



City of Kingston Laws and Rules Committee
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, August 15, 2018

NEW BUSINESS

Hillary Harvey Re: Excavation on Abeel Street
[Communication H. Harvey August 2018.pdf](#)

Alderman Schabot Re: Excavation Permits
[Schabot Communication Excavation Aug 2018.pdf](#)

1 OLD BUSINESS

Winnie, Carly

From: Hillary Harvey <hillary@hillaryharvey.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2018 8:35 PM
To: Noble, James; Winnie, Carly
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Subject: Communications

Dear President Noble,

My neighbors and I respectfully request to be added to the following committee agendas of the Common Council to discuss the following ongoing issues in the Rondout:

1. The Laws & Rules Committee to discuss solutions for the lack of transparent process, or any communication or response from the Building Department, following a formally filed complaint.
2. The Public Safety Committee to discuss immediate remedy to the ongoing damage to the city-owned Company Hill Path and the privately-owned 42 Abeel Street, and to present evidence of such, coming from the Irish Cultural Center's excavation site at 32 Abeel Street.

We are assuming our emergency request to be added to the August 6th Public Safety Committee agenda has been denied absent any communication from your office. So we are submitting this request within the required deadline for such scheduling and ask to be added to next month's Committee meetings. We look forward to seeing our agenda items on next week's Common Council communications.

With thanks,
Hillary Harvey for Grow the R-T Responsibly group

Sent from my iPhone at 845.594.1307

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James Noble, Common Council President



Reynolds Scott-Childress, Majority Leader

August 3, 2018

President James Noble
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Dear President Noble,

I have received complaints from my constituents regarding the excavation activity being conducted at the site of 32 Abel St. I have forwarded the constituent concerns to the appropriate departments for review and, if appropriate, action. My understanding is that the Building Safety Division has investigated each of the concerns raised and improvements have been made to the site in response to the complaints.

As I reviewed the constituent concerns with the Building Safety Division, I learned that there is currently no permit requirement in the Uniform Codes for excavating on private property and creating pits. Usually such excavation is part of a building permit. However, currently, a property owner can excavate without a Building Permit. The City therefore should create local legislation that would require an Excavation Permit when this is done separately from construction. I request that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee for discussion and action so that in the future the Building Safety Division can monitor and ensure compliance in excavation projects through a permitting process.

Sincerely,

Steve Schabot
Alderman, Ward 8