

**CITY OF PORTLAND
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES – December 19, 2014 MEETING

8:30 a.m.

Portland City Hall, 389 Congress Street, Room 209, Portland, Maine

Present:

Mayor Michael Brennan; Councilor Edward Suslovic; Councilor Nicholas Mavodones; Councilor David Brennerman; Councilor David Marshall; Senator Anne Haskell; Representative Diane Russell; Representative Peter Stuckey; Representative Ben Chipman; Representative Matthew Moonen; Director of Health and Human Services Dawn Stiles; Director of Planning and Urban Development Jeff Levine; Portland Public Schools Principal Financial Officer Ellen Sanborn; Attorney Kate Knox; MaineHealth VP of Community Health Deb Deatrich; and Corporation Counsel Danielle West-Chuhta.

Started Meeting at 8:35 a.m. Mayor opened and then members were introduced.

1. Revisions to state subdivision law to clarify that multifamily in one building is not a subdivision. Sponsor Diane Russell.

Because multi-family units are now subject tot subdivision regulations, which are highly costly, this amendment could make a change which would reduce those costs; who would sponsor?

[List of proposed bill titles prepared by Corporation Counsel and reviewed by Mayor will be emailed to Legislators and Kate Knox at Bernstein Shur.]

2. Delegated Review authority over fire code from the State Fire Marshall to the City. Sponsor Diane Russell.
3. Expansion of the Narcan legislation to allow for standing orders. Sponsor Dick Farnsworth.
4. Proposed Civil Rights Act Amendment re: Buffer Zone. A majority of the Council members on the Legislative Committee said we should not pursue this at the state level; and it should be narrowly written to apply only to Planned Parenthood. The Mayor will follow up with Planned Parenthood to determine if they are committed to this bill.
5. Legislation requiring that any pharmacy etc. that dispenses needles in quantity must also provide return/disposal receptacles. Sponsor Dick Farnsworth.
6. Local Option Tax. Sponsor Matt Moonen.
7. Amend Dec. Judgment Act re: timing of appeals of development or project proposals. Sponsor Matt Moonen. Expedited decision making is sought, increasing the speed of appeals. The Mayor needs to talk with Maine Municipal Association about this issue.

8. Bill to allow owners of electric vehicle charging stations to charge for the electricity (Councilor Suslovic: 12 other states have done this).
 9. Schools. Ellen Sanborn discussed.
 - (a) Longfellow School /Hall School construction
 - (b) Teacher retirement contribution
 - (c) Charter School – Sponsor Justin Alfond
 - (d) Higher Education (USM) – Sponsors Justin Alfond and Ben Chipman
 10. Bonds: Sponsor Richard Farnsworth. Intermodal Hale \$25 million.
 11. State Budget. Revenue Sharing will be an issue.
- C. New Meeting will be January 12, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., in Room 209, Portland City Hall.