



City of Kingston Public Safety/General Government Committee
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 30, 2017

UPDATES

Conservation Advisory Council member and Climate Smart Kingston Commissioner Re; Update on recent activities

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Noble Re: Snow Emergency Parking Proposal

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Nina Dawson Re: Request for Handicapped Zone/Signage on Smith Ave. for Sylvia Barnes-Vertitis

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OLD BUSINESS

Alan Adin, Engineering Re: Address modifications when property owner is not in agreement

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CITY OF KINGSTON

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Steven T. Noble
Mayor



Snow Emergency Parking Proposal

In an effort to ensure the swift and effective clearing of snow from our roadways and in order to reduce the number of vehicles that are ticketed or towed due to lack of compliance with the City's current snow emergency parking policy, the following snow emergency parking proposal is hereby proposed:

- All city streets will allow alternate side parking during snow emergencies
 - During a snow emergency, all other parking regulations, including regular alternate side parking, will be suspended
- On-street and off-street parking meters will be suspended
- Enforcement will be increased to ensure compliance for alternate side snow emergency parking. Vehicles not in compliance will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.
- On "even days," all vehicles must be parked on the even side of the street and on "odd days," all vehicles must be parked on the odd side of the street.
 - Example: On December 28th, all vehicles would be parked on the even side of the street. On December 29th, all vehicles would move to the odd side of the street.
- Vehicles must switch sides of the streets at 7:00am on each day of the snow emergency

Benefits of city-wide alternate side parking during snow emergencies

- Roadways will be cleared more effectively throughout the City thanks to the elimination of parking on one side of the street and more compliance among vehicle owners
- Businesses may remain open and residents may continue to park near their homes instead of having to find off-street parking spots for the duration of the snow emergency
- Off-street parking lots will be cleared sooner, as vehicle owners will be able to park on one side of the street
- Fewer vehicle owners will be ticketed and towed, as restricted on-street parking will now be available

Items to consider regarding city-wide alternate side parking during snow emergencies

- Snow emergencies may last longer- since the Department of Public Works will not be able to plow one side of the street on the first day of the snow emergency, it is likely that some snow emergencies will be extended. All snow emergencies will be in effect for a minimum of two days to ensure the clearing of all roadways.
- Additional signage and other communications tools will need to be implemented in order to inform community members and visitors of this policy

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Steven T. Noble
Mayor

November 13, 2017

Dear President Noble,

As part of the parking work group's efforts to improve upon our parking infrastructure and policies, and after collecting feedback through a number of focus groups regarding parking, I respectfully request that the Common Council consider the implementation of city-wide alternate-side parking during snow emergencies. As we know, snow plowing and snow removal can be extremely difficult due to the narrow width of our many historic streets. In addition, there are some areas in our city where homes do not have driveways and where there are no municipal parking lots within an appropriate range. Currently, there are only a handful of streets which allow for alternate-side snow emergency parking, which creates confusion. I believe that the implementation of city-wide alternate-side snow emergency parking will give our Department of Public Works the opportunity to swiftly and efficiently clear our roadways so that traffic can resume safely. In addition, city-side alternate side snow emergency parking would prevent a significant financial burden being placed on individuals who are ticketed or towed because they do not have any parking alternatives.

Please add this item for discussion and consideration at the appropriate committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven T. Noble
Mayor

From: STEVEN SCHABOT <SSCHABOT@hvc.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 3:47 PM
To: Johnson, Lynn
Subject: ps agenda

Hi Lynn
Please add add:
Handicapped zone/signage:
Sylvia Barnes-Vertitis
2 Smith Avenue

Waiting for Nina to forward # and exp. Date

Thanks
Steve

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Ralph E. Swenson, P.E., City Engineer



Steven T. Noble, Mayor

September 29, 2017

James Noble, President
City of Kingston Common Council
City Clerk's Office
City Hall
420 Broadway
Kingston, New York 12401

RE: Address Modifications When Property Owner is Not In Agreement

Dear President Noble,

I am writing to request a change of an address for a property located on Shufeldt Street in the City of Kingston as follows:

- **Existing #36 Shufeldt Street, Owners Karen and Kevin Murphy, Ulster County Tax Map #48.82-5-13.1 to new #34 Shufeldt Street.**

As set forth in the attached letter, the change is in the interest of Public Safety.

In general, the City generally attempts to secure the consent of the property owners prior to changing an existing address. In this particular instance the property owners have indicated that they are unwilling to consent to a change of their existing address however it is my understanding that pursuant to applicable New York State Law, the City of Kingston has the authority to change addresses without the consent of the property owner.

Given the safety issues at stake, I would respectfully request authorization to make the change without further delay

I thank you in advance for your anticipated timely attention to this matter and should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Alan Adin
Engineering Technician

City of Kingston

NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE CITY ENGINEER



May 19, 2017

Karen and Kevin Murphy
36 Shufeldt Street
Kingston, New York 12401

RE: Proposed Address Change

Dear Ms. and Mr. Murphy,

It has come to our attention that the vacant lot adjacent to your property has the same mailing/street address (#42) as another property located three houses away (towards Clifton Avenue). As you can imagine, having duplicate addresses on the same street has the potential to create confusion and serious problems in the event of an emergency response.

The Office of the City Engineer with input from the Ulster County Office of Emergency Management (911) is charged with the responsibility of assigning addresses to properties within the City when the need arises and as such we were contacted to try and find a reasonable resolution in this situation.

Our initial attempt involved first changing the address of the vacant lot next to your property (referenced above). To make this strategy work logically, the next five (5) properties in a row would also need to be changed. After several attempts to contact the owners, only two responded positively and one, the owner of the other number 42, categorically refused.

After additional review and consultation with 911 and in an effort to minimize the overall impact, another simpler option presented itself. It was thought that if your address was changed to #34 and then the vacant lot was given #36, all the other addresses including the people who didn't respond as well as the one who said no, could remain.

We realize that there is a certain amount of inconvenience associated with changing your address, but having personally gone through the process myself, I can honestly say it was not as difficult or unpleasant as I had imagined.

The mechanism to change an existing address of course first requires the agreement of the effected property owners. With that, I write a letter to the Common Council asking them to review the matter and if they are in agreement they vote to approve the matter by Resolution and then I send an Official Notification of Address Change to 911, the Post Office, Fire Department, Police, Board of Elections, Planning Office, Assessor, Department of Public Works, Building Department and Water Department of the change. After that it is up to the property owner to notify any other entity they need to.

The other aspect of this situation is that while it does involve some degree of short term upset for you personally, there is a benefit to the general Public good (including yourselves) by contributing to help make your immediate neighborhood and the community at large a safer place in which to live.

Again, for the process to move forward, you would have to agree to make the change.

I sincerely thank you and look forward to your anticipated thoughtful and timely consideration of this matter.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alan Adin', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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cc: Maryann Mills, Alderman, 7th Ward

Adin, Alan

From: Steve Peterson <spet@co.ulster.ny.us>
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 4:48 PM
To: Adin, Alan; Mike Gaffney
Subject: Re: Shufeldt Street
Attachments: NYS Town Law Article 4, Section 64, Subsection 9.PNG

Alan,

Perhaps this may help in obtaining the understanding and cooperativeness of the subject homeowner. If it doesn't have the desired result at least it provides some legal direction for the City.

I'm assuming that the City follows NYS Town Law given the fact that the population is less than one million.

Please review the link below and also the attachment.

<http://ulstercountyny.gov/emergency-services/communications/newaddr.html>

Feel free to give a call to discuss.

Have a good weekend.

Steve

Steven J Peterson
Director
County of Ulster
OEM / 911 Communications
845 331.7000 E-mail: spet@co.ulster.ny.us

Ulster County Emergency Services Department

Obtain a new street address

Pursuant to Article 4, Section 64, Subsection 9 of New York State Town Law, each municipality has the legal authority to name streets and issues addresses. This responsibility has been entrusted to different offices of town government in each town. Following is a list of the points of contact in each municipality.

Denning (http://www.denning.us/)	Assessor	626-4342
Esopus (http://www.esopus.com/)	Assessor	331-5546
Gardiner (http://www.townofgardiner.org/)	Assessor	255-9388
Hardenburgh (http://www.townofhardenburgh.org/)	Supervisor	586-4108
Hurley (http://townofhurley.org/)	Assessor	339-4489
Kingston (Town) (http://townkingstonny.us/)	Assessor	706-5909
Lloyd (http://www.townoflloyd.com/)	Assessor	691-2197
Marbletown (http://www.marbletown.net/)	Assessor	687-9523
Marlboro (http://www.rootsweb.com/~nycmarlb/)	Assessor	795-5049
New Paltz (Town) (http://www.townofnewpaltz.org/)	Assessor	255-0103
Olive (http://www.town.olive.ny.us/)	Assessor	657-8137
Plattekill (http://town.plattekill.ny.us/)	Assessor	883-7331
Rochester (http://www.townofrochester.net/Pages/RochesterNY_About/index)	Assessor	626-0920
Rosendale (http://www.townofrosendale.com/)	Assessor	658-9864
Saugerties (Town) (http://www.saugerties.ny.us/)	Assessor	246-2800
Shandaken (http://www.shandaken.us/)	Assessor	688-5003
Shawangunk (http://www.shawangunk.org/)	Assessor	895-2143
Ulster (http://www.townofulster.org/content/)	Assessor	331-1317
Wawarsing (http://www.townofwawarsing.net/)	Assessor	647-6965
Woodstock (http://www.woodstockny.org/)	Assessor	679-2113
Ellenville (Village) (http://villageofellenville.com/)	Town Assessor	647-6965
New Paltz (Village) (http://www.villageofnewpaltz.org/)	Town Assessor	255-0103
Saugerties (Village) (http://village.saugerties.ny.us/content/)	Town Assessor	246-2800
Kingston (City) (http://www.ci.kingston.ny.us/)	Engineer	331-0080
* all numbers in 845 area code unless otherwise noted.		

9. Naming and numbering streets, and providing street signs. May designate by name and number the streets, avenues, lots, public buildings and places, and may cause a map of the town to be prepared and filed in the office of the town clerk, and purchase, install and maintain street signs showing the names of streets and avenues therein. Such names may also be changed and altered as the town board may determine. Whenever the town board shall change the name or number of any street, avenue, public building or place, the town clerk shall within ten days thereafter notify the board of assessors and the planning board, if any, of said town, the county clerk and county engineer of the county in which said town is located, and the post-office department of the United States thereof.

