



## STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 23-16  
COUNCIL MTG OF: February 7, 2023  
FROM: Michael Fowler, P. E., Director of Public Works  
OFFERED BY: Michael Fowler, P. E., Director of Public Works  
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SUBJECT: Town Council Input on Street Names – Exit 4A

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**PURPOSE:** Town Council input/confirmation is requested for selection of names for two short segments of road to be created as part of the new Exit 4A layout.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:** The Council is urged to consider and accept the proposed street names to assist NHDOT with the completion of the Contract B design on the Exit 4A project.

**BACKGROUND:** NHDOT is currently working on the design phase of Contract B for the Exit 4A project. In October 2021, Derry Town Council confirmed a staff recommendation that Londonderry should have the predominant right to name the connector road from the I-93 interchange to the intersection with North High Street in Derry. They have confirmed the name Olde Rum Trail as the official name for the connector road.

However, due to the elevations required to bring Olde Rum Trail into the existing North High Street/Folsom Road layout, two new road layouts are now created as part of the proposed design. Both roads are located entirely in Derry.

**DISCUSSION: #1)** Madden Road currently connects to North High Street at an acute angle. The new road configuration for the access road (Olde Rum Trail) will eliminate this connection point. The new road design will provide a signalized access further west for Madden Road. In doing so, the existing right-of-way (ROW), known as Madden Road will be altered, leaving a 175-foot stub of the existing ROW as unnamed. This short section of ROW ends at the Londonderry town boundary, but it cannot be extinguished as it is the access to a cell tower in Londonderry. Prior to the October 2021 discussion for the connector road, staff connected with Rick Holmes, retired Derry Town Historian. Rick offered Aghadowey Avenue, which refers to the town in North Ireland from which Derry's original settlers came from.

**#2)** At the intersection of Madden Road and North High Street, the NHDOT design incorporates the construction of a short stub to allow a future access for Parcel 31013 – 5 Madden Road American Excavating. The proposed road will be a public right-of-way approximately 300 feet long and will need a name. In deference to American Excavating, whose business operations at 5 Madden Road will require an address change, they have suggested Haley Drive.

Town Council is encouraged to confirm prospective street names or furnish a suitable alternative name as they see fit. All street names should not conflict with existing street names or bear a similar phonetic resemblance to an existing street name to avoid conflicts with emergency services through E911 dispatch.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None related to establishing names for both streets. The Town of Derry will inherit maintenance responsibilities of the new roads once accepted upon substantial completion.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY TOWN COUNCIL: Confirm suitable names for these two future Class V road sections for incorporation with final plans for Contract B. Town Council will be required to accept the final road layout upon completion of the construction work in 2024/2025.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: See Resolution #2023-013.



# RESOLUTION

Number 2023-013

To Accept Road Names Associated with the Exit 4A Project

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WHEREAS, Section 5.1 of the Town Charter vests in the Town Council the powers of the legislative and governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Town has partnered with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to design and construct the Exit 4A interchange and corridor; and

WHEREAS, the design requires the creation of new two new road layouts; and

WHEREAS, NHDOT has requested that the Town name these two new roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the Council hereby names the spur off Madden Road as Aghadowey Avenue and the road at the intersection with North High Street as Haley Drive.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: February 7, 2023

Attest:

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Joshua Bourdon, Council Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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