



Acceptance of Joyce Lane, Loring Avenue, and Macleod Way as Public Ways

ARTICLE 42

Summary

Article 42 proposes the acceptance of 3 private drives as public ways. While the Town already provides plowing services, this article would grant the Town control and responsibility over the road, sidewalks, and drainage structures.

Joyce Lane, Loring Avenue, and Macleod Way are collectively known as the neighborhood of Boxborough Meadows.

Boxborough Meadows



Issue

When the neighborhood was first permitted as a Chapter 40B Affordable Housing Project, the Zoning Board of Appeals conditioned that the applicant must apply for Road Acceptance following construction. The application submitted in 2005 was incomplete and the road acceptance was not placed on Town Meeting floor.

18 years later, the Home Owners Association has now completed this application and is requesting acceptance of the road in its current condition. The neighborhood is comprised of 48 units, 12 of which are Affordable, who report HOA fees have become increasingly burdensome with the care of the road.

Costs

If the roads are accepted, the Department of Public Works anticipates the need for resurfacing in the near future. The estimated cost of this resurfacing is conservatively \$175,000, escalating each year with inflation.

The Town may be able to offset the cost of improvement with grant programs.

Vote Yes

A yes vote on Article 42 will allow the Town to take ownership of the roadway, and grant the Town responsibility for care and maintenance of the public right of way.

