

# CITY OF CONCORD

New Hampshire's Main Street<sup>TM</sup>

### REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Earle M. Chesley, P.E., General Services Director

**DATE:** February 28, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Referral to Community Development and General Services Departments

#### Recommendation

Accept this report for information purposes relative to a communication received from Kelly Buchanan, 152 North Main Street, regarding construction and snow removal activities during the evening and/or early morning hours in the Main Street area.

## **Background**

The General Services Department has historically performed pavement marking and line striping, street sweeping and sidewalk cleaning, pavement crack sealing, and snow removal activities in the Main Street area between the hours of Midnight to 7:00 AM for over the past twenty years.

### **Discussion**

Out of necessity, this work can only be performed during the overnight hours due to the number of parked vehicles, pedestrian and vehicular activity, and commercial activity that occurs from approximately 7:00 AM to midnight in the community's downtown area.

Of these activities, the most obtrusive is snow removal due to the number of vehicles involved to collect, load, and haul snow out of the downtown. For personnel safety reasons and to meet Federal requirements, equipment is equipped with back-up alarms and yellow strobe lights. Typically, the City budgets for seven of these events each winter; however, the actual number of events is determined by the number and size of winter storms. The number of removals for the past five years is tabulated below.

Winter	<u>Events</u>
2016/17	9
2015/16	1
2014/15	7
2013/14	6
2012/13	4