

COMMITTEE ON LANDS & BUILDINGS

January 21, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Chairman Levasseur called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Levasseur, Vincent, Thomas, Long

Messrs.: Alderman Goonan

Messrs.: J. Nazaka,

1. Communications from Jodie Nazaka, Economic Development Director and Southern NH Planning Commission requesting access to Arm's Parking Lot for Phase 2 of the Brownfields Assessment Study.

Alderman Vincent stated I understand they are doing the second phase of this and that's great but what happens if anything hazardous is found. What are the obligations of the city when they dig in?

Jodie Nazaka, Economic Development Director, stated I would like to call up Owen and the consultant to answer that.

Alderman Vincent stated Arm's Parking Lot has been avoided for a while so I just want to know if we dig in there and something hazardous is found, what are our obligations as a city at that point.

Judd R. Newcomb, Credere Associates, LLC, replied I would say you already have the obligation as a city but in my experience it is a mill district and generally most everything in a mill district is pretty ubiquitous across the area so we don't expect to find anything hazardous other than some historical issues that we are going to try to put to bed. If we do find anything, the NH DES and the EPA through the Brownfields Program will just continue to help the city evaluate and find funding to clean it up.

Alderman Vincent asked but it will stop right then and there until we figure it out right. So it stops right there if something hazardous is found?

Ms. Nazaka answered yes and if by chance we did find something, there would be funding available to pay for it from DES and we would find a way to take care of it. The city wouldn't have to be on the hook to pay for that. There is money to pay for it.

Alderman Vincent replied that is exactly what I was hoping to hear; that the city won't be on the hook for it.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Vincent**, it was voted to approve.*

TABLED ITEM

2. Communication from the family of Inspector William Moher, a police officer who died in the line of duty on July 3, 1921, requesting that the city find a fitting way to honor his memory.
(Note: City staff from Planning, Police and DPW have been asked to bring forward recommendations.)

This item remained on the table.

*There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman Vincent**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to adjourn.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Clerk of Committee