CITY OF PORTSMOUTH LEGAL DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

JUNE 16, 2019

TO:

JULIET T.H. WALKER, PLANNING DIRECTOR

FROM:

TREVOR P. MCCOURT, STAFF ATTORNEY

RE:

PLANNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM

PLEASANT STREET SIDEWALK EASEMENT FROM PORTSMOUTH HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Department of Public Works has been improving the sidewalks on Pleasant Street, including the sidewalk in front of the Portsmouth Housing Authority (PHA) building at 444 Pleasant Street. Over the course of completing these improvements, City surveyors discovered a 566 square foot of the sidewalk was not within the public right of way. PHA has agreed to convey this small parcel of land in order to clear the City's chain of title.

The Legal Department has reviewed the form of the easement, and the final version is attached along with the Easement Plan.

Proposed Motion: Recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager to accept a sidewalk easement over land at 444 Pleasant Street from Portsmouth Housing Authority (Tax Map 102 Lot 54).

Attachments

cc: Dave Desfosses, Project Manager Robert P. Sullivan, City Attorney Suzanne M. Woodland, Deputy City Attorney

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Return To: Legal Department City Hall 1 Junkins Ave. Portsmouth, NH 03801

SIDESWALK EASEMENT DEED

The Portsmouth Housing Authority, a body corporate created by law, with a mailing address of 245 Middle Street, Portsmouth, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire 03801, hereinafter "Grantor," for consideration paid, grants to the CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, a municipal body politic, having a mailing address of 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801, hereinafter, "Grantee," with QUITCLAIM COVENANTS, the following easement with respect to Grantor's real property situate on the south side of Pleasant Street and currently addressed as 444 Pleasant Street in the City of Portsmouth, State of New Hampshire:

1. Permanent Easement Area: A permanent easement for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, and replacing a public sidewalk over the area ("Permanent Easement Area") on the land of Grantor, being a 566 square foot sidewalk easement located on the southerly side of Pleasant Street at the intersection of Marcy Street in the City of Portsmouth. County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire. Said easement being shown on a plan entitled "Tax Map 102 Lot 54 Sidewalk Easement Plan Portsmouth Housing Authority 444 Pleasant Street Portsmouth, New Hampshire, County of Rockingham Owned by Portsmouth Housing Authority" prepared by MSC, a division of TFMoran, Inc. dated October 28, 2019 with revision 1 dated 2/18/2020 and is recorded at the Rockingham . Said Easement lays within a portion of County Registry of Deeds as Plan # land now or formerly owned by Portsmouth Housing Authority recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") at Book 1621 Page 43 and is bounded northerly by land now or formerly of the City of Portsmouth recorded at the Registry at Book 1637 Page 140 and northeasterly and southeasterly by the southerly sideline of Pleasant Street and is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron rod, said iron being located S65°29'22"E a distance of 58.76 feet from an iron rod in the easterly line of land now or formerly of 428 Pleasant Street Condominium recorded at the Registry at Book 5566 Page 679, at the northwest corner of said land of Portsmouth Housing Authority and the southwest corner of said land of the City of Portsmouth, said iron rod being located S 25°39'20" W 10.00 feet from a granite

post at the northwest corner of said land of the City of Portsmouth in the said southerly sideline of Pleasant Street; thence along said land of the City of Portsmouth S 65°29'22" E a distance of 51.67 feet to a spike in the pavement; thence along said Pleasant Street the following three courses:

S 46°34'57" E a distance of 22.62 feet to a drill hole in the brick sidewalk;

S 41°03'54" E a distance of 64.99 feet to a drill hole in the brick sidewalk near South Mill Pond; thence

S 71°48'29" W a distance of 2.67 feet to a point at a concrete retaining wall near South Mill Pond, said point being located N 71°48'29" E a distance of 26.46 feet from an iron rod:

thence through said land of Portsmouth Housing Authority the following three courses: N 37°36'12" W a distance of 34.67 feet to an iron rod;

thence along a non-tangent curve to the left with a radius of 88.79 feet, an arc length of 35.36 feet, a chord bearing of N 49°13'51" W and a chord length of 35.13 feet to an iron rod:

N 61°03'54" W a distance of 66.39 feet to an iron rod:

thence N 27°51'05" E a distance of 4.85 feet to the point of BEGINNING....containing 566 square feet, more or less.

- 2. Purpose and Rights: The Grantee shall have a permanent and exclusive easement and right of way in, under, across and over the Permanent Easement Area for the purpose of installing and maintaining a public sidewalk. The Grantee shall have the right to remove trees, bushes, undergrowth and other obstructions interfering with the activities authorized herein and to take such other actions as may be necessary, useful or convenient for the enjoyment of the easement rights herein granted. The Grantee shall exclusive responsibility for maintaining the public sidewalk.
- 3. Grantee's Responsibility to Restore: Disturbed areas within the Temporary Easement Area shall be restored at the Grantee's expense.
- 4. Grantor's Retained Rights: Grantor retains the right to freely use and enjoy its interest in the Permanent Easement Area and the Temporary Easement Area insofar as the exercise thereof does not endanger or interfere with the purpose of this instrument. Grantor shall not, however, erect any building, shed, deck or other structure within the Permanent Easement Area or change the grade or slope. Grantor shall not install any pipes under Permanent Easement Area without prior written consent of the Grantee.
- 5. <u>Personal Property.</u> It is agreed that any facilities installed by the Grantee within the Permanent Easement Area, whether fixed to the realty or not, shall be and remain the property of the Grantee.
- 6. <u>Easement to Run with Land:</u> All rights and privileges, obligations and liabilities created by this instrument shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the heirs, devises, administrators, executor, successors and assignees of the Grantee and of the Grantor, the parties hereto and all subsequent owners of the Premises and shall run with the land.

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MEANING AND INTENDING to convey an easement over a portion of the premises conveyed to the within Grantor by deed of John H. Hodgdon and Goldie W. Hodgdon dated April 9, 1962 and recorded in Book 1621, Page 43 of the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.

This is an exempt transfer per RSA	A 78-B:2(I).
DATED this _//_ day of	une 2020.
	By: Crace W. Welch Its: Executive Direction
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	
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COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM

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Portsmouth, and acknowledged the fais/her said capacity, before me this		free act and c	deed i
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