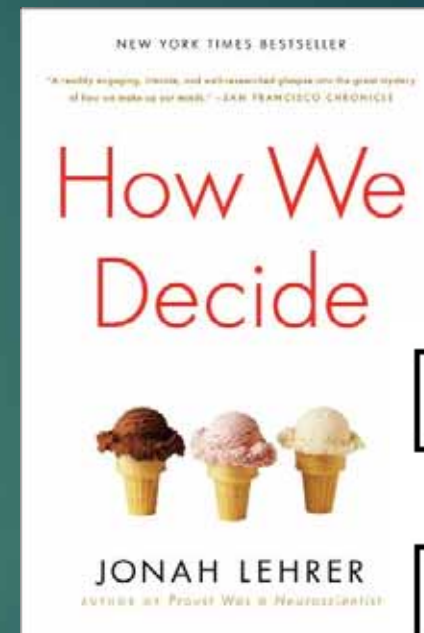
Expert Advice to Interpret Best Available Information

- Standing panel of research experts of Volunteers from the region
- Representative of different disciplines
- Review and advise on implications of information used for policy decisions



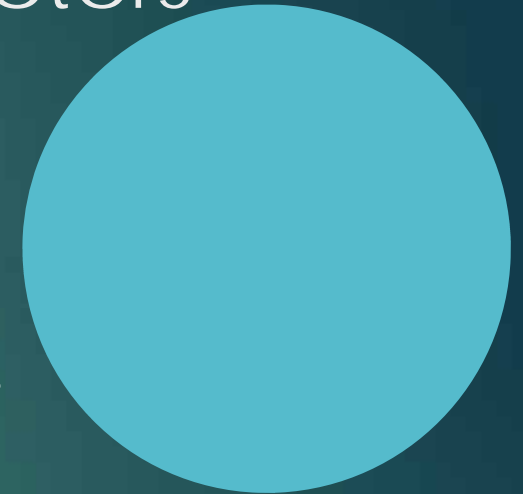
More Extensive Deliberation in Decision Making Processes

- Use a decision making protocol
- Customize for factors to weigh
- Facilitate individual Councilor consideration of factors
- Provide clearer public picture of decisions—serve as guide for documentation



Communicating Policy Decisions & Documenting Determinative Factors

- Communicate complex information
- Provide citizens with full information about background to decisions—don't rely only on reporting in press/social media
- Be aware of broad frames of reference, how issues are understood
- Use easy-to-understand tools
- Standing panel of volunteer communicators
- Document influencing factors along with decision



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Electronic Agendas

LOOKING TOWARDS A PAPERLESS COUNCIL/BOARDS

Bookmarks

- CC Agenda
- 6:30 PM NON PUBLIC SESSION
- AGENDA
 - NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC WHO ARE HEARING IMPAIRED: Please contact Dianna Fogarty at
 - I. CALL TO ORDER
 - II. ROLL CALL
 - III. INVOCATION
 - IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- PRESENTATIONS
 - 1. Portsmouth Demonstration Project Policy City Council 170412
 - CITY MANAGER'S COMMENT
 - 2. Portsmouth Water Supply Status Report April 7 2017
 - CITY MANAGER'S COMMENT
 - 3. Briefing - State St. Fire
 - CITY MANAGER'S COMMENT
- V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PORTSMOUTH, NH
DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017 TIME: 6:30PM

AGENDA

• 6:30PM -- NON PUBLIC SESSION RE: THE COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES - RSA 91-A:3 II (a)

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Complete Street Demonstration Project Policy (Proposed Tactical Urbanism City Council Policy) – Juliet Walker, Planning Director
- 2. Status of City Water Supply – Brian Goetz, Deputy Public Works Director
- 3. Briefing Re: State Street Fire – Steve Achilles, Fire Chief

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – MARCH 20, 2017 & APRIL 3, 2017

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

VII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

- A. Third and final reading of Proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article VII, Section 7.704 and 7.705 to clarify the Prohibition of Truck Traffic on Banfield Road

3. Briefing Re: State Street Fire – Steve Achilles, Fire Chief

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – MARCH 20, 2017 & APRIL 3, 2017

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. CONSIDERATION OF

A. Third and final reading of Ordinance 7.704 and 7.705

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA
(ANTICIPATED ACTION)

A. Letter from Rob St. John's March request *to refer to the*

B. Letter from Meg laminated poster Route 33 Park *with power)*

IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Jane Zill re: policy guidelines
Nancy Colbert Puff Letter to Council

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. St. John's Lodge March request

B. Paws Walk Advertising request

C. Projecting Sign 218 State Street - CM memo

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENT - PROJECTING SIGNS

D. Projecting Sign 75 Pleasant Street - CM Memo

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENT - PROJECTING SIGNS

E. Projecting Sign 99 Daniel Street - CM Memo

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENT - PROJECTING SIGNS

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Nancy Colbert Puff Letter to Council
Letter from Barbey Parmit

MEMORANDUM

TO: John P. Bohenko, City Manager

FROM: Rick Taintor, Planning Director *RT*

DATE:

RE:

Permit

The Council

I recommend the City Council move to pass third and final reading of the proposed Ordinance, as presented. Action on this matter should take place under Section VII of the Agenda

Consent Agenda:

- I. **Request for License to Install Projecting Signs.** Attached under Section VIII of the Agenda is a request for projecting sign licenses (see attached memorandums from Rick Taintor, Planning Director):
 - Andree Connell, owner of Buff and File Nail Bar for property located at 218 State Street
 - Sean Sullivan & Jeff Goss, owner of The Clipper Tavern for property located at 75 Pleasant Street
 - Nora Fournier, owner of Tailor Shop (Seamstress) for property located at 99 Daniel Street

I recommend the City Council move to approve the aforementioned Projecting Sign Licenses as recommended by the Planning Director and, further, authorize the City Manager to execute these License Agreements for these requests. Action on this item should take place under Section VIII of the Agenda.



Council Rules/Procedures – Public Input

A popular government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.

—JAMES MADISON

Input – Methods & Opportunities



- ▶ Public Comment at Council Meetings
 - ▶ Emails, Correspondence
 - ▶ Blue Ribbon Committees
 - ▶ Presentations
 - ▶ Work Sessions
 - ▶ JBC, CIP, Budget “Super Saturday,” Goal Setting, Retreats
 - ▶ Council Ward Liaisons
 - ▶ Social Media, Newspaper
 - ▶ Other? Informal interactions, social engagement
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IAP2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SPECTRUM

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
Public Participation Goal:	Public Participation Goal:	Public Participation Goal:	Public Participation Goal:	Public Participation Goal:
To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision, including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.
Promise to the Public:	Promise to the Public:	Promise to the Public:	Promise to the Public:	Promise to the Public:
We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for direct advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.
Example Tools:	Example Tools:	Example Tools:	Example Tools:	Example Tools:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fact sheets • web sites • open houses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public comment • focus groups • surveys • public meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • workshops • deliberate polling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • citizen advisory committees • consensus-building • participatory decision-making. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • citizen juries • ballots • delegated decisions.

Input/Output – Methods & Opportunities

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Input/Output – Methods & Opportunities

Some facts about parking revenue

May 11 — To the Editor:

Recently, both Portsmouth's parking and annual budget have been examined by many in this community who are concerned about future impacts on tax rates – a genuine concern that I would like to touch upon.

On Wednesday evening, the city manager presented the FY18 budget during a special council meeting. One of the areas that he talked about was revenues for the FY18 budget. He noted in his presentation that the Parking and Transportation Fund – separate from the General Fund – currently sends \$2.4 million to the General Fund annually to help reduce taxes by approximately 50 cents. Over a ten year period, the Parking Fund has sent a total of \$20,533,000 to the General Fund to help offset taxes in the amount of approximately \$5 over that period.

This year, the Parking Fund has also provided an additional \$1,122,000 of services that would typically be funded by the General Fund. Some of those services include \$474,000 for senior transportation, as well as support for mass transit and the free parking shuttle service to the downtown. Other services include \$150,000 to implement the new start of the school times with school bus support and \$80,000 for a downtown police officer.

Going forward, the parking users will continue to support the Parking Fund, subsequently preserving the General Fund and alleviating the property tax rates within the General Fund. With that said, all debt service repayments for the new parking garage at Foundry Place will come out of the Parking Fund, therefore leaving the General Fund and property taxes untouched.

It is important for taxpayers to realize that property taxes have not gone to support parking or parking garages, but rather the opposite is true in that parking revenues have substantially influenced the city's maintenance of a lower tax rate.

Jack Blalock

Mayor of Portsmouth



Help is on the way with Foundry Place garage

The newest data on Portsmouth parking indicates the downtown parking downtown parking spaces are typically occupied over 90 percent of the time. The Mainstre lot and Prescott Park) are full over 94 percent of the time. If the

Printed May 7 at 2:01 AM



Parking garage: Don't worry, be happy

My recent comments as reported in the article about the cost overrun of elucidation. I stand by my statement that this is obscene. It has been observed that there has been brought to the promised land. It was a long journey

Printed May 9 at 2:01 AM



Engagement – Methods & Opportunities

- ▶ Blue Ribbon Committees
- ▶ Presentations
- ▶ Work Sessions
- ▶ JBC, CIP, Budget “Super Saturday,” Goal Setting, Retreats
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Extent of Use

TABLE 1 || Engagement Tools Rank Ordered by Extent of Use

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT TOOL	Number of Respondents	Moderately, Regularly, or Frequently	Mean	Median
Town hall meetings	532	73%	3.35	3
City-appointed committee assignments	511	67%	3.23	3
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	510	66%	3.22	3
Strategic planning meetings	518	63%	2.91	3
Neighborhood association notification of land use changes in their area	487	52%	2.8	3
Participatory budgeting	520	51%	2.76	3
Citizen survey	517	46%	2.56	2
Participatory design	492	41%	2.41	2
Citizen review board	497	31%	2.11	2
Citizen academies	484	26%	1.98	1
Referenda, initiatives, recalls	489	18%	1.91	2
Citizen code enforcement deputies	487	22%	1.77	1
Neighborhood association control over zoning changes	497	19%	1.67	1
Online engagement platforms (Peak Democracy, Budget Allocator, etc.)	479	17%	1.66	1
Neighborhood association decision control over some budget amount	479	15%	1.59	1
311 phone system	449	11%	1.44	1

Note: A mean score of "3" indicates the tool was used moderately.

- 1 = Never
- 2 = Rarely
- 3 = Moderately
- 4 = Regularly
- 5 = Frequently

Don't Know

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Perceived Success

TABLE 2 || How Respondents Rated the Successful or Unsuccessful Use of Different Engagement Tools

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT TOOL	Number of Respondents	Somewhat or Very Successful	Somewhat or Very Unsuccessful	Don't Know
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	340	87%	7%	6%
Citizen survey	241	86%	10%	4%
Town hall meetings	391	85%	13%	2%
Strategic planning meetings	320	79%	11%	11%
City-appointed committee assignments	340	79%	10%	12%
Citizen academies	128	77%	15%	9%
Citizen review board	156	74%	11%	15%
Neighborhood association notification of land use changes in their area	257	72%	8%	20%
Participatory budgeting	266	70%	20%	9%
Participatory design	208	69%	17%	14%
Referenda, initiatives, recalls	89	69%	11%	20%
Citizen code enforcement deputies	112	68%	14%	18%
Neighborhood association control over zoning changes	88	63%	9%	28%
Online engagement platforms (Peak Democracy, Budget Allocator, etc.)	87	61%	17%	22%
Neighborhood association decision control over some budget amount	72	58%	14%	28%
311 phone system	57	56%	19%	25%

Note: A mean score of "3" indicates the tool was used moderately.

1 = Very unsuccessful
 2 = Somewhat unsuccessful
 3 = Somewhat successful
 4 = Very successful
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Key Take Aways

- ▶ Top 3 Tools = City Hall meetings, gov't – appointed committee assignments, and social media
- ▶ Newer tools (on-line engagement) do not have sufficient adoption to evaluate effectiveness
- ▶ Social media, surveys, and City Hall mtgs. were rated as most successful
- ▶ Getting a broad cross-section of input is important

KEY SURVEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Town hall meetings, government appointed committee assignments, and social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) were the top three citizen engagement tools used by survey respondents.
2. Some tools, such as 311 systems and online engagement platforms, are fairly new and don't have sufficiently widespread adoption to determine effectiveness.
3. Of the tools evaluated, social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.), citizen surveys, and town hall meetings were rated as the most successful in meeting engagement goals.
4. Almost everyone agreed that keeping the public informed was critical, and a large percentage agree with the goal of involving citizens, but fewer support the goal of collaborating with citizens, and very few support the goal of empowering citizens with decision-making authority.
5. The majority of respondents said that getting a broad cross-section of residents is an important or highly important goal of their local government.
6. There was no statistically meaningful difference between county and municipal respondents' perceptions of overall levels of citizen participation.
7. Larger jurisdictions tended to report higher levels of participation.

Output – Methods & Opportunities

HOW can we keep people informed?
How can we reach them?



Downtown Parking
@ParkPortsmouth
Portsmouth, New Hampshire Parking
603-766-7000
Portsmouth, New Hampshire
parkportsmouth.com
Joined November 2012

TWEETS	FOLLOWING	FOLLOWERS	LIKES
3,537	14	929	7

Tweets Tweets & replies Media

Downtown Parking @ParkPortsmouth · May 12
Space now available at the parking garage 5/12/17 at 2:25pm.

Downtown Parking @ParkPortsmouth · May 12
Parking garage full 5/12/17 at 12:30pm.



Portsmouth Planning
@PlanPortsmouth
Portsmouth, NH Planning Department
Portsmouth, NH
planportsmouth.com
Joined April 2013

TWEETS	FOLLOWING	FOLLOWERS
367	8	431

Tweets Tweets & replies Media

Portsmouth Planning @PlanPortsmouth · May 6
Have you tried our Zagster bikes yet? Use promo code 'bikeportsmouth' for a free month of membership #PortsmouthNH bit.ly/2qnADDD



Portsmouth NH DPW
@PortsmouthDPW
The City of Portsmouth, NH Department of Public Works
Portsmouth, NH
cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/nh
Joined October 2013

TWEETS	FOLLOWING	FOLLOWERS	LIKES	LISTS
610	14	937	1	1

Tweets Tweets & replies Media

Portsmouth NH DPW @PortsmouthDPW · 7h
You can now purchase compost bins for \$50 (half off their original price) at DPW bit.ly/2pc8hUJ #PortsmouthNH



Portsmouth Library
@portsmouthlib
Portsmouth Public Library | Portsmouth NH USA | 603 766 1700 | Open Monday - Thursday 9 - 9, Friday 9 - 5:30, Saturday 9 - 5, Sunday 1 - 5
Portsmouth, New Hampshire, USA
cityofportsmouth.com/library
Joined October 2009

TWEETS	FOLLOWING	FOLLOWERS	LIKES	LISTS
4,179	736	2,706	610	11

Tweets Tweets & replies Media

Portsmouth Library @portsmouthlib · May 12
PHGGY POWER! Gunther is exploring our #boardbook room! A great space with toys and stories for little ones! But do... instagram.com/p/8JAUBLLRZ/



Portsmouth NH Police
@portsmouthnhpd

TWEETS	FOLLOWING	FOLLOWERS	LIKES
2,041	33	5,843	3

Tweets Tweets & replies Media

Portsmouth NH Police @portsmouthnhpd · 12h
National Police Week started May 14 and runs through May 20th!
The immensely dedicated men and women of this... fb.me/1mcQnNxV

Portsmouth NH Police @portsmouthnhpd · May 13
Congratulations Chief Merner!
The men and women of the Portsmouth PD look forward to working with you in our... fb.me/XSLPEWAY

Portsmouth, NH USA
cityofportsmouth.com/police/index.h













Joined September 2009

Keeping People Informed...

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Input/Output – Methods & Opportunities

Portsmouth Click N' Fix

Welcome! The Portsmouth Click N' Fix application enables you to request public works maintenance service. Please be advised that this citizen service request form is for non-emergency service issues only.

Please include your contact information in order to ensure a timely response, location accuracy and additional communication if necessary. After you submit your request, you will receive an email with a Service Request ID for reference purposes. City personnel will review your request and respond as resources allow. If you want to check on the status later, you'll need the Service Request ID. A [tutorial video](#) has been created to show you it's features.

Should your service request require immediate attention, you should dial (603) 427-1530.

We appreciate your request and thank you for helping to improve the City of Portsmouth.

Download on the **App Store**
GET IT ON **Google Play**

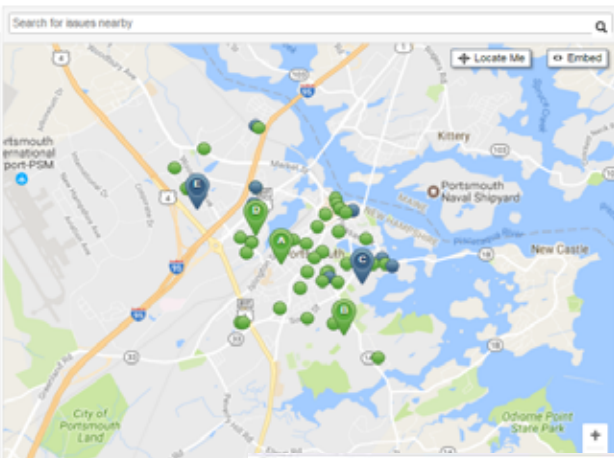
REPORT ISSUES

Search for issues nearby

Sort by: Recent Filter

- Trash/Litter (2)**
400 Kensington St Portsmouth, NH
about 8 hours ago - Fix It - Share
- Trash/Litter (1)**
589 Broad St Portsmouth, New Hampshire
1 day ago - Fix It - Share
- Street Issue (1)**
280 South St. Portsmouth, New Hampshire
3 days ago - Fix It - Share
- Street Issue (2)**
120 Thornton St Portsmouth, NH 03801, USA
3 days ago - Fix It - Share
- Lighting (2)**
99 Meadow Road Portsmouth, New Hampshire
3 days ago - Fix It - Share
- Lighting (1)**
2-68 Vaughan Mall Portsmouth, New Hampshire
4 days ago - Fix It - Share
- Recycling & Solid Waste (1)**
82 Driftwood Ln Portsmouth, NH 03801, USA
5 days ago - Fix It - Share

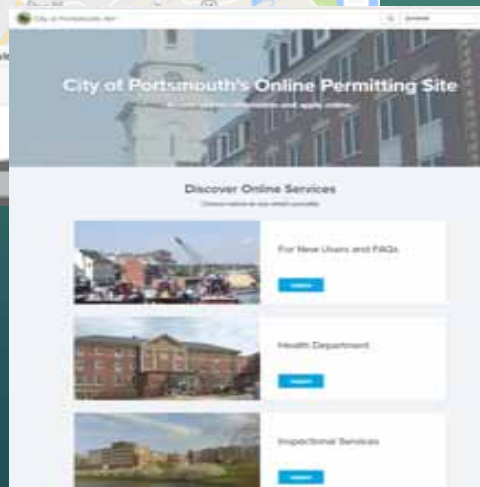
Report an Issue



City of Portsmouth's Online Permitting Site

Discover Online Services

- For New Users and FAQs
- Health Department
- Inspection Services



City of Portsmouth, NH

1 J. JONES AVENUE

Google Maps Link

City of Portsmouth

Property Data

Parcel Information

Property

Location: 1 J. JONES AVE
Map ID: 913-085-006
Status: 0720
Parcel Number:

Ownership

Owner: CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
Address: PO BOX 626
PORTSMOUTH, NH 03802

Valuation

Assessed: \$12,713,890
Last Sale: 08/01/2017 05:08
Sold Date: 2007-03-28
Book Page: 24762802

Feedback

Feedback Type

- Data Issues
- Data Issues**
- Map Issues
- Site Functionality
- Site Performance
- Other

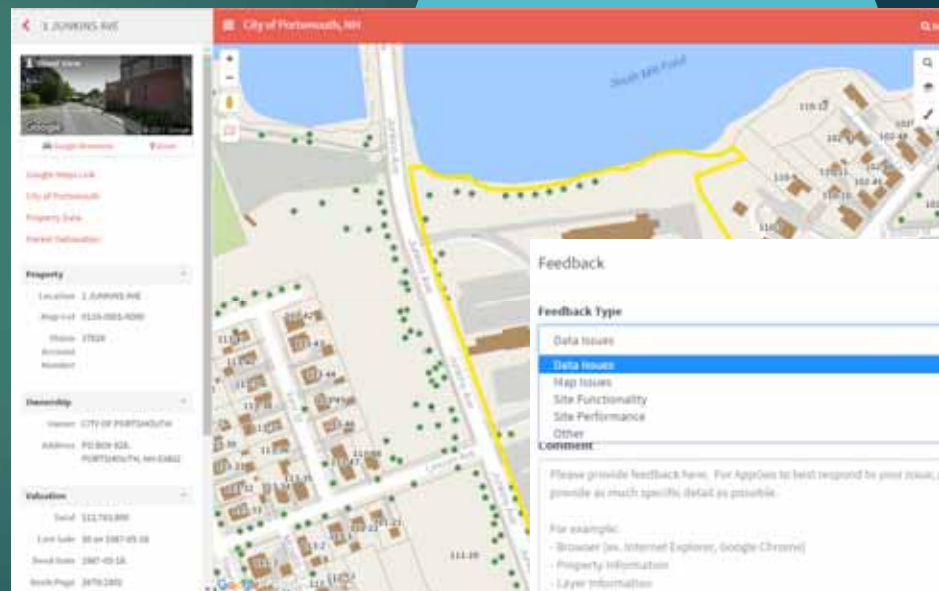
Comment

Please provide feedback here. For AppDev to best respond to your issues, please provide as much specific detail as possible.

For example:

- Browser (ie, Internet Explorer, Google Chrome)
- Property Information
- Layer Information

Cancel Submit



Welcome to Portsmouth

UPCOMING MEETINGS

[Master Calendar >](#)

WED
MAY
06

**CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
*BUDGET GEN...**
8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Levenson Room, Library

MON
MAY
08

**LEGISLATIVE
SUBCOMMITTEE**
8:30 AM
Eileen Dondero Foley Council
Chambers, City Hall

TUE
MAY
09

SCHOOL BOARD
7:00 PM
Eileen Dondero Foley Council
Chambers, City Hall



PAY MY BILL



WHAT'S NEW



FORMS &
PERMITS



PARK
PORTSMOUTH



CONTACT



MASTER
CALENDAR

Input/Output
– Methods &
Opportunities

HOW can we keep
people informed?

How can we reach
them?

Input – Methods & Opportunities

Who are we NOT hearing from?
How can we reach them?

The image displays three sequential screenshots of the Open City Hall website interface, illustrating data analysis and user engagement.

Left Screenshot: Open City Hall Home
The page features a navigation bar with links for HOME, INFO, SIGN IN, and HELP. Below the navigation is a social media section with Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter icons. A main banner titled "About Open City Hall" includes a photo of a person walking on a path and text: "Join the discussion. City officials will consider all input in their decision process." Below the banner is an email subscription form and a list of "Open Topics" with response counts:

- Housing Policy Questionnaire (233)
- New Administrative Services/Finance Director (76)
- Priorities for City Hall (171)
- Public Art on Gateway Island (405)
- Food & Beverage Tax (241)
- Downtown Smoking Ban (642)
- Plastic Bag Ban - One Year Review (231)

Middle Screenshot: Topic Page
The page is titled "How satisfied are you with the current plastic bag ordinance?" and has 234 responses. It includes tabs for Introduction, Feedback, Your Response, and Outcome. A "Demographics" section shows a bar chart of responses by age group. A dropdown menu is open, showing options: Age group, Gender, and Frequency of participation.

Age Group	Number of Responses
<20	0
20-29	0
30-39	1
40-49	1
50-59	7
60-69	10
70-79	10
>79	1
Age not shared	19

Right Screenshot: Map View
The page shows a map of the "Around Ashland" area with a heatmap overlay indicating response density. A tooltip box is visible, stating: "This topic is closed. This topic has 234 visitors and 49 responses. That's 2.5 hours of public comment @ 3 minutes per response. It is now closed to participation." The map includes a legend for "Responses" ranging from 1 to 49.

NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE ON YOUR CORNER

is an information session during normal business hours responsive to residents who may be discouraged of attending public meetings outside of their communities and during evening hours.

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE FROM 10:00 A. M. TO 11:00 A. M.

These sessions give the community the opportunity to hear directly from city officials and representatives in an informal setting at a local venue in their neighborhoods about city programs, initiatives and operations.

2017

April-May-June Meetings

- April 19th** 2017 Clean Slate Day
Annie's Place, 4014 SW Gage Center Drive
- May 17th** 2018 Budget Priorities
Mc Donald's, 2880 SE California
- June 21st** Topeka Shawnee County Public Library
Juli's Coffee and Bistro,
110 SE 8th Avenue

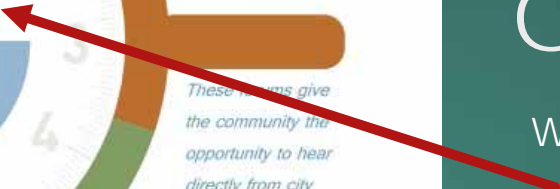
For further information please contact:
Shane Wilson swilson@topeka.org or 368-4492.

10:00 A. M. TO 11:00 A. M.

Department of Neighborhood Relations • 620 SE Madison • 1st Floor • Topeka, KS • 66607

Input – Methods & Opportunities

Who are we NOT hearing from?
How can we reach them?



Topeka Tweet-A-Longs

Blog posts for the weekly #TopekaTweetALongs. Follow @cityoftopeka on Twitter if you want the live action coverage. Storify.com/cityoftopeka for collection of tweets.

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Topeka's water quality put to the test

TL;DR Topeka has an extensive water treatment process that takes a full day from river to tap. And because it's on everyone's mind: None of our water mains are made of lead – only lead in the City is found in service lines and interior plumbing of older homes, and they've never been above EPA regs. Also, the Kansas River has hard water, so very little corrosion (you can think those white rings around your faucets for that).

Storify by City of Topeka a year ago



Testing Topeka's water quality

#topekatweetalong went around with water plant manager Bruce Northrup to talk water quality and our treatment process



Blog Archive

- ▼ 2016 (9)
 - ▶ April (2)
 - ▼ March (3)
 - Parking Control Officers don't have it that bad in...
 - Topeka's water quality put to the test
 - Finance goes to school
 - ▶ February (1)
 - ▶ January (3)
- ▶ 2015 (25)

Input – Methods & Opportunities

Who are we NOT hearing from?
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Appointment Processes



Mayor Appoints w/Council Concurrence

- Statute Driven
- Charter Rules
- Diversity, Expertise
- What does "vacancy" mean?
Term?



Looking Ahead: Portsmouth's Next Big Challenges

DISCUSSION

#NBT

THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT



An Open Letter from the Alliance for Innovation



When the Alliance for Innovation completed its recent strategic plan, we committed to discovering the "next big things" facing local governments. We challenged ourselves to look beyond the horizon we could see, and imagine what our cities and counties might look like one generation from now. It was an audacious task, undertaken to ensure that our members and their successors—the most innovative city and county leaders on the planet—are well equipped to face the future, whatever it holds.

We chose a twenty-year time horizon.

Why? Twenty years is the average length of a generation.

Thinking twenty years into the future enables us to get out of our own way and imagine a future beyond ourselves when many of us will be retired, or handing the reins to our successors. Thinking of the kinds of communities our children and grandchildren will inherit - and the communities we have served and loved - often brings out the best in us: we want to imagine the greatest number of possibilities and when those possibilities impact those we love, we bring focus to the task.

Alliance for
Innovation –

Are you
Future
Ready?

What Trends are Affecting Portsmouth?

- ▶ Resource Trends
- ▶ Demographic Trends
- ▶ Technological Trends
- ▶ Governance Trends



What Trends are Affecting Portsmouth? GOVERNANCE



GOVERNANCE TRENDS

- ★ 37. Declining Federal Government
- ★ 38. Trust in Government
- 39. City-to-City Collaboration
- 40. VUCA Leadership
- ★ 41. Citizen Engagement
- ★ 42. Direct Democracy
- ★ 43. Corporate and Special Interest Influence
- 44. Fiscal Uncertainty

"A critical challenge for local government leaders is to recruit and retain qualified leaders at every level."

Political trust



transcends partisanship; it "happens when citizens appraise the government and its institutions, policy-making in general and/or the individual political leaders as promise-keeping, efficient, fair and honest."⁴¹ Political trust depends on legitimate policy-making.

Social trust



refers to citizens' confidence in each other. Communities with greater social trust have more cohesion and are more resilient.

(See Trends 26, 28, 29, and 31 for key trends related to social trust.)

What Trends are Affecting Portsmouth? GOVERNANCE

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Citizen Engagement

How do you engage citizens in rich discussions that have long-term importance to the community?

Over the next twenty years, next-generation citizens will become the majority of our citizens. They don't "show up" to place-based events in traditional ways. Citizen engagement—how it's planned, executed, incorporated and measured— will be key.

Innovations are being tested in local governments around the world and cities are sharing their best practices widely. Future-ready communities will experiment with a broad range of citizen engagement techniques.

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Direct Democracy

In the age of social media and real time digital communication, some residents are calling for more direct democracy. In the U.S., the use of ballot initiatives is a traditional form of direct democracy, but the development of new technologies has expanded the possibilities. Experiments with participatory budgeting, for example, have blossomed from cities in Brazil, to countries around the world.

"...technology can make it easier to create conditions for direct democracy – providing information and participatory opportunities, including the use of social media or online town halls to discuss issues, and platforms to rank or rate ideas, which have been used by some cities in their budgeting processes."

What are Portsmouth's Next Big Challenges?

- ▶ Natural environment resiliency (climate change, renewable energy)
- ▶ Pension Liability/Post-Retirement Obligations
- ▶ Tax Rate Moderation – Alternate Revenue Sources?
- ▶ “Balancing” Development (Density, Scale, Quality)
- ▶ Transportation Alternatives
- ▶ Housing and Workforce (2.1 jobs/person)

What Trends are Affecting Portsmouth?



Referendum on Police & Fire Commissions

DISCUSSION

Police Commission

4/25/17

Fire Commission 2.7.17

Post  to start a meeting



Civilian Oversight...in 13 NH Cities

City	Commission?	#, Elected/Appointed
Berlin	PD	3, appointed
Claremont	n/a	
Concord	n/a	
Dover	n/a	
Franklin	PD, FD "Committees"	3, appointed, advisory to Council
Keene	n/a	
Laconia	PD	3, elected
Lebanon	n/a	
Manchester	PD, FD	5, appointed, advisory
Nashua	PD, FD	5, Governor-appointed
Rochester	PD	3, elected by ward
Somersworth	n/a	

Berlin

- ▶ It shall be the duties of said Police Commissioners **to appoint** such police officers, constables and superior officers, as they may in their judgment deem necessary, and to fix their compensation.
- ▶ The compensation of the Police Commissioners shall be fixed by the City Council.
- ▶ The Police Commissioners shall have authority **to remove** any officer at any time for just cause and after due hearing, which cause shall be specified in the order or removal.
- ▶ The Police Commissioners shall have full power **to make all rules for the government of the police force and to enforce said rules.**

Laconia

DIVISION 3. POLICE COMMISSION* Section 1. [Members generally.] The mayor and council of the City of Berlin shall appoint on a non-partisan basis a police commission consisting of three (3) members..... The mayor and council shall have full power to remove any commissioner at any time

Section 2. [Powers, duties generally.] It shall be the duty of said police commission **to appoint** such police officers, constables and superior officers as they may in their judgment deem necessary; and to fix their compensation. The police commissioners shall have authority **to remove** any officer at any time for just cause and after due hearing, which cause shall be specified in the order of removal. Said commissioners shall have authority **to make and enforce all rules and regulations for the government of the police force.** The responsibility **for fiscal authority will rest with the city council in accordance with the city charter.**

Section 3. [Compensation.] The compensation of the police commissioners shall be fixed by the city council.

Nashua

Commission Description

It shall be the duties of said police commissioners, to appoint such police officers, constables and superior officers as they may in their judgment deem necessary, and fix their compensation, who shall devote their whole time to their said duties and who shall not be engaged or engage in any other business or occupation, or hold any other state, county or municipal office, all of who shall be appointed by the police commissioners, and who shall serve during good behavior and while competent to discharge the duties of the office. The police commissioners shall have authority to remove any officer at any time for just cause and after due hearing, which cause shall be specified in the order of removal. [A-103] The police commissioners shall have full power to make all rules for the government of the police force and to enforce said rules. The said commissioners shall have full and complete care and control of all lands and buildings thereon, used and erected for the use of the police department; and whenever the same shall cease to be used for said purpose, they shall revert to the care and control of the city. All buildings erected, altered, remodeled, or changed, for the use of the police department shall be constructed and made under the joint direction of the commissioners and the land and buildings committee of the board of aldermen; and no building shall be erected, altered, remodeled, or changed, unless the plans thereof have been previously submitted to the board of police commissioners and approved by it, and upon completion thereof they shall be and continue in the sole control and care of the commissioners. [A-104]

Active Members

Nicholas H.
Dahl

Name: NICHOLAS H. DAHL

Phone: 233-0650

Matthew E.
Plante

Board or Commission Name: POLICE COMMISSION

Term Length: 3

Special Designation: Clerk

Appointment By: Governor

Original Appointment Date: Oct 21 2015

Oath Administered: Oct 27 2015

End of Term: Sep 1 2018

How Established:

Special Reference 1:

Special Reference 2:

Special Requirements:

James Tollner

Ald. Lori
Wilshire

Ald. David W.
Deane

About the Commission

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Rochester

ROCHESTER: Elected, 3-member

SECTION 24: DUTIES OF POLICE

COMMISSION It shall be the duty of the Board of Police Commissioners authorized hereunder **to appoint** such police officers, constables, and superior officers as it may in its judgment deem necessary and to fix their compensation; and, **to make all rules and regulations for the government of the police force and to enforce the same.**

SECTION 25: POLICE COMMISSION, REMOVAL

AUTHORITY The Board of Police Commissioners shall have **authority to remove** any police officer, constable, or superior officer of the force at any time for just cause and after due hearing which cause shall be specified in the order of removal.

Police Commission – Adopted November 5, 1991

POWERS

The Police Commission shall appoint such permanent patrol officers, sergeants, captains, commanders, and police chief, as they deem necessary. The Commission shall have authority to consider and act upon any complaint and/or employee grievance(s) brought to it through such procedures. Where the Commission determines there to be sufficient cause, the Commission may, after a hearing consistent with the requirements of due process, discipline or remove any employee of the Police Department against whom such a complaint has been brought. Appeals from such decisions shall be heard pursuant to such grievance procedures as shall be established by the Commissioners or as prescribed in respective collective bargaining agreements. The commission shall assume all administrative responsibilities, which would otherwise be vested in the City Manager under this charter relating to the administration of the Department. Such power to include, but not limited to, the following:

- A. Determine the number, location and type of facilities and installations, subject to the approval of the City Council
- B. To determine the size of the work force and increase or decrease it's size, subject to the approval of the City Council

Fire Commission – Adopted November 3, 1987

POWERS

The Fire Commission shall appoint such permanent Firefighters, Lieutenants, Captains, Deputy Chiefs, a Fire Chief and any call firefighters as they may deem necessary, subject to the approval of the City Council. The Commission shall have authority to consider and act upon any complaint and/or employee grievance(s) brought to it through such procedures, as it shall establish. Where the Commission determines there to be sufficient cause, the Commission may, after a hearing consistent with the requirement of due process, discipline or remove any Firefighter or Officer against whom such a complaint has been brought. Appeals from such decisions shall be heard pursuant to such grievance procedures as shall be established by the Commissioners with the respective contracts (work agreements) through which such persons were employed.

The Commission shall assume all administrative responsibilities, which would otherwise be vested in the City Manager under this Charter relating to the administration of the Fire Department. Such power to include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Determine the number, location and type of facilities and installations, subject to the approval of the City Council;
- B. To determine the size of the work force and increase or decrease it's size, subject to the approval of the City Council.

Manchester

CITY CHARTER (11/5/96)

Section 3.11 DEPARTMENT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

- (a) In order to provide citizen input to the city departments, the board of mayor and aldermen may establish commissions to consult, advise and make policy recommendations to the department heads and board of mayor and aldermen on matters appropriate to the department.
- (b) Upon request of the board of mayor and aldermen or the department head, the commission may advise the board or the department head on specific matters referred to the commission.
- (c) The commission shall have no responsibility for personnel decisions or administration of the department unless otherwise required by state statute or this charter.
- (d) If specifically requested to do so by the mayor, the commission may serve as a nominating committee to recommend a candidate to the mayor for department head.
- (e) Upon request of the board of aldermen the commission shall assume the policy making authority of the board of aldermen in accordance with Section 2.04 of this charter. The board of aldermen shall retain the right to rescind such action.



From: Thomas Hammond (Chairman),
Wouillard Lett, Richard Bunker (Clerk)
Back: William Clifford, Jerome Duval

Police Commission meetings:

Date & Time:

1st Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
Call 603-877-1100 to confirm the date of a meeting.

Location:

Manchester Police Department
351 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH 03101

Meeting Notices/Agendas are posted one week prior to each meeting at the City Clerk's Office (City Hall), at the main City Library (Pine Street), and on the Police Department blog.

Contact Commissioners:

> **Mail:** c/o Manchester Police Department
> **E-mail:** ManchesterPD@manchesternh.gov

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Civilian Oversight?

SECTION 3.16 – CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD

The City Council is hereby authorized to create by ordinance a Civilian Police Review Board to investigate complaints by members of the public concerning misconduct by police officers. The ordinance adopted under the authority of this provision shall describe the membership and composition of the Board, method for selecting such members, the authority of the Board and the procedures to be followed by the Board.

