



Bernard F. Lynch
City Manager

*In CC packets
5/21/09*

TO: Mayor Edward Caulfield
And
Members of the Lowell City Council

FROM: Bernard F. Lynch, City Manager *[Signature]*

DATE: May 20, 2009

SUBJECT: **VERBAL MOTION OF 4/28/09 BY CITY COUNCIL
"REQUEST THE CITY MANAGER TO CLEAN DEBRIS FROM
RIVER".**

In regards to the above mentioned motion I have been in contact with Assistant City Manager & DPW Commissioner T.J. McCarthy. I have attached an updated report from TJ regarding this matter.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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TO: Bernie Lynch, City Manager
FROM: TJ McCarthy, Asst. City Manager
DATE: May 19, 2009
RE: Request from Mayor Caulfield to clean debris from river

The Lowell Public Works Department went to the river bank to investigate the resources required to clear the Merrimack River embankment in the vicinity across from the Tsongas Arena.

Below are photos of the river debris that has amassed in the area.



It has been determined that the best means to address these conditions would be to retain the services of a crane and a waste disposal company. It has been estimated to cost \$22,000 for a four to six day operator.

We have also conferred with the DPD's Environmental Officer, Christine Thomas, regarding the need for environmental permits, who has initially indicated none are required. Additionally, in accordance with issues regarding the levee integrity, the debris does not appear to be in a position of causing erosion or instability. The department did not receive an official answer from the Army Corp.



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