



TOWN OF READFIELD – Town Manager

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Date: May 1, 2023
To: Church Road Property Owners
From: Eric Dyer, Town Manager / Road Commissioner
Subject: Proposed Church Road Sidewalk Public Hearing / Stakeholder Meeting

Background:

As you may be aware, the process of considering a sidewalk running from Rt. 17 to the Fairgrounds property on Church Road has been going on for several years. Thanks to a Federal grant and Maine DOT support, the project is slated for an 80/20 match, with the Town paying the 20% share. Voter approval of the initial grant application happened in 2017, with periodic funding requests happening since then. Public involvement is ongoing and will be a focus of the Design and Planning phase of the project.

Engineering firm Gorrill-Palmer was selected to assist with this work. In mid-April, they completed two preliminary alignment proposals, one for each side of the road. With these in hand, the Town is scheduling public hearings and meetings to discuss the project and options.

The proposed alignments, design and planning schedule, and other information are available at the Town Office or online at <https://www.readfieldmaine.org/road-commissioner/pages/church-road-sidewalk-project> (go to the Town home page and select the “Departments” link at the top” => Road Commissioner” => “Church Road Sidewalk”).

Meeting Invitation:

As a property owner on Church Road, you are in a stakeholder group that would be most impacted by this proposed project. Accordingly you are invited to a joint Public Hearing with the Select Board and Gorrill-Palmer at **6:00pm on May 8th**. Additional public hearings will be held, and there will be more opportunities for public input from all residents. Any project proposal will need final voter approval, likely in June of 2024. I hope you will consider participating on the 8th. ZOOM meeting participation is available if you can't be there in person by using the following credentials - Meeting ID: 881 4960 8367 and Passcode: 781405 or by calling (929) 436-2866.

Questions and Contact:

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments as several residents already have. Call, email, or stop by the office (contact information above).

Thank you,

Eric Dyer
Town Manager / Road Commissioner