

Mr. Jim Bouley, Mayor  
Concord City Hall  
41 Green Street  
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April 3, 2016



Dear Mr. Bouley:

My wife and I are residents of Concord, living near the Hopkinton town line off Shenandoah Dr. on Palomino Court. Direction wise, Shenandoah Dr. runs north/south between Currier Rd. and Hopkinton Rd. and since it was built, it has been gated at the south end making it a dead end thoroughfare. Since our arrival in the neighborhood we have heard a number of conflicting stories as to the reason for blocking the road. The resident at the southern end of Shenandoah claims he put the gate in place and retains the key to the lock for opening it. Others say the street was not meant to be a through street, explaining that if the police and fire departments need to help someone at the southern end, they would enter Shenandoah Dr. from the north, Currier Road and drive the half mile south to get to them, or they would cut the lock on the chain and open the gate from the south end of the road. The latter reasoning makes no sense to us, because in the winter the city is forced to plow snow against the gate from both the north and south.

Currently the gate is open as there is logging being done in preparation for a new home to be built right at the gate on the eastern side of the street. We do not know the plan for the new family's driveway, but it is obvious that without the gate, it would give them greater convenience. However, with a broader vision in mind, we wonder whether it might be a good opportunity for the city to review the barricaded status of this road. As residents of the neighborhood, we would find the removal of the gate an excellent idea as it would enable police, fire and rescue to get to the homes on the southern end of Shenandoah when our neighbors are in need of help. We also think it might make more sense for school bus routes and the U.S. Postal delivery to have the street open at both ends.

Carol and I thank you for reading our letter and hope it will initiate investigation and discussion.

Yours truly,

  
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