



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



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| <b>Meeting Date</b> | 01/09/2019   | <b>Department</b> | City Council |
| <b>Agenda Item</b>  | 4.1 Resolution Regarding A1 Diner and Owners Mike Giberson and Neil Anderson |                   |              |
| <b>Est. Cost</b>    | n/a  |                   |              |

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| <b>Background Information</b> | <p>For 30 years, Mike Giberson and Neil Anderson have owned the A1 Diner. This evening, the City Council, along with employees and people of the City will honor their commitment to this community with a Resolution in their name.</p> <p>Mayor Hart will read and present the Resolution.</p> |
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| <b>Requested Action</b>                   | n/a |
| <b>City Manager and/or Finance Review</b> | n/a |
| <b>Council Vote/ Action Taken</b>         |     |
| <b>Departmental Follow-Up</b>             |     |

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| <b>City Clerk Use Only</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading _____ | Advertised _____                 | <b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b><br>_____ |
|                            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading _____ | Advertised _____<br>w/in 15 Days |                                |
|                            | Final to Dept _____           | Updated Book _____               | Online _____                   |



**A Resolution Honoring A1 Diner and Owners Mike Giberson and Neil Anderson**

**WHEREAS, the A1 Diner (Worcester Diners #790)** was installed in 1946 at 3 Bridge Street, Gardiner, as Heald’s Bridge Street Lunch; and

**WHEREAS, Mike Giberson and Neil Anderson** purchased the Diner in 1988 from Mike’s father Albert, thereby owning and operating the Diner longer than any previous proprietors; and

**WHEREAS, Mike Giberson and Neil Anderson** have always valued local, quality ingredients, and excellent customer service at the **A1 Diner**; and

**WHEREAS, Mike Giberson and Neil Anderson** offered an eclectic menu of diner food and innovative Maine cuisine to appeal to local patrons and the millions of visitors crossing the Kennebec, each way, in search of a unique dining experience; and

**WHEREAS, the A1 Diner** was one of the first restaurants in Maine to be smoke-free in 1990; and

**WHEREAS, the A1 Diner** has been featured in several nationwide magazines, such as New York Times, Down East, and Yankee; and

**WHEREAS, Mike Giberson and Neil Anderson** used creativity to encourage each trainee to develop his or her own skills and talents; and

**WHEREAS, Mike Giberson and Neil Anderson** actively participated in the vision, establishment, and development of Gardiner Main Street, as well as investing in their community by opening A1 to Go in 2002; and

**WHEREAS, Mike Giberson** received the Maine Downtown Center award for Volunteer of the Year in 2005, served as President of Gardiner Main Street Board of Directors, and as a member of the Gardiner City Council; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gardiner hereby joins the citizens of Gardiner and City Staff in expressing their sincere appreciation to the **A1 Diner and Owners Mike Giberson and Neil Anderson** for all the many positive contributions to our community.

**Passed and adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.**

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Patricia Hart, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly Gooldrup, City Clerk