

COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE

AUGUST 16, 2022

A meeting of the Committee on Infrastructure was held Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Chair, presided.

The roll call was taken with 5 members of the Committee on Infrastructure present:

Members of Infrastructure Committee present: Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Alex Comeau, Clerk
Alderman Tyler Gouveia
Alderman Ernest A. Jette

Members not in Attendance: Alderman Richard A. Dowd, Vice Chair

Also in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-22-054

Endorsers: Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
Alderman Lori Wilshire

CHANGING THE NAME OF OLD HARRIS ROAD TO SOLAR LANE

MOTION BY ALDERMAN COMEAU TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman O'Brien

This particular Resolution was written by Alderman Dowd who could not make it this evening being out of town and myself. Just a little background information. The city already has Harris Road, already has Harris Street, and this particular street. If you look at the overhead, you get to see that it runs adjacent to the Pennichuck Middle School property. Right now it's wooded land. It's in the space between the Pennichuck Corporation and Pennichuck School.

What they're going to do there is turn it into a solar farm. So in order to turn it into a solar farm, there was some concern that Alderman Dowd and I discussed. If they put an outbuilding on it, the Fire Department may have some form of device to say if there was a problem or something like that. So we need to clearly identify that for emergency type of purposes. So seeing that we have the Harris Street and the Harris Road, it just made common sense to change the Old Harris. I hate to get rid of an old good name. I don't know how long it's been Old Harris but I imagine it's quite old. I think the last person to go down it was the horses. I don't know.

So anyways, without further ado, is there any questions by members of the Committee on it on why we're making this suggestion?

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you Mr. Chairman. You might not be able to answer the question based on your last couple of statements. I was just wondering so this was – before Pennichuck went there, that was an existing road that was there and there's no special history with hit that Old Harris constitutes?

Chairman O'Brien

No, comically I knew of it. In the back of the airport, they're abandoned for all intense and purposes but there's one Old Blood's Crossing. Heck of a name. I imagine it was related to the Blood Farm or something like that. So I'm sure there must have been some historical significance but it seems to be way past that right now. The ultimate goal is not to confuse and to enhance the 911 emergency responses.

Alderman Gouveia

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think I'm answering my own question here but currently there's nothing on the street, correct? That would need to be...

Chairman O'Brien

That is correct. In short order, I don't know when – I think if you wanted to contact Doria Brown, I think she's supervising somewhat of this project being our alternative Energy Resource Manager and everything. This is something that is exciting to have a – I think this will be something. It's the first time in the city of this size in a solar far. Further questions? Seeing none, I will call for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE – None

GENERAL DISCUSSION - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN - None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN COMEAUR TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 7:05 p.m.

Alderman Alex Comeau,
Committee Clerk