

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: COUNCIL MTG OF: #17-127

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FROM:

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OFFERED BY:

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SUBJECT:

Consider and Accept Payment for Construction Easement

PURPOSE:

Review and accept payment for permanent and temporary construction easements in conjunction with the NHDOT project to install traffic signals at the intersection of English Range Road and Londonderry Turnpike.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

The Council is encouraged to adopt Resolution #2017-067 which would authorize acceptance of \$5,370 from the NH Department of Transportation for easements issued in favor of the State of New Hampshire.

BACKGROUND:

NHDOT is planning to install traffic signals at the intersection of English Range and Londonderry Turnpike to address hazardous conditions at that intersection. In order to properly construct the improvements, NHDOT is requesting permanent easements at the corner of the property housing the English Range station, and a drainage easement to the rear. Additionally, NHDOT is seeking temporary easements along the property's road frontage.

DISCUSSION:

These improvements will greatly assist the Department personnel when exiting the Fire Station, as an Opticom system will be installed to stop all traffic when emergency vehicles enter the intersection. NHDOT needs a permanent easement at the corner of the intersection, and a drainage easement to the rear. Neither easement will impact operations. Additionally, NHDOT rules require that the property owner be compensated for temporary impacts, even though those improvements will ultimately positively impact the Town.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NHDOT has offered compensation in the amount of \$5,370 for these easements pursuant to a formula as set forth on the attached Estimate of Compensation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL:

Approve the amount proposed for this taking.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

See Resolution #2017-067