



# CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Edward L. Roberge, PE, City Engineer

**DATE:** June 10, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Resolution accepting and appropriating the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$25,396) in private donations from Main Street property owners for the installation of a sidewalk snowmelt system, in conjunction with the Downtown Complete Streets Improvement Project (CIP #460).

### **Recommendation**

Accept this report and set the following resolution for a public hearing on August 10, 2015:

- Resolution accepting and appropriating the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$25,396) in private donations from Main Street property owners for the installation of a sidewalk snowmelt system, in conjunction with the Downtown Complete Streets Improvement Project (CIP #460).

### **Background**

At its July 30, 2014 meeting, City Council approved the final project scope of work, budget, and schedule for the Downtown Complete Streets Improvement Project. During the design of the project, investment in downtown by supporting the design and construction of an innovative sidewalk snowmelt system was introduced as a project option. While the City Council did not include the sidewalk snowmelt system option in the final project scope of work, Council accepted a City Manager alternative and authorized staff to coordinate with any private property owners interested in supporting the design and construction of a sidewalk snowmelt system, costs of which would be borne by the private property owners.

### **Discussion**

Part of the design efforts for the Main Street improvement project included evaluating opportunities to install a snowmelt system under the sidewalks throughout the project area. Given its magnitude and costs, the City Council chose not to pursue the system in the final approved project. However, noting its importance as stated by a number of downtown property owners, the City Manager suggested a process to Council where individual property owners could voluntarily explore the opportunity to install components of a snowmelt system along their property frontage during the sidewalk reconstruction as other property owners have done in the past.

Staff received design commitment letters and payment deposits from five downtown property owners, including TPC, Inc. (Prescription Center), Charter Trust/Zoe's, Merrimack County Savings Bank, Ciborowski Properties (Phenix Hall), and Foxfire Management (for the Smile Building and the Love Your Neighbor Building). Funds to complete the design of the systems were accepted and appropriated by City Council at a January 12, 2015 public hearing (Resolution #8828).

Designs of the individual snowmelt systems were completed in early spring and presented to the parties above. At this time, Charter Trust/Zoe's and Ciborowski Properties have committed to installation of a snowmelt system and funds received must be accepted and appropriated for that use.

Therefore, it is recommended that City Council accept this report and set the attached resolution accepting and appropriating the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$25,396) in private donations from Main Street property owners for the installation of sidewalk snowmelt systems, in conjunction with the Downtown Complete Streets Improvement Project (CIP #460).

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