

Memorandum



To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Ryan Spitzer

Date: 5/4/2023

Re: Right-of-Way Purchase – Lowry Street Project

Overview:

The Town had the bid opening for the Lowry Street Turn Lane Project on May 5, 2023. This project is scheduled to get started after school lets out and finished prior to school being back in session.

The Town has gotten right-of-way easement agreements from two property owners; however, one is holding out for money. The property owner wants \$7,500 for the easement. The property is highlighted below:



The reason for needing to purchase the easement on the opposite side of the road where the town is doing work is the traffic division at NCDOT is requiring all signals to include the crosswalks to have work done to them. There are currently signal loops in the ground that work the traffic light that NCDOT never purchased right-of-way for. The traffic division is now requiring the town to purchase the right-of-way. I am working with the district engineer to see if the town needs to purchase the right-of-way because nothing is being disturbed on this side of the road. I am awaiting his decision.

Staff is asking for authorization to execute the purchase documents if an agreement cannot be negotiated through NCDOT. Due to the strict timeline on this project staff does not have time to come back in June to ask for the appropriation or to go through the condemnation process if necessary.

Attachments:

Utility Easement Plat

Recommendation:

Authorize the Town Manager to execute the documents to purchase the right-of-way easement if an alternative agreement can't be secured from NCDOT.

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