



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Matthew R. Walsh, Deputy City Manager - Development

DATE: June 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Canal Street Rights-of-Way

Recommendation:

1. Accept this report;
2. Approve the attached consent resolution discontinuing portions of the Canal Street rights-of-way generally adjacent to 11 Canal Street, Penacook; and,
3. Approve the attached consent resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept dedications of rights of way along the frontage of 11, 33 and 35 Canal Street.

Background:

In accordance with CIP #567 and CIP #78, the City is proceeding with the development of a new riverfront park located at 11 Canal Street, as well as streetscape improvements associated therewith on Canal Street (Village to Crescent Street).

Streetscape improvements are tentatively scheduled to be constructed this summer. Construction of the park is tentatively scheduled to begin in fall 2023.

Discussion:

Design of the proposed park and streetscape improvements will necessitate changes to the Canal Street rights-of-way.

Specifically, City Administration desires to modify the Canal Street rights-of-way generally located along the frontage of the park site located at 11 Canal Street. The majority of said rights-of-way were acquired by the City in 1947, and subsequently laid out as public highway in 1953. The City owns said property in fee. The modifications are necessary to facilitate reconstruction of the Canal Street municipal parking lot, as well as allocate parking spaces therein to properties located at 346 and 350 Village Street, respectively, in accordance with agreements executed by the City in 2012. Once the discontinuance is completed, residual portions of the property will be voluntarily merged with City owned property located at 11 Canal Street to facilitate forthcoming construction of the park and new Canal Street Municipal Parking Lot in accordance with CIP #567 (Penacook Riverfront Parks).

Additionally, the project includes a new 10' wide shared path / sidewalk on the north side of Canal Street between Village Street and Crescent Street. The path will be constructed by the City as part of CIP #78 (Annual Highway Program) and CIP #567 (Penacook Riverfront Parks). The current width of the rights-of-way is insufficient at some locations to accommodate the path. As such, dedications of rights-of-way from abutting City owned property located at 11 Canal Street, as well as private property located at 33-35 Canal Street, which are owned by the Caleb Penacook Limited Partnership and Caleb Penacook Phase 2 Limited Partnership respectively, are required to facilitate construction of the path. Caleb Penacook Limited Partnership and Caleb Penacook Phase 2 Limited Partnership are voluntarily providing these dedications to the City.

The Planning Board reviewed and approved these discontinuances and dedications during its June 21, 2023 meeting.

Please see the attached plats, petition and resolutions for more information.