## CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM X

## November 5, 2012 City Council Meeting

Subject:

**Other Business** 

A. Committee Reports

**B.** City Manager's Update





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Date:

August 31, 2012

From:

Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager

Subject:

Manager's Update

<u>Contingency Grant Line Activity:</u> The City received the following in the contingent grant line this month: \$488.14 from Hannaford for the book club.

Hurricane Sandy- While writing this report damage was still being assessed from the second night of bad weather (Tuesday) when a microburst came through the community and did major damage to some properties in the community. The first night of Hurricane Sandy we didn't experience much damage. While many other communities had trees in the road, flooding and entire roads shut down-we didn't experience that kind of damage. I think mostly because of the tree trimming over the last few years that the Municipal Services Department has been doing and the storm drainage cleaning program that is ongoing. Preventative maintenance by the City has paid off in regards to keeping our roads open during bad weather. However the second night when a storm came through several property owners in the community experienced a great deal of damage from intense wind. The storm took down at least ten trees in the Lakeshore Drive area and demolished or damaged several seasonal camps in that area. One home was seriously damaged when a tree on the property came down onto the house. The City also experienced damage at Odell Park when the roof was torn off the dug-out and a Pine Tree landed on the perimeter fence. Luckily, no injuries have been reported at this time. We do have many homes without power but to date PSNH and NHEC have been very responsive. I want recognize our Emergency Management Director, Chief Lachapelle for the way he handled the storm. He was prepared and kept communication flowing at all levels. I also want to recognize our Municipal Services crew who responded quickly to calls for assistance removing debris at any hour of the day or night. It is comforting to know we have such a great team across all city departments ready to take action when an emergency or crisis hits.