

**Property and Public Lands Committee
July 28, 2016 Meeting Summary**

Guests: Bud Lord & Spouse, Andy Kokernack and legal representation, Rosemary Presnar representing the Hallowell Conservation Committee.

Fish and Game Road

Legal Counsel briefly joined the meeting to recommend that the council/committee approve a license for access to the Fish and Game Road for McNaughton Construction to access a proposed sand pit on property owned by Bud Lord. The committee then discussed the sand pit business proposal and licensing concept at length. Andy reported that the company can no longer access the Laflin sand pit and Bud Lord's property can also accommodate a sand pit to be developed. Andy noted that they have been hauling sand out of the Fish and Game road for over 30 years and have not done any permanent damage to the road and always assisted to repair the road as needed. Difficult to project truck volume for the proposed pit, "could be a few days per week and then no activity for other periods of time". Road access from Central St across Lord property to the sand pit location is cost prohibitive and would have significant environmental impact on the property creating more run off during rain storms. Andy expressed support for assisting to maintain the road and work with the city and the Laflin's on the road maintenance plan. Andy also expressed support for including survey of portions of the city owned Reservoir property with the engineering and survey work that would be performed to develop the sand pit proposal.

Committee members discussed general interest in the licensing concept allowing the city to evaluate impact and road conditions on an annual basis as a condition of license renewal and also to provide an opportunity for public comment on an annual basis as part of the license renewal process. The committee recommended that the Fish and Game Road maintenance be an annual discussion before the committee including all interested parties with the existing easement. The committee asked the City Manager to work with MMA for sample license agreements/language from other Maine cities and to work with Chris Buck to recommend back to the committee conditions for licensure.

Rosemary Presnar provided comment on behalf of the HCC noting that their position is unchanged from the recommendation to oppose the original easement request. HCC is concerned with unforeseen damage to the Res property. Rosemary did express support for the need to survey the city owned Res property and interest in an annual opportunity for public comment on the road.

Bud Lord expressed strong concern to the committee regarding the city limiting use of his property noting that the family has a long standing tradition of allowing public access to their land.

McCourtney Memorial Bench

The committee asked the City Manager to work with the family to recommend a location for the bench on city owned property. The family requests a location at the Reservoir.

The Committee will meet again after the August city council meeting.

Minutes Recorded by Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Chair.