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CITY OF DANBURY

155 DEER HILL AVENUE

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

COMMON COUNCIL

REPORT

November 1, 2005

Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Members of the Common Council

Re: **Request to Maintain Cannondale Drive**

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request to maintain Cannondale Drive met on October 19, 2005. In attendance were committee members Saracino, Cutsumpas and Barry. Also in attendance were Deputy Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk, Director of Public Works William Buckley, Joel and Marjorie Brook, Carolyn Flynn and Ed Lagarto from St. James Church and Council Member Fred Visconti, ex-officio.

Ms. Saracino read a report from the Director of Public Works dated September 24, 2004 outlining the terms and conditions to bring Cannondale Drive up to City standards to be accepted as a City road. Mr. Buckley stated that he was directed to add this project to the assessment list. From time to time the Common Council has authorized him to move a project to the top of the list and he would do that if so directed. This is a relatively small project assessment wise and the question is who would be assessed. There are seven properties with frontage on this cul-de-sac. Two properties have frontage on Southern Boulevard and one on Deer Hill Avenue. He believes that a minimum of four would be assessed but he would have to confer with Attorney Gottschalk to determine the number. There are some challenges to making this a public road. There is a retaining wall in the right-of-way. You would have to split the difference because you would be taking someone's front yard.

Mr. Buckley said it would take two years to get to this project if it is not moved to the top of the list. If there is a health hazard, the Health Department could require that it be moved. If it were to be moved, the work would not be done this winter. Mr. Barry asked if there are any roads on the project list that would be jeopardized from a safety standpoint if this road were moved to the top of the list? Mr. Buckley said that Wilkes Road is in worse shape.

Mr. Cutsumpas asked if the residents approve the project could it safely be plowed without the improvements being done? Mr. Buckley said he would not put a city truck on that road, but he would hire an outside contractor.

Mr. Barry made a motion to recommend that the City sand and plow Cannondale Road until the road project is either accepted or rejected by the residents; and additionally that the Common Council move this project to the top of the project list. Seconded by Mr. Cutsumpas. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY SARACINO, Chairman

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