

Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

Department of Community Development



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April 30, 2025

TO: Steven Contente, Town Administrator

FROM: Diane M. Williamson, Director

RE: **Petition of Selcan and Marlon Mckenzie of 56 Greenway
Acquisition of Town Owned Property at Plat 159, Lot 1057**

Placed

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In review of the above petition, I offer the following:

1. My office has researched this parcel of land which is not a paper road but rather a 5' strip of land that was deeded to the Town in 1975 along with six other similar small strips of land in this neighborhood by the developer (Castle Construction Company-Palazini).
2. It is unclear why this strip was deeded since there are no utilities in this property.
3. The land is currently planted with a deciduous hedge.
4. If the Town were to consider this surplus property, the Town would need to advertise this for sale as surplus property and have a public hearing. The Town could set a minimum sale price for bidders, and require that the buyer pay for all advertising, the deed, and survey. It is not likely that anyone else would bid on it, but it is a possibility.
5. In the alternative to selling the parcel, the Town could also grant a license to maintain the strip of land. My understanding from the petition is that the McKenzie's would like to either plant an evergreen hedge or install a fence which would have to be written into the license to maintain.
6. I would recommend a license to maintain as the best option so that the Town stills owns it for any future need that is unforeseen at this time. However, since this is a narrow strip of land, 5' wide and 90' long, and not connected to any other Town property, I wouldn't object to it being considered surplus land and offered for sale.

RECOMMEND
FOR SALE
[Signature]
STEVEN CONTENTE
Town Administrator