CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

OCTOBER 6, 2023

TO:

PETER BRITZ, PLANNING DIRECTOR

FROM:

TREVOR P. MCCOURT, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

RE:

PLANNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM

GRAYS LANE RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT FROM THOMAS AND DEIRDRE HAMMER

The Department of Public Works seeks to improve the road known as Grays Lane, which connects Sagamore Avenue to Broad Street. The City currently owns a right of way interest over half of Grays Lane, and the owners 219 Sagamore Avenue have offered to convey the remaining right of way interest to the City. This conveyance would facilitate planned improvements to Grays Lane in order to remediate existing drainage issues relating to this roadway. This conveyance would clear the chain of title and is recommended by the Public Works Department.

The right of way easement would coincide with the existing 10' wide driveway easement and would utilize existing legal descriptions. The area of the easement is depicted on the attached drawing.

Proposed Motion: Recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager to accept a right of way easement over land at 219 Sagamore Avenue from Thomas and Deirdre Hammar (Tax Map 221 Lot 19).

Attachment (1)

cc: Su:

Susan Morrell, City Attorney Peter Rice, Director of Public Works Dave Desfosses, Project Manager Peter Stith, Principal Planner

