TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Bill Bridgeo  
RE: Administrative Report  
DATE: May 30, 2017

Meetings:

There will be a meeting of the Tipping Point Loan Review Committee on Wednesday, May 31st at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

On Thursday, June 1, 2017 there will be a City Council Business Meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agendas are included in your Council packets. A pre-meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

A Senior Staff Meeting will take place at Lithgow Library beginning at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, June 2nd.

Other Items:

I’m happy to report that the once-splendid and historic home at 94 Winthrop Street, which the City auctioned off as tax-acquired property about 18 months ago, has just been given a certificate of occupancy by Code Enforcement. Since the current owner, Guerette Properties, purchased the home, they have made extensive renovation to it and, I am told, restored it in a very impressive fashion. Hats off to them for returning this lovely property to such good condition.

A team of graduate students from Tufts University’s Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy has arrived this week in Augusta to begin a summer long program working with a number of the community groups associated with supporting the City’s immigrant population (and the immigrants themselves, of course) and the City to identify ways to enable these “New Mainers” to acclimate themselves productively into the fabric of our community. Mayor Rollins (who has taken a lead on this initiative) and I have been participating with the leaders of our faith community, the United Way, and others to be supportive of this effort. The four students are being supported by grant funding secured by a Tufts professor of theirs. Mayor Rollins and his wife, Jan, have made one of their family vehicles available to the students and I have allowed them to stay at the City cabin at Three Corner Pond while they are with us. Hopefully, this summer project will lead to model strategies that can be replicated in other communities experiencing an influx of immigrants seeking a new life in America and, in our instance, an easier path for our newest residents to find educational and work opportunities here.

C: Department and Bureau Directors & Legislative Delegation