

CITY OF WATERVILLE

SPECIAL MEETING

COUNCIL AGENDA
7:00 p.m.

MAY 12, 2020

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NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 99-2020 REQUEST TO GOVERNOR JANET MILLS

REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING CITY DEPARTMENT BUDGETS:

- PUBLIC WORKS
- BOND ISSUES
- DEBT SERVICE



CITY OF WATERVILLE

CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 99-2020

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR:

Request to Governor Janet Mills

BE IT RESOLVED by the Waterville City Council, acting as the Municipal Officers,

THAT, the attached letter be sent to Governor Mills requesting that further consideration be given to opening up more of Maine's businesses.

IN THE CITY COUNCIL

_____, 2020 Read and Approved.

CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR

The Honorable Janet T. Mills
Governor of Maine
1 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

May 6, 2020

Dear Governor Mills,

We, the concerned City Councilors and Mayor of Waterville, write to you today to offer our assistance in the reopening of our city and the great State of Maine. Like you, we are concerned with people's safety and committed to ensuring the elderly and immune-compromised citizens of our state are protected. The citizens of Waterville have learned a great deal in how to combat a virus that has the potential of hospitalization and in some cases death. Residents are social distancing, sanitizing, and masking up when the situation dictates it.

Our concerns center around our community and its revitalization coupled with the safety of our own citizens. We have worked hard to rebuild our city to become a destination of modern manufacturing, arts, entertainment, and fine cuisine. Waterville downtown had seen explosive growth before the COVID-19 virus came to our shores. Small business growth in the downtown was moving in a very positive way. Families were drawn to Waterville again. Now these business owners, some of whom worked their entire life to build their brand, are at risk of losing it all. Never to reopen again.

We believe that with a focused approach on safety at the local level, more of the economic engine can be started without using a one-size-fits-all approach. By focusing on working together to identify best practices in combating the spread of COVID-19 virus, we believe we can open our local economy and stem the tide of closures.

We would welcome open dialogue with your team, emphasizing a balanced approach of safety and economic prosperity in order to get hard working Mainers back to work and continue the economic growth we have experienced in Waterville and potentially the entire state. The solutions can be found with teamwork and dedication. We look forward to working with you to bring back our economy while keeping Mainers and the citizens of Waterville safe.

Sincerely,

Mayor Nick Isgro

Councilor Erik Thomas

Councilor Richard Foss

Councilor Michael Morris

Councilor Flavia Oliveira

Councilor Margaret Smith

Councilor Sydney Mayhew

Councilor Claude Francke