

FIFTEEN ROPE FERRY ROAD
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Mr. Thomas Dembek, RTM Moderator
Town of Waterford
15 Rope Ferry Road
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Re: Road Acceptances

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TOWN CLERK
Ronald A. Lopez

Mr. Dembek,

The purpose of the road acceptance requests for Kathryn Court and Seaview Terrace is to enable the Town to provide residents on these two streets with public services, including trash removal and snow plowing. Residents have anticipated acceptance and the ensuing services for several years, however progress on completion of public improvements within the right of way has only recently become sufficient to recommend that the roads be accepted into Town road system. The Town departments have been coordinating with the developers to complete the improvements within the right of way to allow the Public Works Department to recommend acceptance of the roads. Acceptance would allow Public Works to remove snow, offer curbside collect of waste, and to maintain the pavement surfaces. Both of these roads are at a point where I can recommend acceptance of the roads.

I have inspected both roads. There are minor items that need to be completed before the Town releases the bonds that we are holding, but these should not hold up the acceptance of the roads.

Representative Ted Olynciw has sent these observations to the Department. My comments follow each observation in italics.

SEAWIEW TERRACE

1. There are many trees that have not been planted around the entire perimeter of the street. I believe trees are required every 75' or 100' by the regulations? *Answer: The Plans (LSA 1.1 Planting) calls out the location and number of trees that are required to be planted by the Developer. It is getting late in the season to secure the trees and to plant them.*
2. There is no stop bar painted at the intersection of this street and Rope Ferry Road. This is a requirement. *Answer: That is correct. The Contractor just placed the final course of pavement. Time is required to let the pavement "cure" before application of paint. The Developer will have this painted in the upcoming weeks.*

3. There is still filter fabric below the metal grates at several of the catch basins. This will cause a major problems during the winter months if not removed. *Answer: Contractor will have this removed by Close of Business Friday (10/21/2021)*

4. There is large unpaved circle at the end of the cul-de-sac. What improvements are shown on the approved subdivision drawings? Present condition is some grass and an un-vegetated area. *Answer: The plans call for a depressed grassed area, the center trip of gravel to allow the water to percolate. The plans called for tree. The Town staff requested that the tree be eliminated to protect the drainage system from future root damage.*

KATHRYN COURT

1. The embankment on the right side of the entrance to the subdivision is very unstable. The embankment is very steep and lacking in vegetation. Without proper vegetation, during major rain storms, there could be considerable washouts in to the roadway. Once we accept the road, without correcting this situation, it then become our problem. *Answer: This slope has remained stable after each one of the rain storms we have experienced. It still needs to be vegetated and the developer is working on this.*

2. There is a lack of trees as required by the regulations on the left side of the cul-de-sac. *Answer: That is correct. The Town is holding sufficient funds to plant the trees in spring if there are still missing.*

I guess my questions are:

1. Will the developer correct these items prior to the RTM Meeting. *Answer: Both developers are working to complete all the items remaining. If any items do remain, the Town has bonds that more than cover the cost to have the items completed.*

2. If not will they be required to post a cash bond and in what amount. *Answer. There are bonds that the Town holds. The amount exceeds the Department of Public Works estimates to complete any minor remaining issues or maintenance work that occurs during the one-year period in which the bond is held post-acceptance.*

Thank you,



Gary J. Schneider
Director of Public Works

Cc: Robert Brule, First Selectman
Robert Avena, Town Attorney