

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
(ROAD HEARING)**

**April 7, 1997**

**5:30 PM**

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

Mayor Wieczorek called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Clancy.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll. There were eight Aldermen present.

**Present:** Aldermen Reiniger, Sysyn, Clancy, Soucy, Shea, Pariseau, Cashin and Robert.

**Absent:** Aldermen Wihby, Elise, Domaingue and Hirschmann.

Mayor Wieczorek advised that the purpose of the road hearing is to hear those wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to proposed street discontinuance petitions; that each petition shall be addressed individually at which time the Public Works Director shall be requested to make a presentation following which those wishing to speak in favor will be heard, followed by those wishing to speak in opposition; that anyone wishing to speak must first step to the nearest microphone when recognized and recite his/or name and address in a clear, loud voice for the record; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak and any questions must be directed to the Chair.

**A. Petition for Discontinuance**  
A small portion of Ingalls Street

Mayor Wieczorek requested that Frank Thomas, Public Works Director, make a presentation.

Mr. Thomas stated the discontinuance that is being requested as mentioned is a small portion of Ingalls Street which could also be classified as the extension of Alpine Street. This request has been made by Alderman Cashin representing abutters along Alpine Street. Ingalls Street was discontinued formerly by two previous actions of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, both to the east and west of the portion that is the subject tonight. The street was laid out on plans dating back to 1901. It was never officially accepted, however, it did acquire public status through the fact that it has been opened and improved and utilized by the public. The portion that is going to be discontinued, at least a part of it, is paved and opened to the public. In addition, there is an existing sanitary sewer that does run through the area. The area of this discontinuance is approximately 40 by 45. It is the recommendation of the Highway Department that this discontinuance does get approved, however, it should be subject to maintaining easements over

the entire area of the discontinuance for both the existing and any future utilities that may need to go through the area. Hopefully, you've been given a plan that shows the area that's the subject of the discontinuance and if you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer them now before you hear comments.

Alderman Robert stated, Frank, you said the street was never accepted and it achieved public status.

Mr. Thomas replied that is correct. It achieved public status through the fact that it's been opened and improved and maintained. The area actually has been paved and it was paved as part of Alpine Street, so pavement runs into this area of Ingalls Street. When you go out and see it, you'll see it as a paved roadway. It is, as far as we know, never been subject to any gates and bars, we maintain it, we plow down through the end of it, we patch potholes there and whatnot and the fact that it has been opened and improved and traveled, it has gained public status.

Alderman Robert stated the request is just the shaded area.

Mr. Thomas replied correct, approximately 40 by 45.

Mayor Wiczorek called for those wishing to speak in favor.

Frank Colby, 15 Alpine Street, Manchester, NH spoke in favor stating:  
I'm in favor of closing Ingalls Street to stop the possibility of an access road coming out of Bedford into Alpine Street. It would create a freeway and a shortcut. It was originally proposed as a limited access road with a gate, however, once the proposed condo development in Bedford is turned over to an association, I'm sure the members would cut the lock and open the gate and there would be a shortcut from Worthley Road over to Donald Street especially when Donald Street is kind of crowded in the morning and also that portion of Ingalls Street is on wetlands both east and west of it. Right now, the water is flowing through there. The peepers are out, the frogs are out, and I'm sure the turtles are in there and any interruption through there would change the water table and cause flooding to one or two of my neighbors and that is my main reason in favor of discontinuing Ingalls Street.

Thomas Lahey, 70 Alpine Street, Manchester, NH spoke in favor stating:  
Also in speaking in favor of the discontinuance of Ingalls Street. Just as a side note to the traffic issue. The Cemetery, St. Joseph's put up gates and bars specifically because of the amount of cut through traffic from Donald Street through to Worthley Road and that side of Manchester. So, there is sort of precedence there that there is a traffic issue and that would potentially be used as a cut through if the condo development went through. Additionally, Alpine Street today is essentially a dead end. It's a quiet neighborhood and the additional traffic that may be caused would make it a busy street as opposed to a residential street and there are a lot of small children on the street that might be put at risk. That's all I have to say.

Hugh O'Neil, 12 Appledor Road, Bedford, NH spoke in favor stating:  
I just wanted to speak in favor of the closing after I heard Mr. Thomas illicit that the desire to keep the utilities open is the only caveat that I wanted to express and I see that Mr. Thomas has already done so.

Thomas Riley, 4 Tiffany Lane, Bedford, NH spoke in favor stating:  
I'd just like to "ditto" exactly what he just said. As long as the utilities are maintained there.

Charles Cleary, Attorney for Brook Hollow, 95 Market Street, Manchester, NH spoke in favor stating:

Nothing further to add.

Paul Casey, 56 Alpine Street, Manchester, NH spoke in favor stating:

I think what Mr. Colby said and what Mr. Lahey said is what I would have said. Thank you.

Frank Reidy, 2 Dickey Street, Manchester, NH spoke in favor stating:

My land borders. I am in any opposition to any breakthrough whatsoever. Everybody that built there for the simple reason everything was quiet and nobody was given...wouldn't be any opposition whatsoever coming through there from anywhere. So, all that land...I've known that land since I was five years old when I use to skate in what we used to call the "frog pond". So, you see I'm no stranger to that area. We're in hopes that everything will remain as it is and not bring anymore...there is nothing for any traffic to come through to Alpine Street because there is no great stores or anything there. All this is, is just a shortcut from this group that is building condominiums or whatever they're building in Bedford. Thank you.

Mayor Wieczorek called for anyone else wishing to speak.

Alderman Cashin stated I'd just like to take an opportunity to thank the people for coming down. It's very important that you're here to testify. We'll be out on the road hearing, we'll be in the neighborhood and we probably should be there within fifteen minutes and if you'd care to talk to us then we'll be available. Thank you for coming down.

Mayor Wieczorek called for those wishing to speak in opposition. There was no one.

The Clerk stated there were two letters received from the Town Manager of Bedford, NH.

The first letter was read into the record as follows:

January 24, 1997

Dear Mayor Wieczorek and Manchester Board of Aldermen:

While neither the Town Council nor myself would oppose any decision by your body regarding the future of a Manchester road, I would appreciate some consideration during your deliberations that Ingalls Street was assumed to be the second access and egress for an approved 70 unit condominium development which will have main access from Donald Street in Bedford. While I understand the concern of the residents in Manchester who reside in this area, I'm not sure it serves Manchester as a whole to eliminate direct access to Manchester services such as shopping. For emergency purposes, I'm sure the developer and the Town Planning Board could explore other options, but once closed, Manchester will not have the possibility of other options.

Sincerely,

s/Artherline L. Robersen  
Town Manager

The second letter was read into the record as follows:

March 10, 1997

Dear Ms. Johnson:

The Town of Bedford would like to be on the record as not opposing the discontinuance of the portion of Ingalls Street to be discussed on April 7th. However, we do request that an easement for utilities, and in particular, sewer be received either by the Town of Bedford or Manchester prior to the discontinuance.

Sincerely,

s/Atherline L. Robersen  
Town Manager

Mayor Wieczorek addressed the next petition for discontinuance.

**B.** Petition for Discontinuance  
Schuyler Street from Notre Dame Avenue to Notre Dame  
Avenue West Back Street

Mayor Wieczorek requested that Frank Thomas, Public Works Director, make a presentation.

Mr. Thomas stated the section of street was accepted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on November 29, 1907. The street is opened, but opened only as a driveway. There is only 12 feet of pavement there. When you go out you will see that there is a steep embankment on the north side of the street making it very unlikely that the City would ever want to improve that road and bring it up to normal standards. The section of discontinuance would be a 50 foot right-of-way and it would be about 120 feet long. There are no utilities in the area, so we do support the discontinuance, if it is the pleasure of the Board. We do provide services to the abutting properties by means of Notre Dame West Back Street, we do plow that, we pick up trash on that street and whatnot. The discontinuance will hamper our ability to provide those services, but not to an extent where we would oppose this discontinuance.

Alderman Robert stated I have heard nobody speak of any opposition to this. I have discussed this briefly with people, the folks on the south side, the folks on the north side and it appears that there is desire of the two people to come to some sort of a decision to make side yards or to expand the yards for the houses. You can see that the house on the south side just about doesn't have any yard, at all. It's a congested neighborhood and it will enhance the quality of life of those two residences and that is why I support it and I'm hoping my Board members would do the same.

Mayor Wieczorek called for those wishing to speak in favor. There was no one.

Mayor Wieczorek called for those wishing to speak in opposition. There was no one.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to recess the hearing and proceed to view the areas of petitions presented.

Mayor Wieczorek called the hearing back to order at the site of the first petition:

- A.** Petition for Discontinuance  
A small portion of Ingalls Street

The Board viewed the area petitioned and Mr. Thomas, Public Works Director, provided a brief overview. On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to approve the petition for discontinuance of a small portion of Ingalls Street as petitioned, subject to reserving present and future utility easements for the entire area of the discontinuance.

Mayor Wieczorek recessed the hearing.

Mayor Wieczorek called the hearing back to order at the site of the second petition:

- B.** Petition for Discontinuance  
Schuyler Street from Notre Dame Avenue to Notre Dame  
Avenue West Back Street

The Board viewed the area petitioned and Mr. Thomas provided a brief overview. On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to approve the petition for discontinuance of Schuyler Street from Notre Dame Avenue to Notre Dame Avenue West Back Street as petitioned.

There being no further business to come before the road hearing, on motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk