

**Property Committee Meeting
October 3, 2016**

Fish and Game Road License- Council Vote

The committee will ask the council at the October meeting for clarity on the September vote to oppose the committee motion to approve a license with conditions. Was the vote in opposition to the licensing concept OR a vote to oppose the motion directing the committee to address additional questions and if so what question specifically would the council like the committee to explore.

Samson's Row Paper Street

Abutters to the Samson's Row paper street attended the meeting and participated with the committee discussion. Paper streets are undeveloped streets that exist on subdivision plans filed with the registry of deeds. The plan was filed in 1916 or 1920 and after 20 or more years of non-development interest in the road must return to the abutters of the undeveloped street. The city's property, Vaughan Field, is an abutter of the paper street. The committee agreed that the city has no interest in executing rights as an abutter to the paper street and recommends that the private property abutters with support of property surveys determine their property lines to include paper street footage.

Motion – To approve a motion that the City has no interest in property on the western half of the center line of the Samson's Row paper street.

Lincoln Street

The city tax map for 19 Lincoln Street includes the road and the road footage is part of the tax assessment for the property.

Motion – To approve the City conducting a survey of the Lincoln Street road to establish boundaries for 19 Lincoln Street, include neighboring property in the survey lines and to amend the city tax map to remove the road from the assessed property for 19 Lincoln St.

21 Lincoln Street is on the market and the road is also technically a driveway for the property.

Motion – To approve the City executing an easement for 21 Lincoln Street driveway rights.

9 Lincoln Street/4 Vine Street/Vaughan Field

The City issued a cease and desist order to the owner of 9 Lincoln Street to stop cutting trees. The owner asked for approval to clear brush and limbs, the committee agreed to direct the city manager to work with the property owners to remove bush and limbs. No additional cutting was approved.

The property owner for 9 Lincoln Street expressed to the committee interest in purchasing a small section of Vaughan Field adjacent to their property. They have cleaned up the small section that is owned by the City and would like to place a picnic table on the section of land. Committee generally discussed Vaughan Field is subject to various covenants and will need solicitor input regarding the covenants in context of the request.

Motion – To direct the city manager to work with the city solicitor to evaluate Vaughan Field covenants in the context of an abutter request to purchase a small portion of city owned property.

Distressed Properties

Interim Code Enforcement Officer Richard Dolby reviewed Maine’s dangerous building law and applied the criteria to 5 properties as previously requested by City Council. The following properties were evaluated: 131 Second Street, 20 Greenville Street, 8 Sampson’s Row, 19 Page Street and 21 Academy Street.

The committee agreed to recommend that the following three properties be presented to City Council in October for dangerous property consideration: 131 Second Street, 20 Greenville Street, 19 Page Street. Interim Code Enforcement Officer Dolby will present the property findings at the council meeting. Should the council agree, the council can then schedule a public hearing on these properties at the November meeting. The committee directed the city manager to work with the city solicitor to provide legal notice to the 3 property owners for the October meeting.

Members of the public presented concern with 18 Academy Street. The interim code enforcement officer will evaluate trash in the yard and report back to the committee.

Transfer of Waterfront Water Access to the City

The city manager reported that the Hallowell Water District application has been completed.



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October 11, 2016

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