

## MEETING NOTICE

COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
PLACE: Webex Conferencing System  
DATE: Monday, November 15, 2021  
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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## AGENDA

### 1. Call to Order

CHAIR STATEMENT: This meeting is being recorded by the Community Relations and Education Committee. If any other persons present are doing the same, you must notify the chairperson at this time.

### 2. Roll Call

### 3. Approval of Minutes – August 16 & October 18, 2021.

### 4. Public Comment

### 5. Communications from School Department

### 6. Communications from Department Heads

### 7. Discussion

- Skate Park, Winter Carnival and other planned events.

### 8. Other Business

### 9. Next Meeting – December 20, 2021, 6:00 pm, City Hall Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, or via Webex, if required.

### 10. Adjournment

## EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE CALLED

*Please note that the list of topics was comprehensive at the time of posting, however, the public body may consider and take action on unforeseen matters not specifically named in this notice. Posted in accordance with M.G.L.c 30A § 18-25.*

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
August 16, 2021

Webex Conferencing System

6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairperson Mayo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT** Councilors Mayo, Dolan and Hirschfeld (logged into meeting 6:16 pm)

**ABSENT** Councilors Stempel-Rae and Wheeler.

**ALSO PRESENT** President Penny Ricketts; Councilor Virginia Desorgher; Councilor Edward Jarvis and members of the public.

**CHAIR STATEMENT:** This meeting is being recorded by the Community Relations and Education Committee. If any other persons present were doing the same they must notify the chairperson at this time.

Councilor Ricketts noted that she would appear as an ex-officio member of the Community Relations and Education Committee in order to have a quorum.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Ricketts, second by Councilor Dolan, it was by majority 2 yes, 1 abstention,

**DEFEATED:** TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES DATED JUNE 9, 2021.

It was the consensus of the Committee to allow any Department Heads who would wish to speak to do so before public comment.

Communications from Department Heads –

- Health Director Jennifer Hoffman spoke to the situation with access to public restrooms in downtown Greenfield, including port-a-potties. Councilor Mayo inquired if port-a-potties could be equipped with “sharps” containers and if more port-a-potties would become available for use.
- A hot-line would be set up for people to call if they find sharps that were disposed of in an unsafe area.
- The situation with the port-a potty located at Energy Park.

Communications from School Department – None.

Councilor Dolan noted that the Councilors did not have any authorization or as to the spending of ARPA (America Rescue Plan Act) funds and that a public hearing scheduled by the Mayor in September would be a better avenue for people to speak to this subject.

Public Comment - The following members of the public spoke:

- Robert Williford, Homestead Avenue, spoke to the condition of the sidewalks on Main Street.
- Peg Hall, Pierce Street, spoke to her inquiries with the Mayor’s office in regards to a “public information session” to give an explanation of the process and may receive public input on how to spend the ARPA funding. She encouraged the Council to continue to discuss this issue with the Mayor as to when the ARPA funds would be received and what the process would entail.

Chairperson Mayo opened discussion on the Hope Street Parking Lot use:

- Councilor Dolan presented his rationale for his proposal to turn the Hope Street Parking lot into affordable housing units.
- The issue would be forwarded to the Economic Development Committee for further discussion.

Chairperson Mayo encouraged members of the public that any suggestions they had in regards to the spending of ARPA funds should be forwarded to the Mayor’s office.

Councilor Desorgher presented a brief rationale for her presentation to install “Portland loos” in the downtown area.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Councilor Dolan, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:50 P.M.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
October 18, 2021

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6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairperson Mayo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT** Councilors Mayo & Hirschfeld

**ABSENT** Councilors Stempel-Rae, Wheeler and Dolan

**ALSO PRESENT** Council President Penny Ricketts; Council Vice President Sheila Gilmour; DPW Director Marlo Warner; Greenfield Police Officers Chris Greene and Jason Haskins.

**CHAIR STATEMENT:** This meeting is being recorded by the Community Relations and Education Committee. If any other persons present were doing the same they must notify the chairperson at this time.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Hirschfeld, second by Councilor Ricketts,

**NO VOTE TAKEN:** TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES DATED AUGUST 16, 2021.

Public Comment – No one from the public was present to speak.

Communications from School Department - None

Communications from Department Heads – None

Chairperson Mayo opened conversation on concerns with speeding on Greenfield Streets:

- President Ricketts inquired if the Police Department received complaints from the public in regards to this issue.
- Director Warner noted that within the last year he had received complaints via emails and in person.
- Officers Haskins and Greene presented procedures the Police Department enacts when they receive speeding complaints.
- Which department determined where “slow down” signs would be placed on roadways.
- Citizens who report speeding on their street could provide information to the police; however, due to the fact the officer was not present during the incident would present a difficult task to take sufficient action.
- Director Warner noted that DPW was in the process of retrieving data from the radar trailers to determine the volume of speeding issues on particular streets where complaints had increased.
- Placing of speed bumps on roadways.
- Installation of cameras on signs and/or speed trailers.

- Citizens need to be aware of what they determine to be speeding versus the vehicle's actual speed. Nighttime driving and weather conditions could affect how a car may appear to be speeding.
- Were Citizens allowed to put up signs on their own property to inform motorists to slow down.
- Installment of more blinking lights at crosswalks for areas with high pedestrian traffic.
- As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, Police Chief Haigh assigned community response officers, which respond to citizen complaints and deploy resources out to the areas that require attention.
- The Police Department and DPW would continue to collaborate and improve resources to curb excessive speeding on Greenfield streets.

It was noted that a few members of the public have logged into the meeting at 6:15 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 15, 2021, 6:00 pm, City Hall Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, or via Webex, if required.

It was the consensus of the Committee to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm.