

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
MAY 22, 2023**

**STAFF REPORT  
AGENDA ITEM 22.B.  
DISCONTINUANCE OF PAPER STREET – JEFFERSON STREET**

**Discussion:** The Town of Gilford accepted Jefferson Street (see the attached map) prior to the creation of Laconia. The section of Jefferson Street shown in the blue box, although accepted by the Town of Gilford, was never constructed.

A request has been received from Paugus Properties, LLC (please see the attached letter) that the City of Laconia discontinue this section of Jefferson Street.

At the May 8, 2023 meeting the City Council voted to table this item. If the City Council is interested in supporting Paugus Properties' request, City staff will begin the process necessary to discontinue the road under RSA 231:43. This process includes researching the form of street acceptance used by the Town of Gilford, and a public hearing with notification of the abutters a minimum of 14 days before the public hearing. All actions will be coordinated with the City Attorney to ensure proper procedures are being followed.

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Staff Recommendation:**

**This report submitted by:** Wesley B. Anderson, Public Works Director

**Proposed motions:**

*"I move to take this item off the table."*

*"I move to direct City staff to begin the process necessary to discontinue this road under RSA 231:43, and to schedule a Public Hearing during the regular City Council meeting on July 24, 2023 to gather public input prior to any action being taken."*