

(Library)

To: Library Board of Trustees

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Subject: Discuss maintenance of grass on boulevard along Water St.

Background

The City has requested that Tod permanently take over maintaining the boulevard along Water St. Prior to construction the City always maintained this patch. When it was re-done the library was not given a say in what material was used (grass or concrete). This is not library property and Tod already has a lot of grass to mow with the library's push mower.

Watertown Municipal Code 446 and 484 talk about length of grass and trees in the boulevard/terrace.

I could not find any ordinance or code specifically talking about who is responsible for the city owned boulevard/terrace adjacent to a property line. It's also worth noting that the City has treated the library parking lot as non-library owned property historically and also plows it/shovels the sidewalk adjacent to it in the winter.

Budget Goal

N/A

Financial Impact

Being forced to maintain this strip of land will add to the library's already thinly stretched resources.

Recommendation

I recommend the library and streets split the cost of paving the boulevard with concrete.