

September 11, 2008
City Manager's Meeting w/ Neighborhood Groups
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Joe Gray reported:

Closing out financials, should be okay.

Cruise ships nearly booked for 2009, now booking 2010

Winter planning underway

Peninsula Transportation Study should have one more meeting, then will be integrated with traffic study

Franklin Arterial: there are MDOT funds to address issues there, for long-term projects and a study.

City Council will study Congress Square.

Maine State Pier: contract zone application needed

CAT- looking for off-season uses for the property

HCD process beginning with neighborhood meetings in November.

Bayside development moving along- 40 million dollar project package

In the student apartments 300 of 420 beds are rented, rents were discounted from \$750 to \$550.

Heating assistance funds are expected from the state. City met w/ oil dealers association and will meet with bankers re: concerns about absentee landlords and liability in the case of abandonments.

Energy rehab program RFP out, companies will be selected this fall and recommendations will become part of next budget.

Steve Podjany spoke about library budgets and upcoming community meetings.