

**Property/Public Lands Committee Meeting  
October 1, 2020**

**Present:** Councilor Michael V. Frett (Chair); Councilor Diano Circo; Councilor Maureen Aucoin; City Manager, Nate Rudy; Rosemary Presnar (Chair, Hallowell Conservation Committee); Deputy Code Enforcement Officer, Rick Seymour; Jane Radcliffe (Hallowell Conservation Committee); Eric Labelle (Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc.)

**Item #1: Update on the status of the RES**

The Committee revisited the issue of accepting the Main-Land Development Consultants' (Main-Land) report, dated January 6, 2020, relative to its survey of the RES. (SEE: ATTACHED) The report left open three questions relative to the ownership status of land associated with the RES. Those matters were referred, for a title search, to Mary A. Denison, Esq., of Lake & Denison, LLC. In her report, dated April 24, 2020, Ms. Denison answered the three questions presented and confirmed the results of Main-Land's boundary survey. In light of this development, and while recognizing there are several unresolved deed issues, relative to some parcels of land within or annexed to the RES property, which will be addressed below, the Committee is unanimous in recommending that the Council accept the survey work described in the Main-Land report.

The Committee further recommends that the City proceed with monumentation work in the RES, utilizing funds already earmarked for that purpose. It is understood that, should any land resolution so require, monumentation points can be easily re-positioned at a later time.

As regards the above-mentioned unresolved matters, the Committee came to the following conclusions:

- 1) City Manager, Nate Rudy will continue his efforts to resolve deed issues with the heirs of the Ballard family;
- 2) The City Manager will also undertake efforts to obtain a release deed from the Granite City Corporation regarding title transfer of property currently within an 11 acre parcel located off the

- northwest corner of the RES property;
- 3) The Committee will continue working with the HCC to resolve any remaining points identified in section 7 of the Main-Land report; and,
  - 4) To address the issue of an easement on the road leading from the former FAA Tower to the Beacon Road, the Council must decide if it wants to work with the Maine National Guard (current owners of the road) to have the property appraised and then approach the State Legislature, seeking a release for the National Guard to sell the property to the City.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael V. Frett