

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs Co-Posted COW
met in the Council Chamber on Wednesday May 27, 2020 at
6:00 P.M.

for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on
May 21, 2020 at 4:01 P.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: None

Also present Beth Rennard, Jim Boudrea (Robinson Rd), Scott Grover (Loring Ave)

SUBJECT(S)

536 removing Robinson Rd. from the list of accepted streets

#265 Easement agreement with Vavel LLC for parking and access at 633 Loring Ave

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Atty Boudreau: Robinson Road used to be farmland according to registry of deeds. After significant due diligence on title research found no evidence that Robinson Road was properly accepted as a public way. The street has been a private way since 1825 according to the deed. Research showed that a letter from Mayor Neil Harrington from 1996 to City Council attached list of accepted streets. No evidence of any taking of street by City. No evidence of landowner's dedication.

Rennard explained that this was one of several streets that was incorrectly listed in the past and we are still working on correcting many of them.

C. Morsillo spoke with Mr. Weiss and understood that he spoke with abutters and no concerns.

C. Dibble asks for confirmation a section of the Rd at the beginning is not city property and moves to remove the street subject to Solicitor's confirmation. Seconded by C. Sargent, 5-0, motion carries.

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Atty Grover provides overview of the issue. The front part of the property a strip 40' deep that is owned by the City due to layout of the road but historically used as parking by Kinder Care. Worked with Solicitor on an easement to continue use, including addition of trees. Due to permitting process in the past the easement was put on hold but now in play again with a different development proposal.

C. Dibble does not believe the City will ever use the property. Asks what happens if the City would like to take back the land after improvements.

Rennard explains that the easement does not prevent City from taking it back.

Atty Grover will provide a revised draft of the easement to reflect the following:

"The Grantee acknowledges this grant of easement adds significant value to the Grantee's Property and that such additional value will be reflected in the assessed value of the Grantee's Property and the resulting real estate tax assessment."

C. Dibble moves to refer to council with favorable recommendation as amended seconded by C. Sargent, 5-0 motion carries.

On the motion of C. Sargent meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Christine Medore". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Christine" and last name "Medore" clearly legible.

Chair