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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Michaud and City Council
FROM: Kevin L. Sutherland, City Administrator
DATE: October 17, 2016
RE: **Updates for Council**

Pepperrell Square meeting

Last Thursday, Administration held a meeting to discuss traffic management and downtown revitalization with community members, property owners, and businesses in and around Pepperrell Square. This was in response to the now tabled suggestion to temporarily close Pepperrell Square to conduct a traffic impact study. The meeting engaged a rather large group and several good suggestions were made to improve traffic flow which we will begin exploring. There was [an article](#) in the Journal Tribune on Friday. There is also information still on the city website on this topic.

Camp Ellis Update

Councilor Roche, Mayor Michaud, Phil Blood, Peter Marks, and I attended a meeting last week with representatives from the offices of Senator King, Senator Collins, and Congresswoman Pingree as well as the team from the Army Corps of Engineers in Portland to discuss the status of the feasibility study.

The Feasibility Study or District Quality Control (DQC) report will be complete by the end of October. Funding for this step in the process has been paid for out of district overhead accounts as there is no longer any report funding allocated to this project.

Next step will be to send the DQC to the Agency Technical Review (ATR) for the month of November, however because funding is lacking, a \$35,000 request for additional funding by the District office has been made to cover the ATR. We should have an answer this week or next on the status of that request.

Pending internal funding and the completion of the ATR, the report would be sent to Headquarters by the beginning of December. We're hosting a meeting next Tuesday October 25th at 6pm in the City Hall Auditorium with our local, state, and federal representatives as well as candidates running for office and the community to discuss this timeline and next steps for ensuring the jetty spur project moves forward.

2016 Spirit of America Foundation Tribute

Peg Poulin has been recognized by the Spirit of America Foundation for outstanding Community Service. The recognition ceremony will take place at the York County Commissioners Office (See attached for more details). While this copy was for the Mayor, we received one addressed to Council as well – so I hope you can make it to the event to show your support.

Maine Turnpike Authority meeting

City Administration and the Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA) met to discuss a concept plan to expand I-195 to the west of I-95. We will be submitting a formal request to the MTA and the Maine Department of Transportation for assistance in studying this concept further. I will be sure to share that memo.

Police Chief Position

At the end of last week, the City posted the [Police Chief position](#) to several local and national job search sites. The position posting will remain up until the end of day Friday, November 4th.

Harvest Festival This Saturday

This Saturday October 22nd is the Saco Main Street Pumpkin Harvest Festival. In addition to pumpkin painting and decorating, there will be Bed Races on Main Street (see example from [Brunswick](#)), the Rock, Paper, Scissors World Championship, and Maine Circus performers including aerialists, stilt walkers, and uni-cyclists. There will also be a Dunk Tank, so don't miss your opportunity to send me into the water!



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October 11, 2016

Ms. Peg Poulin
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cc: Town of Saco
Attention: Mayor Ron Michaud
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Saco, Maine 04072

Congratulations! You and other York County city/town winners of the 2016 Spirit of America Foundation Tribute for outstanding community service will be honored at a ceremony hosted by the York County Commissioners. The Spirit of America Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) public charity that was established in Augusta, Maine to encourage and promote volunteerism. You are encouraged to bring guests with you to enjoy the occasion.

Date: November 2, 2016
Location: York County Commissioners Office
Address: 149 Jordan Springs Road
Alfred, Maine 04002
Time: 4:00 p.m.
RSVP: Kathy Dumont, Assistant to County Manager
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For your information, those being honored at the York County ceremony include:
Ken Hall (Cornish) Kenneth L. Putnam (Limington), Leo & Sandra Binette (Waterboro), Mary Craig (North Berwick), Peg Poulin (Saco), Veteran's Memorial Park Flag Group (Old Orchard Beach).

I look forward to saluting you on November 2, 2016 for your impressive service to our community.

Respectfully,

Sallie Chandler

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Chairperson
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