

Hallowell City Manager's report for May 9, 2016

- Worked with Finance Committee and Treasurer, Dawna Myrick, to continue preparing the fiscal year '17 budget. Spoke with several committee chairs and community service organizations concerning budget requests.
- Met individually with several Planning Board members to discuss ongoing projects and the potential options for training.
- Met with Rail Trail Board of Supervisors to discuss upcoming maintenance needs for the rail trail and upcoming events. The Interlocal Agreement has been signed by Gardiner thus far.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on May 21st. The signup sheets are available now at City Hall.
- Hallowell spring clean up will be held the week of May 9 through May 15. A dumpster will be located at Public Works for residents to use.
- Hallowell has been awarded the Spirit of America 2015 Silver Distinction.
- A new laptop was purchased to be used with the Council Chamber recording system. The software has been downloaded and will be configured for the recording equipment as soon as possible.
- Attended the RSU 2 budget workshop for municipal officials.
- Met with several citizens concerning Water Street reconstruction and associated pedestrian safety issues.
- The Nature Conservancy will be starting a survey of culverts in the City of Hallowell.
- Met with the Matt Morrill to discuss the Stevens School property which he recently purchased.
- Spoke with Fire Chief Grant about the inspections of downtown buildings with the State Fire Marshal. The inspections have not taken place yet. There has been difficulty in coordinating schedules. They have started to compile lists of owners and tenants to provide notification ahead of time. Chief Grant attended a Council meeting in Gardiner in which Gardiner and Augusta fire officials were present. He indicated that overall, the buildings in Hallowell do not have the degree of life safety issues present in Augusta and Gardiner.

- Met with the Parking Committee to discuss possibilities and options for construction of a Central Street parking lot. Also met with Councilor Gabrion, Chief Nason and Chris Buck to discuss other parking issues and potential ordinance amendments.
- Submitted application to use the Hall-Dale Elementary School for the Summer Recreation Program. Enrollment in the program and hiring of staff will begin shortly.
- Attended several committee meetings.
- Performed day to day financial oversight functions.
- Met with and took calls from several residents regarding numerous issues and information requests.