

CITY OF CONCORD

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Community Development Department

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: David Cedarholm, PE, City Engineer

DATE: March 15, 2018

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Public Turnaround Easement Deeds from Jean K. Lantz and

Lawrence W. Yearke - Putney Avenue

Recommendation

Accept this report, which recommends that the City Manager be authorized to accept two public turnaround easement deeds, the first from Jean K. Lantz, 7 Putney Avenue, and the second from Lawrence W. Yearke, 12 Putney Avenue, for the installation of a public turnaround area at the end of Putney Avenue.

Background

As part of the 2017 Putney Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project (CIP # 91), the entire roadway was also reconstructed. Prior to the reconstruction, Putney Avenue was a substandard, dead end road, with no cul-de-sac or hammerhead at the end, which created issues for vehicles turning and reversing direction to leave the street. Both Ms. Lantz and Mr. Yearke own the properties at the end of the street and have frontage on Putney Avenue. During the reconstruction of the street, both of them asked the City to create a paved area to make it easier for vehicles to turn and reverse direction at the end of the road. In addition, the construction of the hammerhead turnaround makes it easier for the General Services Department to plow the street. Based on discussions with Ms. Lantz and Mr. Yearke, who both agreed to donate portions of their land as a permanent turnaround easement, the City agreed to include the cost of the design and construction of a hammerhead turnaround. The City designed the turnaround to be effective as possible with the least amount of impact on each property.

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Discussion

Reconstruction of the roadway and hammerhead has been completed. Staff has been working with both owners to finalize the easement deed so that they are acceptable to both parties. Therefore, staff recommends that the City Manager be authorized to accept the easement deeds from Jean K. Lantz and Lawrence W. Yearke, and have them recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds.

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