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Subject: Following up on the procedure for permanently closing streets

Good afternoon Ralph,

I wanted to follow up with you after our conversation about road closures. As a quick recap, we live at 416 Smith Ave and own a rental house at 420 Smith Ave (lined in red on the map below). There is a platted, dedicated, but unbuilt/unimproved road depicted between 416 and 420, that then cuts diagonally around the north side of 420, and then shoots south behind/to the west of 420 to Coolidge.

The neighbors to our northwest, the Bhowmicks, own the property on the other side of the northern diagonal road. They, and we, wish to undertake proceedings to close, at a minimum, those two roads.

There is also interest in closing all or some of the long north-south road (also unbuilt/unimproved) that is drawn to connect to Coolidge. I note there is a "landlocked" property to the west of 420, so I acknowledge that we may need additional information on access to that lot prior to closing that street. It so happens that the properties fronting Coolidge to the west of that street are owned by the same family as the landlocked property. I understand they are exploring building on the landlocked property, and do not know yet their interest in building/improving the platted road to Town standards vs. building a driveway on an easement over their (or their family's) property.

Again, perhaps it makes sense to handle all of this together, and perhaps separating the eastern and northern roads from the western roads makes more sense.

I have reviewed NCGS 160A-299, and it appears that the Town must propose to permanently close the street by adopting a resolution, providing notice, and having a public hearing. Is there a process by which we may request the Town to institute those proceedings? (Or, is there another way you suggest we proceed?)

Thank you so much for your kind assistance. If it makes more sense for me to get in touch with someone else, please just let me know.

Take care-

Allen