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MEMORANDUM

TO: Steven Contente
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Christopher J. Parella
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: December 31, 2025

RE: Kayla DaSilva, 205 Franklin Street, request Council consideration to keep Holiday Lights installed after Christmas and reactivate for one month in June or July to increase tourism

Mr. Administrator,

At this time, I do not recommend leaving the holiday lights installed beyond the Christmas season, as standard seasonal removal remains the preferred operational practice. Should the Town Council wish to consider a limited summer reactivation, several operational concerns would need to be addressed.

Once trees begin to leaf out, removal becomes significantly more difficult and labor-intensive and increases the risk of damage to both the trees and the lighting. The lights also require ongoing adjustment due to wind and tree movement, which is further exacerbated once trees are in full bloom. In addition, staffing availability is limited leading up to the Fourth of July, and increased seasonal growth further complicates removal the later into the season it occurs.

Please advise if you have any questions or concerns.

CONCUR
S. Contente
STEVEN CONTENTE
Town Administrator