

NOTICE OF HEARING
PUBLIC USE AND NECESSITY

LITTLE BAY WATERLINE CROSSING UPGRADE PROJECT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022

3:00 PM OPENING OF HEARING AND SITE VISIT

5:00 PM RECONVENING OF HEARING, TAKING OF EVIDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers at City Hall
1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801

The Portsmouth City Council will conduct a view and hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving evidence and hearing public comment relative to the acquisition of property (permanent and temporary easements) to successfully install new City water infrastructure.

The purpose of the hearing is to establish the public use of, and public necessity for, temporary and permanent easements in connection with the project. This public hearing initiates the process for conducting eminent domain proceedings should the City of Portsmouth be unable to reach agreement to acquire the necessary easement interests. This hearing specifically concerns property located at 180 Piscataqua Road in Durham. Present owner – Janet Mackie and Sandy MacLean.

The City Council will assemble at 3:00 p.m. at the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers and open the hearing. The City Council will first conduct a site visit to answer City Councilor questions and make any on-foot site visits. The public is welcome to attend the site view, although no testimony from the public will be taken at that time.

After the view, the hearing will be recessed and then reconvened at the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. for purposes of taking testimony and action. Members of the public may participate in person or via Zoom. Registration link for zoom attendance to be found on the City of Portsmouth website, www.cityofportsmouth.com, see the meetings calendar.

Currently, City water lines bring approximately 60% of the City's public drinking water by water line from the Bellamy Reservoir in Madbury through Durham and Newington to Portsmouth. This water serves the citizens of Portsmouth, New Castle, Rye, Greenland, and Newington. The proposed project will include the installation of a new waterline in between the two existing water lines where they cross Little Bay from adjacent to Wagon Hill Farm in Durham to Fox Point in Newington.

The easement interests to be acquired include a temporary construction easement of $\pm 18,129$ sq. ft. and permanent easement of $\pm 2,453$ sq. ft. fully encompass both the existing water line and the new water line to be installed over the property located at 180 Piscataqua Road in Durham.

Complete details of the project and a map showing the property subject to this public necessity hearing may be seen by any member of the public during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Department of Public Works located at 680 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth, NH, by contacting Brian Goetz, Deputy Director of Public Works at 603-766-1420.

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