



City of Rochester, New Hampshire

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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July 8, 2020

TO: Public Safety Committee

REGARDING: Public Safety Committee Meeting

There will be a Public Safety Committee meeting on
August 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. – to be conducted
remotely

[Meeting preamble](#)

for City Meetings during COVID-19

City of Rochester, NH

Good Evening, as Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, I am declaring that an emergency exists and I am invoking the provisions of RSA 91-A:2, III (b). Federal, state, and local officials have determined that gatherings of 10 or more people pose a substantial risk to our community in its continuing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. In concurring with their determination, I also find that this meeting is imperative to the continued operation of City government and services, which are vital to public safety and confidence during this emergency. As such, this meeting will be conducted without a quorum of this body physically present in the same location.

- a.) **Providing public access to the meeting by telephone:** At this time, I also welcome members of the public accessing this meeting remotely. Even though this meeting is being conducted in a unique manner under unusual circumstances, the usual rules of conduct and decorum apply. Any person found to be disrupting this meeting will be asked to cease the disruption. Should the disruptive behavior continue thereafter, that person will be removed from this meeting. The public can call-in to the below number using the conference code. Some meetings will allow live public input, however you must have pre-registered online, otherwise, the meeting will be set to allow the public to “listen-in” only, and there will be no public comment taken during the meeting.

Phone number: 857-444-0744

Conference code: 843095

b.) **Public Access Troubleshooting:** If any member of the public has difficulty accessing the meeting by phone, please email lisa.clark@rochesternh.net or call 603-335-7572.

c.) **Public Input:** Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, the City of Rochester will be taking extra steps to allow for public input, while still ensuring participant safety and social distancing. In lieu of attending the meeting, those wishing to share comments, when permitted, with the Public Safety Committee are encouraged to do so by the following methods:

- **Mail:** Lisa Clark-Public Safety Committee, 45 Old Dover Road, Rochester, NH 03867 (*must be received at least three full days prior to the anticipated meeting date*)
- **email** lisa.clark@rochesternh.net (*must be received no later than 4:00 pm of meeting date*)
- **Voicemail** 603-335-7572 (*must be received no later than 12:00 pm on said meeting date in order to be transcribed*)

Please include with your correspondence the intended meeting date for which you are submitting. *All correspondence will be included with the corresponding meeting packet (Addendum).*

d.) **Roll Call:** Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. Each member will state their name (and/or ward), also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law. (Additionally, Council members are required to state their name and ward each time they wish to speak.)

AGENDA

1. Public Input
2. Draft Rules and Regulations Sign for Kayak Launch-Jennifer March
3. Old Milton Road (backside of Dunkin Donuts)-Safety Concerns- (was held in committee)
4. Millers Farm Drive – Streetlight Request (was held in committee)
5. 290, 295 and 298 Chestnut Hill Road-“Tractor Crossing” or “pedestrian Walking” signs in both directions
6. E911 Update
7. Emergency Management Update
8. Covid-19 Statistics Update
9. Other

cc: Mayor and City Council
Chief Paul Toussaint
Deputy Chief Gary Boudreau
Chief Mark Klose
Assistant Chief Tim Wilder
Mr. Michael Bezanson

Mr. Timothy Goldthwaite
Ms. Laura Miller
Ms. Lisa Clark



ROCHESTER RIVERWALK CANOE AND KAYAK LAUNCH

SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS

WARNING: Please note that paddling and boating are potentially hazardous recreational activities. The risk of injury from canoeing and kayaking can be significant including the potential for serious injury, disability, paralysis and death. There are no lifeguards or safety personnel at this launch or anywhere on the river.

1. **MOTOR BOAT RESTRICTIONS:** No person shall use or operate a motorboat or any boat equipped with an outboard motor with a manufacturer's rated capacity in excess of 7.5 HP, or shall any person exceed a headway speed of 10 MPH with any powerboat equipped with an outboard motor on Cocheco River within the City limits of Rochester. RSA 270:89
2. **SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK:** There are NO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY. Water quality varies with water flow and branches, logs, and debris may move after flood events. They muddy water may hide hidden object and obstacles that prove hazardous.
3. **LAUNCH HOURS:** Boat launch hours are open dawn till dusk.
4. **STAY IN THE STREAM CHANNEL:** River flows through private land, do not trespass.
5. **KNOW YOUR STREAM CONDITIONS & YOUR PADDLING CAPABILITIES:** The River is normally a slow moving water way, but can change with weather conditions. Take precautions and make sure your skill level is up to river conditions.
6. **PLAN YOUR TRIP:** Familiarize yourself with the waterway before beginning. If you choose to travel downstream please note the signs on the arched bridge noting a Dam ahead, DO NOT travel under the bridge towards the Dam. There are no other public boat launches at this time, please use this launch to remove your water craft.
7. **PERSONAL FLOATION DEVICES (PFD)-** Saf-C 403.01
 - Children 12 years of age and younger **must wear** a personal flotation device at all times.

- No person shall use a boat on the public water unless it is equipped as follows: (1) Recreational boats less than 16 feet in length, or canoes, kayaks or one-person sailboats of any length, shall have at least one of the following types on board for each person; type I, II, III or V PFD.
 - Recreational boats 16 feet or more in length, except canoes and kayaks, shall have at least one PFD of the following types on board for each person; type I, II, III or V PFD.
 - Recreational boats 16 feet or more in length, except canoes or kayaks, shall have at least one Type IV PFD on board in addition to the PFD's required above.
 - All PFD's shall be (1) U.S. Coast Guard approved; (2) In serviceable condition; (3) Readily accessible; and (4) Of the appropriate size, within the weight range and chest sizes marked on the PFD, for the person who intends to wear them.
8. **WEAR PROPER CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR:** Footwear is extremely important. The river bottom is muddy and contains pointed logs and sharp metal or glass objects. River shoes or old sneakers are best footwear from water sports.
9. **BEWARE OF HAZARDS:** As with any outdoor area, there are things that you must be aware of. Low hanging branches, branches in water, submerges obstacles, trash or sharp objects on the river bottom. Also present are natural hazards such as hanging wasps nests, snakes, snapping turtles, poison ivy and human hazards such as broken glass, rusty metal and lines in braches with leftover fishing hooks attached.
10. **TAKE A CANOE/KAYAK SAFETY CLASS:** There are classes available online.
11. **FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED:** Please follow all State of NH Fish and Game Regulations when fishing.
12. **NO ALOCHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Possession or consumption of liquor on city property is prohibited per City Ordinance, 167-9.
13. **BE A GOOD STEWARD:** Don't litter. Carry in and carry out. Do not disturb wildlife or plants.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES: 911. All other State Police inquiries please call 603-293-2037.

Your location is known as Hillsdale Drive along the Cocheco River, Rochester, NH

GPS Location: 43.316238, -70.985989

For general inquiries or more information on other Rochester activities please contact the Rochester Recreation Department: www.RochesterRec.com

By using the Rochester Riverwalk kayak launch, you agree to follow all Riverwalk Kayak Launch rules and regulations and release the City of Rochester from all liability in respect to any and all injury, disability, death or loss or damage to person or property associated with the use of this launch. For more information about the Rochester Riverwalk please visit: www.RochesterNH.net/riverwalk-committee

8-4-2020

A call from Frank Torr came into the City Manager's office on August 4, 2020. He said he owns property at 290, 295 and 298 Chestnut Hill Road. He said that he drives his tractor across Chestnut Hill Road and also walks across and states he isn't as fast as he used to be. He is requesting a tractor sign or person walking sign in both directions. He can be reached at 603-781-6125