

Public Works and Buildings Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2020

Meeting Conducted Remotely

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor David Walker, Chairman
Councilor Jim Gray- Vice, Chairman
Councilor Don Hamann
Councilor Chris Rice

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilor Doug Lachance

OTHERS PRESENT

Blaine M. Cox, City Manager
Peter C. Nourse PE, Director of City Service
Daniel Camara, GIS / Asset Management
Michael Scala, Director Economic Development
Mark Sullivan, Deputy Finance Director
Samantha Rodgers, Senior Executive Assistant

MINUTES

Councilor Walker called the Public Works and Building Committee to order at 7PM and he read the following statement:

Good Evening, as Chairperson of the Public Works and Buildings Committee I am declaring that an emergency exists and I am invoking the provisions of RSA 91-A: 2, III (b).

Federal, State and local officials have determined that gatherings of 10 or more people pose a substantial risk to our community in its continuing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. In concurring with their determination, I also find that this meeting is imperative to the continued operation of City government and services, which are vital to public safety and confidence during this emergency. As Such this meeting will be conducted without a quorum of this body physically present in the same room.

In addition to the following public access information, the Public Works and Buildings Committee will be allowing the public to come to City Hall and speak to the Committee via video conferencing software for Public Input and the Stillwater Circle Public Input. In an effort to adhere to CDC guidelines-enter only at the front Wakefield entrance and exit out the side closest the PD and adhere to 6 foot social distancing while inside. Hand sanitizer and face masks will be available at the Wakefield entrance.

For public access to the meeting by telephone: At this time, we welcome members of the public accessing this meeting remotely. In order for any public attendee to be allowed to comment during the public input portion of our meeting, you must have registered before the meeting with your name and the telephone number that you will use to call in. You may register now online [here](https://bit.ly/35Ru0Wu) or by copying or typing the following address into your browser: <https://bit.ly/35Ru0Wu>. Even though this meeting is being conducted in a unique manner under unusual circumstances, the usual rules of conduct and decorum do apply. Any person found to be disrupting this meeting will be asked to cease the disruption. Should the disruptive behavior continue thereafter, that person will be removed from this meeting.

The public can call-in to listen at the below number using the conference code.

Phone Number: 857-444-0744

Conference Code: 843095

Public Access Troubleshooting: If any member of the public has difficulty accessing the meeting by phone, please email PublicInput@RochesterNH.net or call 603-332-1167.

Public Input: Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, the City of Rochester will be taking extra steps to allow for public input, while still ensuring participant safety and social distancing. In lieu of attending the meeting, those wishing to share comments, are encouraged to do so by the following methods:

- **Mail:** Rochester Public Works & Buildings Committee 45 Old Dover Road, Rochester, NH 03867 (*must be received at least three full days prior to the anticipated meeting date*)
- **Email** – Lisa.Clark@rochesternh.net (*must be received no later than 4:00 pm of meeting date*)
- **Voicemail** 603-335-7572 (*must be received no later than 12:00 pm on said meeting date in order to be transcribed*)

Please include with your correspondence the intended meeting date for which you are submitting. *All correspondence will be included with the corresponding meeting packet (Addendum).*

Roll Call: Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their name and ward, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law. Additionally, Committee members are required to state their name and ward each time they wish to speak.

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Councilor Walker Present
Councilor Gray Present

Councilor Rice Present
Councilor Lachance – NOT PRESENT

Councilor Hamann Present

1. Public Input Stillwater Circle

Councilor Walker stated that this item was placed on the agenda to allow for public input regarding a Barrington Subdivision that may wish to have a full access or an emergency access road from their development through the Stillwater Circle neighborhood. Blaine Cox stated that he was at City Hall with several Residents that wished to speak to the Committee via video conferencing and he stated that Mrs. Rodgerson has several residents waiting in the virtual lobby to speak via the telephonic conferencing. The following residents spoke:

Leo Brodeur, 29 Sugar Brooke Rd

Dave Obrien, 89 Stillwater Circle

Mat Pappas, 72 Stillwater Circle

Karen McGarghan, address unknown

Jody McNally, 13 Stillwater

Michelle Brodeur, 29 Sugar Brook Rd

Douglas Parker, 25 Sugar Brook Rd

Jim Andrews, 21 Echo Brook Rd

Doug Robbins, 11 Spirit Creek Rd

All resident voiced opposition to an access road coming into their development from the Barrington abutter's property. The reasons stated included additional traffic causing safety issues in a neighborhood with heavy pedestrian traffic, road maintenance issues, and quality of life issues due to the additional traffic. There was also concern for property values. Several mentioned that the reason they bought homes in the neighborhood was the quiet nature of the development. Councilor Walker asked all that spoke if they had would accept a crash gate for emergency access only to the roadway. All were opposed to that option as well. Some stated that once the access was built it would be a problem later. The reasons stated was it would be easy to change this to an open access road if it was already constructed and some mentioned that when plowing or when crash gate would be used for access, it would be left ungated for indefinite periods of time. One resident asked if there was any incentives being offered to the City of Rochester from the Town of Barrington or from the Developer. Councilor Walker stated there were not. He said that the possibility of running a water line into the Barrington development might be beneficial to the City's water system.

Councilor Hamann stated that he has heard from the residents he would support the residents wishes. Councilor Rice stated that he too would like to support the residents of the neighborhood. Councilor Gray inquired about the condition of the bridge. Mr. Nourse stated that the bridge has underwent significant repairs that cost about a ½ million dollars. He stated that State of NH does not have it on their red listed bridge list for any deficiencies. Mr. Nourse stated that in answer to Councilor Gray's questions last month

about planning regulations, Rochester does not have planning regulations that require the second egress due to the size of a development, but the planning board does have the discretion to make it a requirement of a development. Mr. Nourse stated that the bridge going into this Stillwater Circle neighborhood is maintained by the City of Rochester alone and he stated that a road is not necessary should a water line extension be considered.

Councilor Hamann made a motion to recommend that the full City Council deny roadway access of any kind into this neighborhood from the abutting Barrington development. Councilor Rice seconded the motion. A roll call vote to deny access was taken

Councilor Rice Yes

Councilor Gray Yes

Councilor Hamann, Yes

Councilor Walker, Yes

The motion passed unanimously

Mr. Annis, the developer of the Barrington subdivision, spoke and thanked the Committee and the residents for their time and input on the issue.

All correspondence including a petition with 88 signatures are attached to these minutes.

2. Public Input - No public input.

3. City Hall Tree:

Mr. Nourse stated that this item had been added at the agenda at the request of a City Councilor. He stated the Oak Tree on the front lawn of City Hall prohibits our ability to grow grass in the area. He stated that the tree is a three sided tree that is not a particularly good looking tree and when last discussed his recommendation was to remove it. Mr. Cox stated that it was Councilor Lachance that suggested this tree be brought back up for removal due to the problems with the grass in the area. Mr. Nourse displayed some pictures of the area that showed the large circle of under the tree without any grass, just bare earth around the base of the tree. Mr. Nourse also mentioned that the acorns on the steps are somewhat concerning. Councilor Walker suggested that the area might look bare without a tree there and asked if some other type of tree could be planted. Mr. Nourse stated that staff could plant a nice tree or shrub but he suggested that with the new lighting it might look nice without a tree. Councilor Rice asked if another tree might eventually cause the same issue. Mr. Nourse stated that depending on the tree species we could run into this problem again. He stated he would need to research this issue. Mr. Cox stated that in past years the root system from the tree had cause issues with the drainage under the walkway. Councilor Haman suggested taking it down and possibly putting in something else once the grass takes root. Councilor Rice suggested lilacs.

Councilor Hamann made a motion to recommend that the full City Council approve the removal of the oak tree on the front lawn of City Hall. Councilor Rice seconded the motion. A roll call vote to recommend removal of the tree was taken:

Councilor Rice Yes

Councilor Gray Yes

Councilor Hamann, Yes

Councilor Walker, Yes

The motion passed unanimously

4. DPW Facility

Mr. Nourse stated that a small ground breaking ceremony was held at the site on June 30, 2020. He stated that the pictures are available on the City's website. He stated that staff will be updating the project information on the website weekly and will be posting pictures of the progress. He stated that the work is progressing quickly. Mr. Nourse asked for the Committee's consensus on going with natural gas vs. propane. He stated there are sufficient project funds available to make this change, but want to be sure that all were supportive of the change from propane to natural gas. He stated that the payback in operational costs will be 5-7 years. Mr. Nourse explained that there will also be savings associated with the elimination of the concrete pads and fencing that was specified for where the propane tanks were going to be. Councilors Hamann, Rice, Gray and Walker all voiced their approval of the natural gas change to the project. Councilor Rice asked the Director to schedule a site walk for the Committee. Councilor Walker suggested the 3rd or 4th week in August.

5. 10-16 Wallace Street

Mr. Nourse displayed a visual of the former Advance Recycling location now a City owned property. He stated that the property has several soil contaminants that have been monitored for over 10 years. He stated that the soil contamination is migrating underground to the abutting property, the Professional Arts Building. Mr. Nourse stated that we have applied for an EPA Brownfields Grant three times and this 3rd time we have received a \$200,000 grant. The picture displayed showed the areas that will be addressed with this soil removal and replacement project. He stated that the estimated cost of the project is \$242,000 and the remaining cost of this soil remediation project will come from Economic Development fund that was appropriated for this property.

6. Gonic Kane Brickyard – Pickering Road

Mr. Nourse stated that this is the former 58, now 0 Pickering Road site. He stated that this site has been monitored for several years. Mr. Nourse stated that there are many contaminates above the maximum contaminate levels (MCL) for groundwater but the most concerning one is benzene which is registering 60 to 140 times the regulated and appears to be migrating toward the Cocheco River. This project is being manage and paid for by NHDES. All expenses for this soil remediation project will be paid for directly by NHDES. Mr. Nourse stated that the City has been considering remediating and marketing this site for industrial use for many years. He cautioned that the City's main sewer interceptor /line runs through the center of this property and that this is the line that takes nearly all of the City's sewerage to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated that this is a brick arch structure measuring 22x28 inches that was built in the early 1900's. Mr. Nourse stated that this line is in good condition but that care will need to be taken with this project and any future development of the property. Mr. Nourse

explained that the project construction contract documents specify that no matter the contamination levels, the soil will not be excavated within 10 feet of this line. The importance of the City's sewer system has been prioritized.

7. **FY2020 Paving Program**

Mr. Nourse stated that the paving of Salmon Falls Road is scheduled for late summer early fall and the other roads that were listed as part of the FY2020 Paving Plan will likely be completed in the spring. Mr. Nourse explained that internally staff will be meeting with the Finance Department to discuss the possibility of a supplemental appropriation for the FY21 Paving Plan that was cut from the budget. He stated that the plan will be coming to the Public Works and Buildings Committee for a recommendation to the full City Council. Councilor Gray stated that he was looking forward to hearing the recommendations for paving.

8. **Strafford Square RoundAbout**

Mr. Nourse presented the Committee with an aesthetic design of Strafford Square. He reviewed the project with the Committee. He explained that once it gets started it will be a two phase two year project. He stated the first phase of the project will be to make some changes to the water and sewer lines and to move the all of the utilities underground. He explained the second phase is to put the roundabout in place. Mr. Nourse said he is still hopeful to get the first phase out to bid this year and then the second phase out next year. He stated tonight he just wanted to get the Committees consensus on some of the aesthetic design elements such as lighting and green spaces. He explained that the NHDOT funding schedule requires the submission of the plans with these elements shown. Mr. Nourse displayed many pictures of roundabouts. He explained that the center of the Strafford Square roundabout will be elevated and vegetated. He stated that the raise center and foliage is to block and deflect vehicle headlights from shining across the circle at oncoming traffic and is also a traffic calming measure. He stated that the current plan has a flag pole in and some low maintenance plantings, as the area will be too busy and unsafe for an adopt a spot and day time maintenance. Councilor Walker asked if the historic granite watering trough would be used in the center. Mr. Nourse stated that the plan calls for things that would not be distracting to the vehicles and suggested if it is to be moved back to the area that it might be more appropriate in one of the green spaces. The consensus of the Committee was to move it to the greenspace. There was discussion on putting welcome signs using the City logos from the Wayfinding project. The Committee suggestion was that the signs be as limited as possible accepting signs for safety. The Committee was in favor of the flag pole and plantings. Mr. Nourse then displayed pictures of lighting fixtures. He stated that the downtown globes are not going to be used in the project area. He suggested that what is used at this roundabout may be used in the "Gap Project" that is scheduled for design in an out year for the area between Strafford Square and the North Main Street Bridge. Mr. Nourse stated that historic type fixtures could be used and would blend

nicely with the ones in the downtown. The Committee discussed the importance of fixtures that point the light down and they discussed the need to light up the crosswalks for safety. The Committee was in favor of vintage style lighting.

9. Excavation Requests- Street Moratorium

Mr. Nourse stated that he had advised the Committee of Comcast work for cable installations in the downtown. He stated that when discussed he had stated that most of the work was going to be in crosswalk that Comcast would replace or under sidewalks that they would also replace. He stated that there is one cut that will require a waiver to the moratorium in the downtown and he apologized for not having the details available. Councilor Gray suggested that the Committee Chair review the details with the Director via email. He stated if the waiver is recommended by Public Works Department and the Chairman approved then the Director could complete an agenda bill and go directly to the City Council and not hold up the contractor. The Committee agreed and the Director stated he would forward the information.

10. Non Public – RSA91-A:3,II (d)

At 8:32 PM Councilor Hamann made a motion to enter non-public session citing RSA 91-A:3,II (d). Councilor Rice seconded the motion. A roll call vote to enter Non-Public Session was taken.

<i>Councilor Rice</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Gray</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Hamann,</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Walker,</i>	<i>Yes</i>

At 9:04pm Councilor Gray made a motion to leave Non-Public Session and to return to Public Session. The Motion was seconded by Councilor Rice. A roll call vote to re-enter public session was taken.

<i>Councilor Rice</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Gray</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Hamann,</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Walker,</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Councilor Gray made a motion to seal the minutes citing it may render a proposed action ineffective. Councilor Hamann seconded the motion. A roll call vote to seal the minutes was taken.

<i>Councilor Rice</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Gray</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Hamann,</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Walker,</i>	<i>Yes</i>

11. Other

8 Plante Street Drainage – Councilor Hamann stated that the resident had a land survey that states the City roadway is on his parcel of land. The Councilor stated that the City will be hearing from the property owner. Councilor Walker suggested a letter and a copy of the survey.

Brock Street – Councilor Walker asked when there would be digging on Brock Street. He said there are markings in the road but no equipment yet. Mr. Nourse stated he would get back to the Councilor on this.

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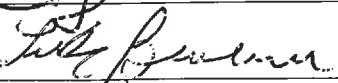
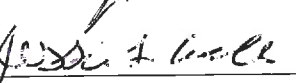

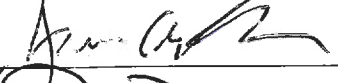

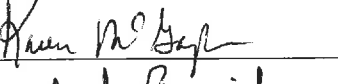
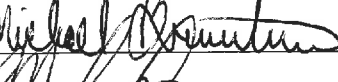


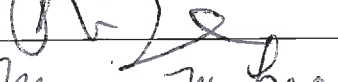
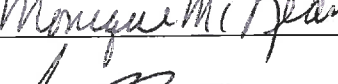

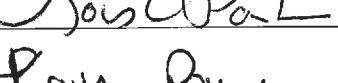
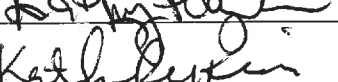
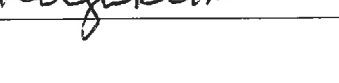
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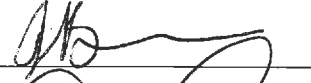

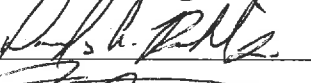
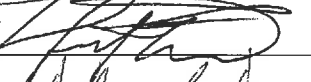

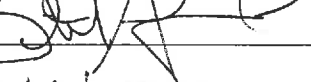
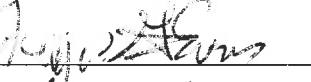
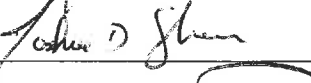
Petition to Stop the building of The Access Road Adjacent to Sugarbrook Rd. Going into Barrington NH

Petition summary and background	There are many different reasons not to build an access road. For some it is a safe place to walk for children elderly and allow children to ride bikes well as other residents of the Stillwater Circle Housing area. Others it is a problem of the wildlife for our live stock. Safety is a Number one concern, with all the cars accessing our neighborhood from a large community in Barrington New Hampshire. In the winter months, we face other issues such as possible accidents, Roads will need more repairs, Plowing. This will bring noise Pollution to a very quiet neighborhood. We are also afraid of the depreciation in our home values, due the extra traffic and possibly of crime, as well as safety issues.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to Stop the building of the Access Rd.

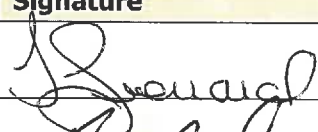
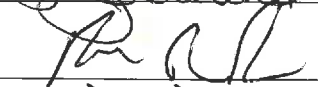
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DOUGLAS A. PARKER	<i>Douglas A. Parker</i>	25 SUGAR BROOK RD		12 JUL 20
ALEXANDRA PARKER	<i>Alexandra Parker</i>	25 Sugar Brook Rd.		7/12/20
Michael Healey	<i>Michael Healey</i>	4 Sugar Brook		7/12/20
Jay Taylor	<i>Jay Taylor</i>	4 Stillwater Circle	NOOOO	7/12/20
Mary-Jane Traggis	<i>Mary-Jane Traggis</i>	6 Stillwater Circle	Dangerous; too fast;	7/12/2020
Genai L. O'Brien <small>was Genai Wilkey</small>	<i>Genai L. O'Brien</i>	89 Stillwater Circle	Too much traffic. Home values. Dangerous	7/12/2020
DAVID JOSEPH	<i>David Joseph</i>	89 Stillwater circle	to dangerous	7/12/2020
Jim Brunen	<i>Jim Brunen</i>	12 Sugar Brook Rd		7/12/2020
MARK SNIFFEN	<i>Mark Sniffen</i>	86 STILLWATER CIR		
Hanna Philbrick	<i>Hanna Philbrick</i>	53 Stillwater Circle		
Allison Sniffen	<i>Allison Sniffen</i>	80 Stillwater Cir		7/13/2020

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SHARON JAGLONSKI		12 SPIRIT CREEK RD	AGAINST ACCESS RD	7/12/20
LEO BRODQUR		89 SUGAR BROOK RD	NO ACCESS	7/12/20
Jessica Carroll		44 Stillwater Cir.	NO ACCESS	7/13/20
Patricia Carroll		44 Stillwater	" "	7/13/20
James Thorn		39 Stillwater Cir.	NO ACCESS	
Dean Miles		40 Stillwater Cir.	No Access Road	7/13/20
Karen McBarghan		1 Sugar Brook Rd	NO UNGATED ACCESS ROAD	7/13/20
Michael Brinkman		36 Stillwater Circle	No ungated access	7/13/20
Madeline Brinkman		36 Stillwater Circle	No Ungated access	7-13-20
JANET HILTZER		43 STILLWATER CIR.	NO UNGATED ACCESS	7/13/2020
Shane Tessimon		43 Stillwater Cir.	NO UNGATED ACCESS	7/12/20
Monique McLean		10 Spirit Creek Rd	No gated road Access	7/13/20
Lori Corneau		5 Sugar Brook Road	No gated road Access	7/13/20
Lois Parker		7 Stillwater Cir	No access	7/13/20
KATHY PAYEUR		7 Stillwater Circle	NO ACCESS	7/13/20
Katelyn Perkins		7 Sugar Brook Rd	No Access	7/13/20

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Kevin Poulin		53 Stillwater Cr		7/13
Tiffany Boudreau	TB 	15 Sugarbrook Rd		7/13
Justin Boudreau	JB 	15 Sugarbrook Rd		7/13
Devin Robbins		11 Spirit Creek Rd	Safety Reasons and Will Cost lots	7/13
Douglas Robbins		" "	Had not had one in 30 yrs why now? my back and chest	7/13-
MILITARE T. Dumont		66 Stillwater Circle	DO NOT WANT TO SEE NEIGHBORHOOD ROAD TO CAR	7/14/20
Debra L. Dumont		66 Stillwater Circle	Increase in traffic creating safety issues for walkers	
Stephen Leonard		61 Stillwater Circle	bicycles, everyone. Cost of road repair due to increase in traffic.	7/14/20
Katrina Rhodes	Katrina Rhodes	3 Stillwater Circle	No way!	7/14/20
Shirley Freeman	Shirley Freeman	54 Stillwater Circle		7/14/20
Thomas Ems		11 Sugarbrook Rd		7/14/20
JOSHUA SHAWVER		50 Stillwater Circle		7/14/20
Trish Kertanis	PA Kertanis	47 Stillwater Cr.		7/14/20
Angie Miles	Angie Miles	40 Stillwater Circle	DO NOT WANT THIS	07/14/20
Donna Bissen	DONNA BISSON	34 Stillwater Cr.	NO WAY!	7/14/20
Dorothy Tarabini	Dorothy Tarabini	32 Stillwater Cr.	NEVER	

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Samartha Combs Piere	<i>Samartha Combs Piere</i>	57 Stillwater Circle	too dangerous, do not agree	7/12/20
Richard Choy	<i>Richard Choy</i>	15 Stillwater Circle	too much traffic	7/13/20
Susan Melan	<i>Susan Melan</i>	17 Stillwater Cir.	too much traffic	7/13/20
Rich Reilly	<i>Rich Reilly</i>	21 Stillwater Cir		7-13-20
Sue Moore	<i>Sue Moore</i>	18 Stillwater Cir.		7/13/20
Jennit Mohr	<i>Jennit Mohr</i>	16 Stillwater Cir		7-13-20
Joshua Travers	<i>Joshua Travers</i>	16 Stillwater Cir		7-13-20
Ann Truworthy	<i>Ann Truworthy</i>	8 Stillwater Circle		7/13/20
Denise Henderson	<i>Denise Henderson</i>	9 Stillwater Circle	not for us, we don't have a second access, not necessary	7-13-20
Brianna Neely	<i>Brianna Neely</i>	7 Stillwater Circle		7-13-20
Kayla S. Denison	<i>Kayla S. Denison</i>	7 Stillwater Circle	to much traffic	2000 7/13
Brenda Baker	<i>Brenda Baker</i>	25 Stillwater Circle		7-13-20
James Piniro	<i>James Piniro</i>	85 Stillwater Circle		7-13-20
Min Gauthier	<i>Min Gauthier</i>	82 Stillwater Circle	to much traffic	7-13-20
William Levesque	<i>William Levesque</i>	76 Stillwater Circle	10 Dangerous to much traffic	7/13/20
Rob Galley	<i>Rob Galley</i>	69 Stillwater Circle	Too much traffic	7/13/20

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Tanya Leonard		61 Stillwater Cir	No - too much traffic	7/13/20
Brad Parks		59 Stillwater Cir	Too many kids/dogs	7/13/20

Alex Love

57 Stillwater Cir.

7/13/20

Darci Goodwin



60 Stillwater Cir

Too much traffic

7/13/20

DAN ASHBURNER

24 Echo Brook Rd.

TRAFFIC

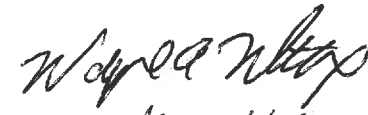
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Jim Anderson

21 Echo Brook Rd

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Wayne Wilcox



22 Echo Brook Rd too much traffic

7/13/2020

Wayne Wilcox

William L. Horton



18 Echo Brook

Too much traffic

7/13/2020

Holly Bauer

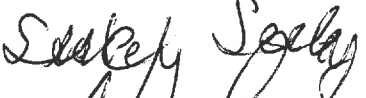
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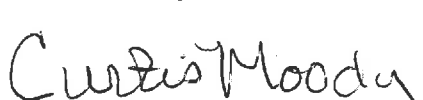
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Melissa Egan	Melissa Egan	30 Stillwater Circle Rochester NH 03839	Sent letters 11 Phone no. 1	7/14/2020
PHILIP WILLIAMS	Philip Williams	10 Stillwater Cir	PLEASE NO!	7/14/2020
Randy Scott McNally	Randy Scott McNally	13 Stillwater Cir 13 Stillwater Cir.	NO GOOD REASON TO	7/14/2020
Jody L McNally	Jody L McNally	13 Stillwater Circle	Don't ruin PLEASE our neighborhood	7-14-2020
Kelli Higgins	Kelli Higgins	5 Stillwater Circle	NO more traffic!	7/14/2020
JESSICA McNally	Jessica McNally	13 Stillwater Cir		7/14/20
Jared Pernini	Jared Pernini	13 Stillwater Circle		7.14.20
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John Ward	John Ward	8 Sugar Brook		7/14/20
Sarah Stewart	Sarah Stewart	8 Sugar Brook		7/14/20
Alicia Capello	Alicia Capello	4 Stillwater Circle		7/15/20
Anthony Capello	Anthony Capello	4 Stillwater Circle		7/15/20
Aaliyah Mohamed	Aaliyah Mohamed	11 Spirit Creek Rd		7/15/20

From: cinikki123@metrocast.net
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 8:58 AM
To: [Lisa Clark](#)
Cc: [Dave Walker](#); [James Gray](#); donald.hamann@rochester.net; chris.rice@rochesternh.net; douglas.lachance@rochester.net; [Peter Lachapelle](#)
Subject: [External] Stillwater Circle subdivision impact

Importance: High

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Dear Ms. Clark;

I am responding to the letter I received about the proposed Barrington subdivision requesting an ungated road access to Stillwater. I have contacted Peter Lachapelle in the past on this matter.

I know many of the neighbors are very concerned about this and am hoping they are also voicing their opinions.

My husband and I strongly oppose an ungated access road for the following reasons:

1. Increased traffic through our neighborhood (shortcuts to 125 and 202)
2. Higher safety risks for our grandchildren and all other children in the neighborhood due to increased traffic
3. Road maintenance costs would increase since traffic would increase.
4. Unknown impact on home valuations

We have lived here for 20 years and enjoyed the safety of the area and the minimal traffic flow. Most everyone knows their neighbors and looks out for each other. Once you open access to another development that is the same size as this.....that safety and sense of security is taken away.

We feel that if Barrington wants to build a development, they should have both access points on the Barrington side. Barrington will receive the tax dollars and be responsible for maintenance of GreenHill and the roads in the subdivision. There is no benefit to the residents of Stillwater Circle having an open gate access road.

We would however, be open to an **EMERGENCY LOCKED/GATED** road if that is an option without the possibility of changing it in later years.. We were here during the Mothers Day Flood when the bridge was underwater and this would make sense for the first responders. A contingency to a gated access road in the agreement would need to be perpetual in nature, and have side barriers to dissuade off road vehicle use of the area.

(Please note that there are several people who do not feel comfortable with this option because they believe the city will not keep its word).

Sincerely;

Cindy and James Andrews
21 Echo Brook Road
Rochester, NH 03839

June 26, 2028

To Peter Nourse,

Please no gate or ungated roadway into Stillwater Circle. We live in a nice quiet neighborhood. Any type of gate will create more traffic & noise, more danger to the children playing & riding their bikes & scooters. A lot of mothers & fathers walk with their family & dogs in the evening & weekends. A lot of seniors also walk every day.

Now only residents family & friends come into the circle. With a gate we will have strangers cutting through

to avoid the lights on 125.
a possibly undesirable
looking to rob or destroy
just for the fun of it!

I'm a senior citizen and
like my home + neighborhood
just like it is.

When I bought my
house having only one
way in + out was a plus!

Sincerely,
Beverly Corrigan
9 Echo Brook Rd.
Stillwater Circle

From: [Tom Evans](#)
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:54 PM
To: [Lisa Clark](#)
Subject: [External] Proposed Residential Subdivision In
Barrington Requesting Access Road In Rochester

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The purpose of this communication is to relay a negative opinion of this request for the following reasons:

- The increase in traffic generated by the access road into Stillwater Circle will increase safety problems and concerns; Specifically, there is a great number of residents walking and bicycling the streets in this neighborhood who would need to share the road with the increased vehicle traffic.
- Allowing for the ungated access road would adversely impact the character of the Stillwater Circle neighborhood.
- The correspondence from the City, dated June 10, 2020 did not indicate how the ungated access road would benefit the City of Rochester.

Respectfully,

Tom Evans

11 Sugar Brook Rd, Rochester, NH 03839

From: [Lisa Clark](#)
Sent: Sunday, July 5, 2020 12:43 PM
To: [Lisa Clark](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Stillwater Circle

From: Melissa DuVarney <melissaduvarney@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 5, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Lisa Clark <lisa.clark@rochesternh.net>
Subject: [External] Stillwater Circle

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July 5, 2020

Dear Lisa Clark ,

This letter is in regards to the June 10th letter from the Public Works Committee of the Rochester City Council reviewing a potential ungated roadway connection from a new development in Barrington thru Stillwater Circle in Gonic.

This ungated roadway would allow the Barrington residents to use Rochester roads and bridge to gain access to 125 and the highway faster. This unnecessary added use would cost the city of Rochester money to repair both roads and bridge at a faster rate than our normal neighborhood use. Our neighborhood already has sections that are riddled with potholes due to poor drainage issues. Our streets were cut up and patched by the addition of added TV and internet cables. I don't imagine they would fair well with excess usage.

I don't agree to have it gated. This would allow it to be ungated in a number of years.

As a 14 year homeowner of Stillwater Circle I need to express my disdain for such an idea. I am a hard working single mom with a 4 year old, who plans on being here for the next 30 years. I grew up in Rochester and moved away as a young adult and chose to come back to this city because of this neighborhood. We live in this special neighborhood because it's quiet, private and safe. My son and I go for walks, bikes rides daily and enjoy visiting all the neighborhood cats that roam the streets. We have neighborhood parties and gatherings on our quiet streets. Children are able to safely play in the streets and enjoy an old fashion esque life that has since gone by the wayside.

My concern and as is the many neighbors I have spoken with and seen comments on Facebook is that this will create traffic we don't need or want. We have a right as hard working tax paying resident of Rochester to say, please don't allow this. This is our home and please don't tarnish our privacy, safety and quiet life here.

I have heard theirs concern over the storm many years ago where the river overflowed due to dam issues. We were all given the choice to stay or leave. We were all brought home and the rare issue was resolved by morning. We were never forced to be evacuated like the 55+ community Tara Estates, which to my knowledge also has one easement. Having one entrance and exit is common across the country for many communities. I can live with a rare situation like the overflowing that occurs once or maybe twice in a lifetime to have the benefits of living in our peaceful neighborhood.

I am pleading with you to please not allow this roadway connection to happen.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Melissa Eaton
30 Stillwater Circle
Rochester, NH 03839
603-973-1871
melissaduvarney@yahoo.com

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From: [Lisa Clark](#)
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 6:57 PM
To: [Ronda Boisvert](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] [Rochester NH] Stillwater Circle additional roadway
(Sent by Dorothy Taraburelli , Dorothytaraburelli@yahoo.com)

Please pdf for pwc as we discussed
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Blaine Cox <blaine.cox@rochesternh.net>
Date: July 6, 2020 at 3:29:28 PM EDT
To: Lisa Clark <lisa.clark@rochesternh.net>
Subject: FW: [External] [Rochester NH] Stillwater Circle additional roadway (Sent by Dorothy Taraburelli , Dorothytaraburelli@yahoo.com)

FYI - one more for the PWC.

-----Original Message-----

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 2:15 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@rochesternh.net>
Subject: [External] [Rochester NH] Stillwater Circle additional roadway (Sent by Dorothy Taraburelli , Dorothytaraburelli@yahoo.com)

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Hello City Council,

Dorothy Taraburelli (Dorothytaraburelli@yahoo.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.rochesternh.net/users/city-council/contact>) at Rochester NH.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.rochesternh.net/user/661/edit>.

Message:

I have lived on Stillwater Circle since 1999. It is a wonderful place to live, quiet and peaceful and very little traffic except for those who live here. There are many one access roads in Barrington and in Rochester. I do not understand this problem. I also do not want an increase in traffic and lose my peaceful life. I ask you please to listen to my message and to vote not to allow the other access road going through here. That problem is the developers and it should not have any influence on us at all. Obviously this is a requirement for Barrington and that's their problem. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

From: "dianne51disney@icloud.com" <dianne51disney@icloud.com>

Date: July 8, 2020 at 8:39:54 PM EDT

To: Lisa Clark <lisa.clark@rochesternh.net>, Dave Walker <dave.walker@rochesternh.net>, James Gray <james.gray@rochesternh.net>, Donald Hamann <donald.hamann@rochesternh.net>, Christopher Rice <christopher.rice@rochesternh.net>, Douglas Lachance <douglas.lachance@rochesternh.net>, Caroline McCarley <caroline.mccarley@rochesternh.net>

Subject: [External] Proposal before Public Works Committee to build/allow ungated cut through into Stillwater Circle subdivision from proposed Barrington subdivision

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TO: Rochester Public Works Committee

RE: July 16th Public Works Committee meeting regarding Stillwater Circle roadway connection at the request of Barrington developer

We wish to submit our objections to this proposed ungated cut through requested by the Barrington developer. We object for the following reasons:

- The Stillwater Circle subdivision is a family-oriented neighborhood of narrow streets used by its residents for walking, bike riding, playing, and the residents traveling to their homes. These people would be in danger from the heavy traffic and unable to enjoy their own neighborhood.
- The necessary repairs to the ROCHESTER streets caused by the heavy use would become the responsibility of ROCHESTER, but all tax dollars from the BARRINGTON subdivision will go to BARRINGTON.
- The intersection of Stillwater Circle onto Stillwater Circle is a blind intersection and would be made more dangerous by the heavy, fast moving traffic.
- The intersection of Stillwater Circle onto Flagg Road is also a dangerous intersection and would be made worse with the heavy traffic from the Barrington residents who will be racing through the neighborhood in order to avoid the Green Hill Road lights so they can get to the highway, or Lowes quicker.
- Home values in this neighborhood will decrease due to the heavy traffic and safety concerns. It will no longer be a family neighborhood, but a race track.

Why would Rochester destroy a lovely Rochester neighborhood in order to accommodate a Barrington developer and help the Barrington tax base?

I hope the Committee will recognize the dangers of agreeing to this proposal and tell the developer **NO** and protect the safety and home values of Rochester residents.

Douglas and Dianne DuVarney

30 Stillwater Circle

Mr. Peter C. Nourse
Director of City Services
City of Rochester, NH

Dear Director Nourse,

My wife and I are residents of Stillwater Circle in Rochester. We reside at 29 Sugar Brook Rd and are the abutters to the roadway connection that will be discussed at the July 16th meeting of the Public Works Committee of the Rochester City Council. The other abutting neighbors to this proposed connection are the Parkers who live at 25 Sugar Brook Rd. There are approximately 103 homes in the Stillwater Circle development with an average of two vehicles per home.

Your letter to the Stillwater Circle residents does not provide much background information regarding the need to have an ungated roadway connection from the proposed 100 acre parcel in Barrington (Map 210, Parcel #57). There is also an adjoining 100 acre parcel (#44) which is not part of the presentation but could factor into future discussion. Parcel #44 could also be developed at a later date since an egress point would now be available. That potentially could compound the problem that this access point provides.

The Barrington Planning Board Meeting Minutes of 12/17/19 and the Public Works and Buildings Committee Meeting Minutes of 5/21/20 are the basis of my comments. The references to the Barrington Minutes will be noted as BPB and the Public Works will be noted as PWM.

In order to build the proposed 78 lot subdivision (BPB) which could have as many as 150 vehicles, a second egress road is required and per the town's regulations. The developer can't have more than 1,000 feet of roadway to the furthest end of the development (BPB, page 6 of 10). The parcel does have access to Hansonville road in Barrington for a second egress point that is requires over 1,200 feet of road construction. Based on the size of the parcel, the developer would require a variance from the Barrington Zoning Board of Adjustment which would likely be granted since the development would bring additional tax revenues to the town of Barrigt. The proposed ungated access to Stillwater Circle would result in a cost saving to the developer with no benefit to the residents of Stillwater who are unlikely to use the roadway into the Barrington development.

Regarding traffic flow in the area, the distance from the proposed entrance on Sugar Brook Rd to the traffic light on Flagg Rd to Route 125 is 1.2 miles. From this light, the distance to exit 12 of the Spaulding Turnpike is 3 miles. The distance from the entrance to the Barrington parcel on Green Hill Rd to the traffic light on Route 125 is 1.1 miles. If the traveler is going to Rochester or the Spaulding Turnpike, and additional 1.1 miles of travel is required to reach the traffic light at Flagg Rd. There would be an additional 1 mile of travel to reach the light on Flagg Rd. Some traffic would come through Stillwater Circle to save time and add to the current flow in the area. I performed a traffic study of the traffic moving across our home in Stillwater Circle using an unscientific process (an Arlo motion detector on my garage). The study was made from 6/22/20 to 6/28/20 and an average of 50 vehicles drove by my home daily. This does not include the residents who walk around the development and those who ride their bicycles every day. Allowing traffic flow from the Barrington development will increase the volume of traffic on Stillwater Circle.

Regarding the Mother's Day flood of May, 2006, there is only one access road to Stillwater Circle. This development was started over 20 years ago and no provisions were made for a second egress road. The residents who chose to leave until the water receded two days later were assisted by the NH National Guard. This was a once in a hundred year event but it did happen. We have lived on Sugar Brook for 20 and a half years (over 7,100 days). We left the development for two days.

In summary, this proposal is not beneficial to the residents of Stillwater Circle. It only serves the needs of the developer of the Barrington parcel #57 to reduce the cost of the project. Please deny this request.

Respectfully,
Leo and Michelle Brodeur
29 Sugar Brook Rd
Rochester, NH 03839

cc: Mr. David Walker, Public Works and Building Committee Chairman
Mr. James Gray, Public Works and Building Committee Vice Chairman

From: [John Hussey](#)
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 2:35 PM
To: [Lisa Clark](#)
Subject: [External] Fwd: Stillwater Exit

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----- Forwarded message -----
From: **John Hussey** <jhussey354@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Jul 11, 2020, 12:26 PM
Subject: Stillwater Exit
To: <Lisa.Clark@rochester.net>

Dear Lisa,

I am writing on behalf of
Trinity Conservation LLC. . We
are the "owner of record" of the
Land in Barrington that abuts
The open space owned by the
City of Rochester where the proposed exit would actually be
Constructed.

There seems to be a bit of
a "dis-connect" in the way that
This was presented to the residents
Of Stillwater..

Our intentions were to emphasize that this would be

an "Emergency Only" gate.

The town of Barrington does not want a crash gate installed because of possible cosmetic damage to their fire trucks.

In lieu of a crash gate, we would suggest a weather resistant Fabric be stretched across the opening, neatly lettered, "Emergency only"....This would Prevent any indiscriminant travel Through the exit and would not cause damage to a firetruck.

This type of arrangement would be a total benefit to all involved...It would not disturb the daily peace and quiet of the residents, but in Case of some catastrophic event That prevented crossing the bridge, The people would have another way in and out.

Also, just for the record:

About two years ago, we were approached by the City of Rochester with the then, assistant City engineer, Owen Friend-Gray, acting as agent and asked to Consider just such an agreement.

Two points of access and egress were required for the
Subdivision approval, but the
Second was never actually
constructed ...From talking with
Owen, we infer that he was worried
not only about safety of the
residents, but the potential liability
To the city and tax payers should
some one die because an ambulance could not get across
The bridge .

If it could be made more clear to
The residents of what our exact
Intentions are, we think that they
would be a lot more receptive....
Or possibly send it on to the council
with "Emergency Only" as a strict
Contingency.??

Sincerely, John Hussey

From: genaiwickey73@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:49 PM
To: [Lisa Clark](#)
Cc: [Dave OBrien](#)
Subject: [External] July 16th meeting

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Hello,

I hope all is well. I live at 89 Stillwater Circle and my husband and I are against the access road for Barrington. First of all, we chose our home due to it is a low traffic neighborhood and it is practically a cul-de-sac. Secondly, this will interfere with our property values. Thirdly, we do not want any additional traffic. We are the second house on the right as you come in this neighborhood and people speeding is already an issue.

I appreciate your time. My husband will be on the call. I can't be due to a work conflict.

Thank you,

Genai and David O'Brien of 89 Stillwater Circle in Rochester

Sent from myMail for iOS

From: Beth Evans <slowdown.livehappy52@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:33 AM
To: Lisa Clark
Subject: [External] Stillwater/Barrington access road issue

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Good Morning Lisa,

My husband and I have been living in the Stillwater development for 14 years and love the community in this development. It is, for the most part a quiet, family and pet friendly area where residents can walk peacefully and children can ride bikes without traffic worries. By adding this access road for the Barrington development we feel this life style would be compromised. Also the bridge over the Isinglass river at the entrance to the development would be subject to way more traffic than it was designed for.

We see no reason why this development would need to cut through our development when they can use either Hansonville Rd or Green Hill Rd to access it and stay in Barrington. It makes no sense to any of us.

I am not for this road and please don't allow.

Thank You

Beth Evans
11 Sugar Brook Rd

Sent from my iPad

From: [William Horton](#)
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 3:25 PM
To: [Lisa Clark](#)
Subject: [External] Stillwater Circle subdivision impact

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Dear Ms.Clark

I am responding to the letter I received about the proposed Barrington subdivision requesting an ungated road access to Stillwater. My wife and I have much concern on this issue, as many of my neighbors also do.

My wife and I strongly oppose an ungated access road for the following reasons:

1. Increased traffic through our neighborhood. {shortcuts for 125 to 202} 3 times a day.
2. Higher safety risks for all the children in our neighborhood due to increased traffic.
3. This would become a short cut to get to RTE>125 or other Rochester locations.
4. Road maintenance costs would increase as traffic would increase.
5. Unknown impact on home valuations.

We have lived here for over 20 years and enjoyed the safety of the area and the minimal traffic flow. Most everyone knows their neighbors and looks out for other. Once you open access to another development that is the same size or larger the safety and sense of security is taken away. We feel if Barrington wants to build a development, they should have both access points on the Barrington side. Barrington will receive the tax dollars and be responsible for maintenance of Green Hill and the roads in the subdivision. There is no benefits to the residents of Stillwater Circle having an open gate access road.

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Please note several residents of this development do not feel comfortable with this option because they believe the city will not keep its word.

Sincerely;

William L. and Mary J. Horton
18 Echo Brook Road
Rochester, NH 03839

July 14, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

In regards to the proposed ungated roadway connection from Stillwater Circle to the subdivision off Greenhill Road, Barrington, NH:

For those who have been through the home searching and buying process, you will understand the painstaking journey it takes to find the perfect house at the perfect time in a perfect place. I found that perfect house 7 years ago in the Stillwater Circle neighborhood in Rochester, NH. That evening I closed on this house, I was bringing a load of boxes of all shapes and sizes crammed with my belongings to move into my new place. As I pulled into the neighborhood, I passed by two kids on their bikes, playfully pedaling down their imaginary racing track they had made with sidewalk chalk signaling the start and finish of their race track. I progressed further to my house and advanced upon another pair of kids gleefully playing at a basketball hoop that their dad had set up alongside the road. Finally, as I approached my driveway, I could hear the loud crack of a skateboard hitting the pavement from the neighbor's kid next door who was practicing ollies in the street.

I took the last box into the house as the sun set below the pine trees lining the neighborhood and took a sigh of relief; not only because the boxes were moved in, but because I had been drawn back to my memories as a child in a similar neighborhood I had grown up in. My friend and I were those two kids on the bikes pretending we were race car drivers. My friend and I were the basketball all-stars, even if it meant we made every 1 out of 100 baskets. My friend and I were the skateboarders, practicing whatever move Tony Hawk had seemingly invented that day. The road was our playground because that's what kids did back then and that's what kids still do to this day.

Then came the day the dump trucks and bulldozers started to travel on our playground. Just like the Stillwater Circle neighborhood, there was undeveloped land adjacent to my neighborhood as well. There was just enough room to fit 25 brand new houses in that field and to fit those 25 houses, they needed to build a road. To accommodate the construction vehicles and remain safe, our race tracks had to be adjusted to the side of the road, the basketball hoop had to be moved into the driveway, and the skateboarding just stopped altogether. The road was a bit harder to play in, but not impossible to enjoy.

I remember the day the houses were finally constructed and the new road in our neighborhood was finally paved. This new road in our neighborhood became our new race tracks, basketball courts, and a blank canvas for a 9 year old's imagination. But this new road, however, did not present an everlasting safe opportunity to play in as it had before this new neighborhood sprang up.

The developer for this new neighborhood had decided to build another road opening to the main road in town. Our neighborhood had that too, but we were first. Thus, a car could travel from the main road into the new neighborhood, through my neighborhood, and out onto the main road,

shaving off about 30 seconds to the motorist's commute. The same was true for the reverse direction, of course. Our roads abruptly were no longer our playground and tragically, my friend was struck by a vehicle when he went to grab the basketball for me after I missed my 99th shot. The motorist was using our safe neighborhood - our playground - to cut through to save time on his commute. My friend survived, thankfully, but we couldn't have the same fun as we used to. The sound of bikes, basketballs, and laughter from kids ceased and all that was left to be heard were cars passing by.

7 years ago I moved into the Stillwater Circle neighborhood. A neighborhood surrounded by nice homes and even nicer neighbors with kids and pets. I have been a lifelong resident of New Hampshire and although 37 years hasn't spanned a limited existence yet, it has been enough to see this state grow at an alarming, and sometimes, discouraging, unsafe rate. The above incident I experienced may not happen here with the new road being put into place, but I would rather not chance seeing a family being disrupted by the tragedy that might happen to one of their kids or pets from a motorist who was "just cutting through." I'm sure you would not want to run that chance either.

With a persistent plea, I am asking you to please reconsider the plans to move the ungated roadway connection to another location, preferably Barrington, and not through a neighborhood that prides itself on the safety and wellbeing of all who live in it. Simply put, a road through a populated neighborhood that people will undoubtedly use to cut time off their commute, is not a good idea. Please use common sense and decency. That is and hopefully will continue to be the New Hampshire way.

Sincerely,

Joshua Shawver
50 Stillwater Circle
Rochester, NH

Mr. Peter C. Nourse
Director of City Services
City of Rochester, NH

Dear Director Nourse,

My wife and I are residents of the Stillwater Circle development in Rochester. We reside at 25 Sugar Brook Rd and are the direct abutters to the proposed roadway connection that will be discussed at the July 16th meeting of the Public Works Committee of the Rochester City Council. The adjacent neighbors abutting the opposite side of this proposed connection are the Brodeurs who live at 29 Sugar Brook Rd. As the two households in Rochester most directly affected by the proposed roadway from Barrington, we are both in staunch opposition to its approval for several reasons.

First and foremost is that there is no clear benefit to the City of Rochester or the residents of Stillwater Circle from this proposed roadway. Instead it is likely that there will be a cascade of negative impacts directly to the residents within the community. Most notably will be the increase in vehicle traffic. Regarding traffic flow in the area currently, my neighbor Mr. Brodeur has conducted an observational study of traffic in front of his home in which he noted an average of 50 vehicles per day, over the span of one week, passing in front of his home. Bear in mind that the Brodeurs and myself live at the furthest end of the development and so, theoretically, have the least amount of traffic within Stillwater Circle.

Any traveler, from Stillwater Circle or the proposed development in Barrington, would only be saved a mere 1.1 additional miles, or approximately 90 seconds, of travel with the proposed access road connecting through to Greenhill Road. Using a rough estimate of 2.5 cars per household for the proposed 78 lot subdivision would add a potential 195 vehicles. Many of these would no doubt utilize the most direct route to NH 16 and so travel through the Stillwater Circle development. Some local Barrington traffic would likely come through Stillwater Circle to save time, adding to the current flow in the area. Allowing traffic flow from the Barrington development will increase the volume of traffic on Stillwater Circle.

In addition, as traffic flow increases it will degrade the quality of life that the residents enjoy in Stillwater Circle. As a limited access community there are many residents here, quite a few of which are children, who enjoy walking, running, and riding their bicycles through the development every single day. Increased traffic will make these activities less desirable and reduce public safety.

Another issue is that the Barrington parcel already has access to Hansonville road in Barrington for a second egress point. but this requires an extra 1,200 feet of road construction and presents a host of other costs that the developer could avoid by simply building an extra 100 feet of road to connect through to Stillwater and potentially gain access Rochester's public utilities. The proposed ungated access to Stillwater Circle would result in a costs savings to the developer with no benefit to the residents of Stillwater who are unlikely to use the roadway into the Barrington development.

Regarding the rare occurrence of the Mother's Day flood of May 2006 and a potential secondary egress for Stillwater Circle. This development was started over 20 years ago and no provisions were made for a second egress road. The residents who chose to leave until the water receded two days later were assisted by the NH National Guard. This was a once in a 100+ year event, but it did happen and is a risk anyone moving here takes just as any homeowner risks a natural disaster such as a tornado or fallen tree damaging or blocking access to their property.

In summary, this proposal is not beneficial to the residents of Stillwater Circle. It serves only the needs of the developer of the Barrington parcel #57 and #44 to reduce the cost of the project. Please **deny** this request.

Respectfully,

Douglas and Alexandra Parker

Douglas and Alexandra Parker
25 Sugar Brook Rd
Rochester, NH 03839

cc: Mr. David Walker, Public Works and Building Committee Chairman
Mr. James Gray, Public Works and Building Committee Vice Chairman

Voicemail received July 16, 2020 at 12:19 PM from Jay Taylor 6 Stillwater Circle.

I'm against the access road, there are a lot of children in this area. We already have problems with cars going too fast along the outside of the circle, not so much in the interior areas. The outside of the circle has a real problem with people speeding and a lot of cars. If you add in an access road that is just going to make that problem worse and safety is going to be a big problem. Thank you

iMessage
Today 12:42 PM

Good Afternoon. I am responding to the letter I received. We have concerns about a connection from the Stillwater neighborhood to a new proposed neighborhood in Barrington. Putting a connection to the other neighborhood would sadly turn this into a "cut through street". There are many adults and children that walk/ride bikes through the neighborhood and could be more at risk of their being an accident. Our neighborhood is peaceful and would no longer be with a higher volume of traffic. We ask that you consider all factors. A cut through street is not necessary. Thank you for giving matter your prompt attention.

Sincerely,
Roderick J. Gadway
Donna J. Gadway
55 Stillwater Circle
Gonic, NH 03839

Subject:

FW: [External] Ungated Roadway Connection from the Potential Subdivision to Stillwater Circle

-----Original Message-----

From: Deborah Albro-McMahon <dalbromcmahon@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:40 AM

Subject: [External] Ungated Roadway Connection from the Potential Subdivision to Stillwater Circle

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I am opposed to an ungated roadway connection from a potential subdivision to Stillwater Circle because I like that Stillwater Circle is not a thru street. We have enough traffic without it being a thru street. If it becomes a thru street it will mean more traffic and be more dangerous for people who live here to bike and walk the neighborhood. Why does the town of Barrington desire an ungated roadway connection from the subdivision to Stillwater Circle? Having a subdivision that is not a thru street is more desirable. I hope that the City of Rochester does not allow the Town of Barrington to have an ungated roadway connection from the potential subdivision to Stillwater Circle. I'm sure the people living here in Rivers Edge Estates will agree with me.

Deb Albro-McMahon
6 Spirit Creek Road
Gonic, NH 03839
Sent from my iPhone

Subject:

FW: [External] Opposed to to ungated roadway access to Stillwater Circle

From: Jon Eisenberg <jon-eisenberg@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:23 AM

Subject: [External] Opposed to to ungated roadway access to Stillwater Circle

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Hi Lisa,

Just want to voice my opinion , as a resident of Stillwater Estates we are opposed to the proposed access road from the proposed subdivision to be built in Barrington. Can not see the benefit to us and most importantly there is a lot of children who play on these streets and the increased traffic might do them some harm. Thank you for listening and hope all is well, be safe!

Jon Eisenberg

Subject:

FW: [External] Stillwater Circle Access Road to Barrington

-----Original Message-----

From: Lozier, Dwain <dwain.lozier@unh.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:04 PM

Subject: [External] Stillwater Circle Access Road to Barrington

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Hello,

I live at 63 Stillwater Circle and my property directly abuts the proposed development off Greenhill Road in Barrington. I have a couple questions listed below that I hope will be addressed.

- #1- 76 unit subdivision means what exactly? Will it be single family homes, condos or multiplexed housing? What is the anticipated population density?
- #2- What size will the lots be?
- #3- Will there be any buffer in the common area between the Rochester and Barrington town lines?
- #4- Will the ungated roadway connection be the main entrance or secondary entrance into the proposed development?
- #5- How will the increased traffic on Stillwater be assessed to address the deferred maintenance on Stillwater such as the storm drains and paving repair?
 - 5a- what impact will this have on the bridge into Stillwater?
- #6- Will the speed limit on Stillwater be assessed due to the increased traffic?
- #7- Stillwater is a very walking friendly neighborhood so with the increased traffic will sidewalks be added?
- #8- Will Stillwater be posted as "not a through road"?
- #9- What will be done to mitigate the traffic noise to the residents of Stillwater?

Our taxes are not low and understand that it helps with support services, etc but what will the city of Rochester gain from a residential development in Barrington? If the above items aren't addressed, this is access road is not favorable for Stillwater residents.

Thank you in advance for reading my email. We will be watching the proceedings and hope many questions will be answered.

Sincerely,

Dwain and Denise Lozier
63 Stillwater Circle

Sent from my iPad

Subject:

FW: [External] Stillwater Circle Access Road

From: Alicia Capello <acapello30@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 1:54 PM

To: PublicInput <PublicInput@rochesternh.net>

Subject: [External] Stillwater Circle Access Road

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing this email to express my family's opposition to the idea of a public access road leading to a subdivision in Barrington via the backside of our neighborhood. We own a home at 4 Stillwater Circle which is at the beginning of the neighborhood. We see a lot of traffic come through here because of where we are, right next to the stop sign. An access road would act as a shortcut and create additional traffic. We have small children and already have to dodge traffic constantly on our evening walks. It would be a safety hazard for the many children in the neighborhood. Please do not allow a public second entrance. If this entrance must exist I implore you to make it a private gated road for emergency personnel only.

Best Regards,

Alicia Capello

From: Janet Hilber <jhilber68@gmail.com>**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:58 AM**To:** PublicInput <PublicInput@rochesternh.net>**Subject:** [External] Stillwater Circle opposition

Dear Mr. Nourse,

You have asked for an opinion on an ungated roadway to a new 76 Unit residential subdivision in Rochester and this has stirred a lot of anger in our neighborhood. Several people chose this Stillwater Circle neighborhood because it IS enclosed. You must know the neighborhood is here and have a reason to be in this area which keeps the traffic lower, making it much safer for everyone who lives here. That is one of the reasons the city saw fit to increase our house values for tax assessment. It is a desirable neighborhood for the safety reasons. Our children can play safely in their yards and ride their bikes and other toys on these roads. Usually the vehicles drive slowly because everyone knows how many children are here, and it is a great thing that the children are also outside playing, instead of being stuck inside playing video games or watching tv. The adults can get their exercise by walking the 1 Mile outer circle and more if you add the center roads. Many feel able to walk their dogs safely too.

Adding an UNGATED road as a throughway to Greenhill Rd is something I am highly against! Once people find out about this "shortcut" the traffic will increase dramatically and endanger our safety. I understand the desire for a second access route for us and for the new neighborhood in BARRINGTON, but there are other ways to accomplish that. The desire for the city to receive more money by "selling" water and sewer to residents of another town is not a sufficient reason for us to give up our safe and quiet living. We are punished by the City for having a desirable neighborhood and then have something like this possible be forced on us. Unacceptable.

Additional concerns are the loss of land for the wildlife, and if more land is developed, where are all the animals supposed to go? Why should Rochester residents pay for things for Barrington? The roads and bridge will have a lot more wear and tear and will require more maintenance. If you add sidewalks, we will lose part of our own property lines.

Possible solutions:

The 22.1 Acres (Tax Map 0262-0058) that just sold will probably be developed soon. Make it a requirement for an access road into this neighborhood, even if it is just a gated access road and has to go along the back of the neighborhood through the Rochester Easements. Yes it would require another bridge, but what are the chances both bridges would fail at the same time?

Trinity Conservation (how ironic of a name) owns 205 acres in 2 separate lots. They could have an access road on Greenhill Rd and Hansonville Rd if the design the subdivision correctly and have an easement through the other lot. Have them buy land on the other side and get to Chapman Dr.

There is so much more to say, but this should give you an idea of our feeling against this proposition.

Thank you,

Janet Hilber

43 Stillwater Circle

Subject:

FW: [External] Stillwater Circle Access Road For New Development

From: loricorneau75 <loricorneau75@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 2:33 PM

To: PublicInput <PublicInput@rochesternh.net>

Subject: [External] Stillwater Circle Access Road For New Development

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident in the Stillwater Circle subdivision on 5 Sugar Brook Road. I have great misgivings about a new development being built behind ours with the proposal of an access road connecting the new neighborhood to ours.

My first concern is that my husband and I have an autistic child who has no sense of danger and any extra traffic from the new neighborhood could be very dangerous to him. We cannot live in a high traffic neighborhood or a main road because of that so we bought our home in this neighborhood is because it's safe with very low traffic. We also have lots of small children in the neighborhood who are always outside playing in the good weather and more traffic is also unsafe for them. Another concern is of everything being built up and developed around here, leaving nowhere for the wildlife to go and potentially dangerous animals such as coyotes, bears and moose will end up in people's yards. There's been sightings of these animals in people's yards this year around here so that's really bad! They can pose a threat to both the children in the neighborhood and the adults. We can't have it getting worse. All the residents are also concerned about what this new development and access Road will do to our home values.

Myself, my husband and most of the residents in the Stillwater Circle development do not want this access road in our neighborhood for the above reasons and many others. Please reconsider doing that and work out another plan for the new development.

Lori Corneau
Stillwater Circle development resident

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Granite State Business Park (GSBP) – Mr. Scala stated that there have been a few things happening at the business park and the subdivision that has been approved and recorded there. He stated that Prep Partners had closed on the property and they are working their way through approvals of the 150,000 square foot warehouse. Norway Plains and Associates is completing the utility design for the building and have determine the most direct and cost effective way for the sewer line is to cut across the Pease Development Authorities (PDA) parcel / property to Innovation Drive. He stated that the initial survey work has been completed and all of the elevations work. Mr. Scala stated that he is looking to get the Councils approval to work with the PDA on an easement and a supplemental appropriation for the cost of the sewer extension. The funding would be from this TIF District. Mr. Scala stated that the initial estimates are approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000. Mr. Sullivan stated that financially the district could support the estimates that have been up to \$200,000 for this project and recommended the supplemental funding source to come from the GSBP TIF Surplus. Councilor Walker explained that in his experience working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) it could take a while to obtain the easement. He asked if that would significantly impact the project schedule. Mr. Scala stated that he understood the possibility of a lengthy process and believe that they could get the easement in the time frame necessary.

Councilor Hamann made a motion to recommend that the full City Council approve the sewer easement through the PDA property and to approve a supplemental appropriation to the TIF Fund for the construction of the necessary sewer line. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rice. A roll call vote was taken to approve the sewer easement and supplemental appropriation.

<i>Councilor Rice</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Gray</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Hamann,</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Walker,</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Councilor Hamann made a motion to adjourn at 9:17 pm. Councilor Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A Roll Call vote was taken

<i>Councilor Rice</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Gray</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Hamann,</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Walker,</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa J. Clark, City of Rochester Administration and Utility Billing Supervisor.