

May 7, 2020

Mayor Walker and City Council members

I am writing on behalf of the Hallowell Pride Alliance. The city council's support of the LGBTQ+ community has been evident in your commitment to the recognition, and celebration of, diversity during the month of June, Pride Month. Although we are faced with restrictions which prevent us from celebrating as we have in the past, we have some requests for your consideration. We ask these be put on the agenda for the May 11th City Council meeting.

- 1) We have flown Pride Flags on the poles which line Water Street for the month of June. We are requesting we be permitted to continue this tradition. We will leave some U.S. Flags up, as we have in the past. We will also be posting a poster on each pole with the explanation of the flag that is flying on that pole. We will be responsible to post and take down the flags and posters.
- 2) Last year we were honored to see the Rainbow flag posted on City Hall for the month of June. We are requesting that continues to be a tradition.
- 3) We are also requesting a ceremony be conducted when that flag is posted, with the intent to include veterans from the LGBTQ+ community, in compliance of the Governor's executive order. We would love to have the council present!
- 4) We are requesting the Pride signs be placed on the police cars, as they were last year. We understand Officer Gaudet purchased the signs. If they are no longer available, we would be willing to purchase them again. We received very many positive comments from city residents on the signs.

We thank the council for the consideration of these requests. We will have representation on the Zoom meeting for any questions or clarifications. Again, we recognize, and respect our council's commitment to supporting the LGBTQ+ community in our City of Hallowell!

Sincerely,

April Fenton
President Hallowell Pride Alliance