



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 17-159
COUNCIL MTG OF: November 21, 2017
FROM: Dave Caron, Town Administrator
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SUBJECT: Retain Tax Deeded Property for Public Use

PURPOSE: Seek approval to retain certain properties acquired by tax deed for public use.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: The Council is encouraged to adopt Resolution #2017-081; it is staff's goal to systematically review all tax deeded properties to bring resolution on the status of each property (i.e. retain for public use; determine abutter interest; or sell at public auction).

BACKGROUND: Pursuant to RSA 80:42-a, state statutes allow the Town Council to retain ownership of certain properties acquired by tax deed for public use. As the Town attempts to cull the number of properties by tax deed and not returned to the tax rolls, staff recognizes that certain properties appear on the list each year, and are in fact serving some public purpose. Formally retaining these properties for public use by Council action will remove these properties from the disposal list and transfer stewardship to the appropriate department in need of that particular asset.

DISCUSSION: Many of the properties recommended to be retained for public use include drainage areas, properties with public assets upon them (e.g. hydrants) or serve some other public purpose.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact as these properties, by virtue of their characteristics, are largely unmarketable and unlikely to return to the tax rolls.

RECOMMENDATION ACTION BY COUNCIL & MOTION:

Adopt Resolution #2017-081.

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