



CITY OF HALLOWELL

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To: City Council and Mayor Walker

FROM: Nate Rudy, City Manager

RE: **CITY MANAGER REPORT BY COUNCIL COMMITTEE AUGUST 7 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

CLAIMS

- Did not meet.

FINANCE

- City budget posted to website.
- Tax bills sent out to property owners.
- City Manager has contacted DECD on procedure to adjust Downtown TIF district valuations to correct errors found by the Assessor's Agent.
- City Manager has signed contracts and lease documents to begin the LED street light conversion project, as approved in the FY20 budget.

HEALTH + WELLNESS

- The Age-Friendly Sub-Committee continues to work on an Age Friendly Community plan for Hallowell.

HIGHWAY (MET 9/5)

- City Manager has requested final bill from MDOT for Water Street.
- City Manager requested a visit from MDOT to the Highway Committee's October meeting to discuss North and South gateway preliminary designs.
- The Bureau for Public Lands did not receive a bid within the budget of the proposed boat launch project, so it will be tabled until the spring.
- City Manager met onsite with Highway Chair to review a citizen concern about stormwater drainage on Second Street, and are exploring solutions with the property owner and Public Works.

PERSONNEL + POLICY

- City-hosted email addresses for Council and Mayor are ready for use and **highly recommended**.

PROPERTY + LANDS (MET 9/5)

- City Manager will follow up with Main-Line on survey questions once they are received from Laflin family representatives.

PROTECTION (MET 8/21)

MISCELLANEOUS:

- The City is making final preparations for the Third Annual Maine Luthiers Exhibition and Music Showcase to be held in Hallowell on Maine Craft Weekend, October 4-6, in collaboration with the Maine Crafts Association, Vision Hallowell, The Harlow, the Arts and Culture Committee, and impresario Christine Poulson.
- City Manager met with an Internet service provider who may be able to provide a lower-cost alternative for cable/Internet/phone service to Hallowell residents, following up on concerns expressed by Cotton Mill residents at a recent Council meeting. This discussion is still in development.
- **I implore the Mayor and remaining City Council members to please consider migrating to the City-supplied email addresses at the first opportunity, and I am happy to provide basic technical support as needed.**

Respectfully submitted on September 5, 2019.

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