



CITY OF CONCORD
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Community Development Department

REPORT TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Planning Board
DATE: September 29, 2022
SUBJECT: Request to discontinue a portion of the Pembroke Road right of way &
Request to license a portion the Pembroke Road right of way

Recommendation

The Planning Board recommends granting the petition for discontinuance of a portion of the Pembroke Road right of way, and granting a license agreement for the private improvements in the public Pembroke Road right of way.

Request

A petition has been submitted by the NH Army National Guard (NHARNG) requesting the permanent discontinuance of a portion of Pembroke Road at the dead end of the street adjacent to Airport Road and Loudon Road. It is also requesting a license agreement from the City to allow site improvements in the public right of way.

Background

When the intersection of Loudon Road and Airport Road was reconstructed by the State, a portion of Pembroke Road was eliminated as an access point for vehicular travel to the intersection and became a dead end. NHARNG has been using the dead end portion of the street to park vehicles.

To improve the aesthetics of the façade and provide better access to the building, NHARNG is requesting a license agreement at this time for privately owned site work in the public right of way to remove existing pavement and replace it with a new parking area, consisting of 13 parking spaces, a bike rack, a granite monument sign, granite benches, a sidewalk reconfiguration, and various other landscape improvements.

It also plans to construct a small building addition to improve access in this location for members of the public. While the edge of the building currently encroaches in the public right of way, the addition would slightly increase this encroachment. NHARNG is therefore requesting a partial discontinuance of a portion of the right of way, which includes existing and enclosed encroachments as indicated on the attached plan.

Discussion

Due to the small area of the discontinuance, Staff recommends support for the request. It is unlikely to negatively affect future pedestrian or transportation infrastructure, and is anticipated to improve the pedestrian experience as well as the Loudon Road streetscape in this location.

Staff also recommends that a license agreement be executed for privately owned site work in the public right of way to remove existing pavement and replace it with a new parking area, consisting of 13 parking spaces, a bike rack, a granite monument sign, granite benches, a sidewalk reconfiguration, and various other landscape improvements.

Attached are the resolution for the discontinuance, a draft license agreement for the private improvements, and the plan indicating the subject area and proposed improvements.