

Minutes

Downtown Improvement Committee

April 10, 2026

Attending: Marylou Blaisdell, Fouad Mahfuz, Edward Haynes, Elisa Drift, Phillip Sconstas, Michael Buckley Cole Morgan, Liz Hannan and Rich Lannan attended via phone.

Also, in attendance Alyssa O'Mera – ED of GAD, Kevin Rourke, Chief of Police Nashua, President BOA, Lori Wilshire

Public in attendance Morgan Hollis, David Gottesman and police commissioner Kristen Wilson.

Discussion Points

The committee invited Chief Rourke to discuss the impact on proposed ordinances O-26-005 and O-26-004, repealing the prohibition of campers on public property and repealing the prohibition of camping on public property. The Chief explained the condition of Pine Street encampment prior to the October 2025 ordinances that prohibited camping. Committee members discussed what they experience and their concerns rescinding the October 2025 ordinances. Committee members also expressed positive comments regarding the police officers that work downtown.

Attorneys Hollis Morgan and David Gottesman attended, and the chair recognized them and allowed their comments on rescinding the camping ordinances.

Alderwoman Amber Morgan stated she was scheduled to discuss the ordinance with the mayor and author of the 2026 ordinances Alderwoman Kelly.

Downtown Lighting

The committee reviewed the proposal from New England Lighting for year-round lighting and winter holidays. The committee determined the best option was to purchase the lighting and have New England Lighting handle the maintenance.

A motion was made by Edward Hayes, seconded by Philip Sconstas to approve the following lighting options

- Main Street Warm Spiral Wraps on trees on Main Street (purchase option)
- West Earl Street Spiral Wraps

Unanimously approved.

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- City Hall Lampposts wrapped with lit garland
- City Hall spritzer display
- City Hall Evergreens in planters

Motion by Edward Hayes, second by Fouad Mahfuz, to approve holiday lighting, with the confirmation by the staff there is permanent lighting on the street. Unanimously approved.

Update from Great American Downtown

- Taste of Downtown is scheduled for June 3rd.

Adjourned 9:05 a.m.