



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 21-63
COUNCIL MTG OF: June 1, 2021
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SUBJECT: Stoneleigh Drive – Acceptance of Class VI Public Way

PURPOSE

This report seeks Town Council acceptance of property dedicated to the Town of Derry at the end of Stoneleigh Drive.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

The Town Council is encouraged to accept that portion of Stoneleigh Drive as a Class VI town road.

BACKGROUND

In 2002, Derry Planning Board approved the subdivision road, Stoneleigh Drive. A temporary cul-de-sac was platted and installed with an intent for future access to a parcel immediately to the east (Lot 6-86) owned by the Edward C. Cooper Revocable Trust of 1993.

The recorded plan (D-31181) included a dedicated 50-foot-wide right-of-way to serve Lot 6-86 in the future. The paved road ended at the temporary cul-de-sac and the Town accepted Stoneleigh Drive up to this point in 2005.

The applicant's attorney has now submitted a request to Town Council to have the Town accept the remaining dedication, which will provide access to the subject parcel owned by the Edward C. Cooper Revocable Trust of 1993.

DISCUSSION

Per state statutes, the dedicated right-of-way remains in effect despite there is no road there currently. The applicant is aware that they will bear the expense of any improvements required to meet the applicable road standards. Given the Planning Board's approval of the plan in 2002, the Town Council is compelled to act on the acceptance of the public way.

Typically, DPW approaches Town Council to accept new subdivisions as Class V roads, which introduces local maintenance responsibilities in perpetuity. In this case, the recommended action would be to accept the public way as Class VI road, with no local maintenance responsibilities. The applicant would be required to build a road according to Fire Department standards, for emergency access.

FISCAL IMPACT

No additional fiscal impact from current DPW budget as Class VI public ways have no maintenance responsibilities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

It is recommended that the Town Council vote to accept Stoneleigh Drive from the end of the cul-de-sac to the property boundary with Lot 6-86 as depicted on recorded plan D-31181.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

See attached resolution #2021-031