

STAFF REPORT
November 8, 2021

Topic: First reading of Resolution 2021-18, pertaining to establishing Plantation and Colonial Roads as Emergency Lanes and to schedule a public hearing on November 22, 2021, during the regular Council Meeting

Discussion: City Council at its October 25, 2021, meeting decided to declare Plantation and Colonial Roads emergency lanes for a period of 3 years. This period, which can be extended, is to enable the abutters and the City to develop a solution for these two private roads. Public Works recommends the designation is to May 1, 2025, so that the declaration does not end during a winter.

State law requires that the City hold a public hearing before declaring a private road an emergency lane and that notice shall be mailed to all persons known to have a legal interest in the private road, 10 days prior to the hearing.

An emergency lane cannot be declared if permission is denied by one or more abutting property owners. An abutter can request the emergency lane designation be withdrawn at any time.

Fiscal Impact: Since Public Works has since the late 1970s been plowing and grading these two roads to the City's current standards for maintaining emergency lanes, the City will not have any additional costs as a result of this declaration.

Recommendation: City Council schedule a public hearing on November 22, 2021, to declare Plantation and Colonial emergency lanes.

Report Submitted by: Wesley B. Anderson, Director of Public Works.

Proposed Motion:

"I move to waive a reading of this Resolution in its entirety and to read by title only."

"I move a first reading of Resolution 2021-18, pertaining to establishing Plantation and Colonial Roads as Emergency Lanes under RSA 231:59-A."

"I move to schedule a public hearing on November 22, 2021, during the regular Council meeting to gather public input prior to any action being taken."