

Public Works Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Harvey Hearing Room

Present: Councilor Suzanne Swope, chair (SS), Councilor Max Tassinari (MT), Councilor Hannah Belcher, ex officio (HB), Director Steve Calla, DPW (SC)

Absent: Councilor Rob DeMarco

Members of the public:

Gina Edgett (76 Summit Ave, P6), Bill Edgett (76 Summit Ave, P6), Charlie Scott (70 Summit Ave, P6), Barbara Flockhart (P6), Eugene Kucinski (EK)

5:33 - Call to Order

Public Comment:

EK: Representing Edgetts; property has been in the family since the 1960s, Gina & Bill took ownership in 2020. 5' of 10' strip of land belongs to Edgetts, the other 5' belongs to 70 Summit (C.Scott). No lights, poor/dangerous conditions, have had to call police for loitering/drug use; Want to turn part of space into driveway between houses (would require removal of a tree)

Gina Edgett (60 Summit): have supplied town with all requested docs/scope of work/plans/etc.; street has seen increase in number of condos, etc. resulting in increased number of cars

MT: What do neighbors on Sagamore think?

EK: have not had correspondence with them

MT: Cannot release right of way for HALF of a pathway; would need to do full path (Summit to Sagamore)

SC: Concerned about cutting path in half and creating 'alcove'; could exacerbate loitering, etc.

MT: What is the town responsible for in regards to the state of the property if returned?

SC: Would have to check with Town Attorney, but likely need to restore to 'original condition'

SS: What would it cost to restore pathway to safe/compliant status?

SC: would need to go to bid, so difficult to say. Half of path alone would be >\$50K

MT: What would ongoing cost of maintenance be?

SC: to restore fully Summit to Sagamore, approx. \$120-\$150K (stair removal, rapport stairs, railings, lights, etc.); need to determine if land needs to be restored before it is given back

EK: Client will incur cost of restoration for their portion of the right of way

Charlie Scott (70 Summit): lived there since 1951; town has not unkept walkway in past 20-30 years; installed motion sensor lights; disagree with Calla about concerns of creating 'alcove'; stairs are incredibly unsafe and town is liable for disrepair and long term maintenance

SC: Entirety of walkway needs restoration

SS: Need to identify estimate for restoration and source of funds

Barbara Flockhart (P4): Do not need to include pathway from Hutchinson to Crest in this renovation

MT: Would need to restore FULL pathway that town is responsible for

HB: Two separate issues - this Summit Ave. path, and how to handle these public ways as a whole

SS: Will need to talk to town attorney to see how to handle disposition of rights of way

SC: Reminder that even if right of way is dissolved, permits and/or a variance will still need to be applied for to create the intended driveway between properties

Please see attached spreadsheet regarding the public ways in town and their status

6:32 - motion to adjourn by MT, 2nd by SS, unanimously approved

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION -

Inventory & Description of Public Ways, prepared by S. Calla, Director of DPW

Description	Maintenance Responsibility	Restoration Needed?	What is needed?	Estimated Cost to Restore
Concrete & Granite walkway and stair system	Cleaning and repairs	YES	Full Restoration w/lights	\$350K - 500K
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Concrete stair system and walk path w/lighting	Cleaning and repairs	NO		
Concrete stair system and walk path	Cleaning and repairs / Tree pruning	YES	Full Restoration w/lights	\$120K - 150K
Grass walk path with inlaid fieldstone	Grass cutting / Clean-up	NO		
Cement walkway and stair system	Grass cutting, cleaning, and repairs	NO		
Gravel Path	Grass cutting and cleaning	NO		
Concrete stair system	Grass cutting, hedge trimming, cleaning	NO		
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Asphalt and grass walkway	Periodic hedge trimming	NO		
Gravel and grass walking trail	Grass cutting	NO		
Gravel and grass walking trail	Grass cutting	NO		
Gravel and grass walking trail	Grass cutting / Tree pruning / Clean-up	NO		
Asphalt walkway	Tree Pruning / Weedwacking / Clean-up	NO		
Gravel walk path w/two wooden foot bridges	Grass cutting and repairs (Shared responsibility w/DCR)	NO		