

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



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City acknowledges next steps after Boyle lawsuit loss

PORTSMOUTH, NH – Today a jury has ruled against the City in the amount of \$3,570,000 in a lawsuit filed by Jim Boyle, owner of Toyota Portsmouth. Boyle has been citing wetland damages caused by the City as a result of a municipal sewer line that runs along the rear of his Greenleaf Avenue auto dealership property.

“It is disappointing to receive this verdict today, but the verdict is substantially less than the amount that Mr. Boyle claimed as damages during trial (\$10 million) and substantially less than the \$20 million he has been demanding in his public statements,” said Acting City Manager Nancy Colbert Puff. “Details of this decision are being reviewed to determine the next course of action and possible appeal opportunities.”