

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**PUBLIC USE AND NECESSITY**  
**HIGHWAY LAYOUT PETITION**

**PEVERLY HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021

5:00 PM OPENING OF HEARING AND SITE VISIT

7:00 PM RECONVENING OF HEARING, TAKING OF EVIDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers at City Hall  
1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801

The Portsmouth City Council will conduct a view and hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving evidence and hearing public comment relative to the layout of the Peverly Hill Road Improvement Project and the property acquisitions (permanent and temporary easements) to make that project successful. The improvements include the addition of a sidewalk on the north side of the road, a shared use path (bicycles and pedestrian) on the south side of the road, drainage improvements and road layout changes. The project extends from the intersection of Peverly Hill Road with Middle Road to the intersection of Peverly Hill Road and West Road.

The City Council will assemble at 5:00 p.m. at the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers and open the hearing. The City Council will first conduct a site visit stopping at the parking lot of the New Hope Baptist Church at 263 Peverly Hill Road to answer City Councilor questions and make any on-foot site visits. The public is welcome to attend the site view at the New Hope Baptist Church, although no testimony from the public will be taken at that time.

After the view, the hearing will be recessed and then reconvened at the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. for purposes of taking testimony and action. Members of the public may participate in person or via Zoom. Registration link for zoom attendance to be found on the City of Portsmouth website, [www.cityofportsmouth.com](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com), see the meetings calendar. Impacted and interested property owners, roadway users and all members of the public are welcome and will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Project information including a full plan set can be found at the following link:

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/peverly-hill-road-complete-streets-project>.

Physical copies of the plan set and maps showing the affected areas may also be viewed in person by appointment at the Department of Public Works, located at 680 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth. Questions regarding the project work may be directed to the project engineer Brian Colburn of McFarland Johnson, [bcolburn@mjinc.com](mailto:bcolburn@mjinc.com). Questions with regard to process may be directed to Suzanne Woodland, Acting Deputy City Manager/Deputy City Attorney, 603-610-7240, [smwoodland@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:smwoodland@cityofportsmouth.com).

This hearing initiates the eminent domain process should the City of Portsmouth be unable to reach voluntary agreements with owners to acquire the easement interests needed for the project. The federal funding being used for this project requires a formal process and this hearing is a part of that process.