



Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

Department of Community Development

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TO: Planning Board
FROM: Diane M. Williamson, Director
RE: **Petition to Abandon a Portion of Surf Drive**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane W.", is written over the "FROM:" line.

The above petition to abandon a portion of Surf Drive is before you for a recommendation to the Town Council.

The petitioner has a license to maintain the entire cul-de-sac. However, they are now asking for an abandonment of the north half of the cul-de-sac as explained in their petition.

As has been the case in many other instances when abandonment of public property is requested, I do not recommend abandoning this portion of the cul-de-sac. The Town may at some future point need this land for a utility or other infrastructure. It has been the policy to recommend instead of an abandonment, a license to maintain. The petitioners currently have a license to maintain so they can continue to maintain and they also have access over the property.