

**AGENDA
LEBANON CITY COUNCIL
JULY 1, 2020**

9. NEW BUSINESS:

**9.B – DISCUSSION & SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 5, 2020: COMPLETE
DISCONTINUANCE OF WESTERN (UNBUILT) PORTION OF FOCH AVENUE
ABUTTING INTERSTATE 89, LEBANON**

BACKGROUND

The request to discontinue this portion of Foch Avenue was presented by William Corrette. Mr. Corrette owns property located at 9 Foch Avenue, further identified as Tax Map 78, Lot 51, Lebanon. This portion of Foch Avenue has been maintained by Mr. Corrette and his current neighbor to keep from overgrowth.

The standard process for discontinuing a road results in the right-of-way being split down the center and each half going to the abutting property owners, in this case the right-of-way would be split, and the land merged with Tax Map 78, Lots 51, 52 & 53.

The attached parcel map shows a water main running under this length of Foch Avenue with a fire hydrant near the top corner with Parcel 78-53. An easement for maintenance of the water line will be retained as part of the discontinuance.

ACTION

If the Council decides to move forward with the complete discontinuance of the western (unbuilt) portion of Foch Avenue abutting Interstate 89, the following motion is offered for consideration:

MOVED, that the Lebanon City Council hereby schedules a public hearing for Wednesday, August 5, 2020, beginning at 7:00pm, Remote via Microsoft Teams, for the purpose of receiving public input and taking action on the complete discontinuance of the western (unbuilt) portion of Foch Avenue abutting Interstate 89, Lebanon.

Included in this Section:

1. March 29, 2020 email from William Corrette.
2. GIS Map of utilities

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From: William Corrette <corrette98@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Mulholland, Shaun <mulholland@lebanonnh.gov>
Subject: City owned property

Hi Shaun.

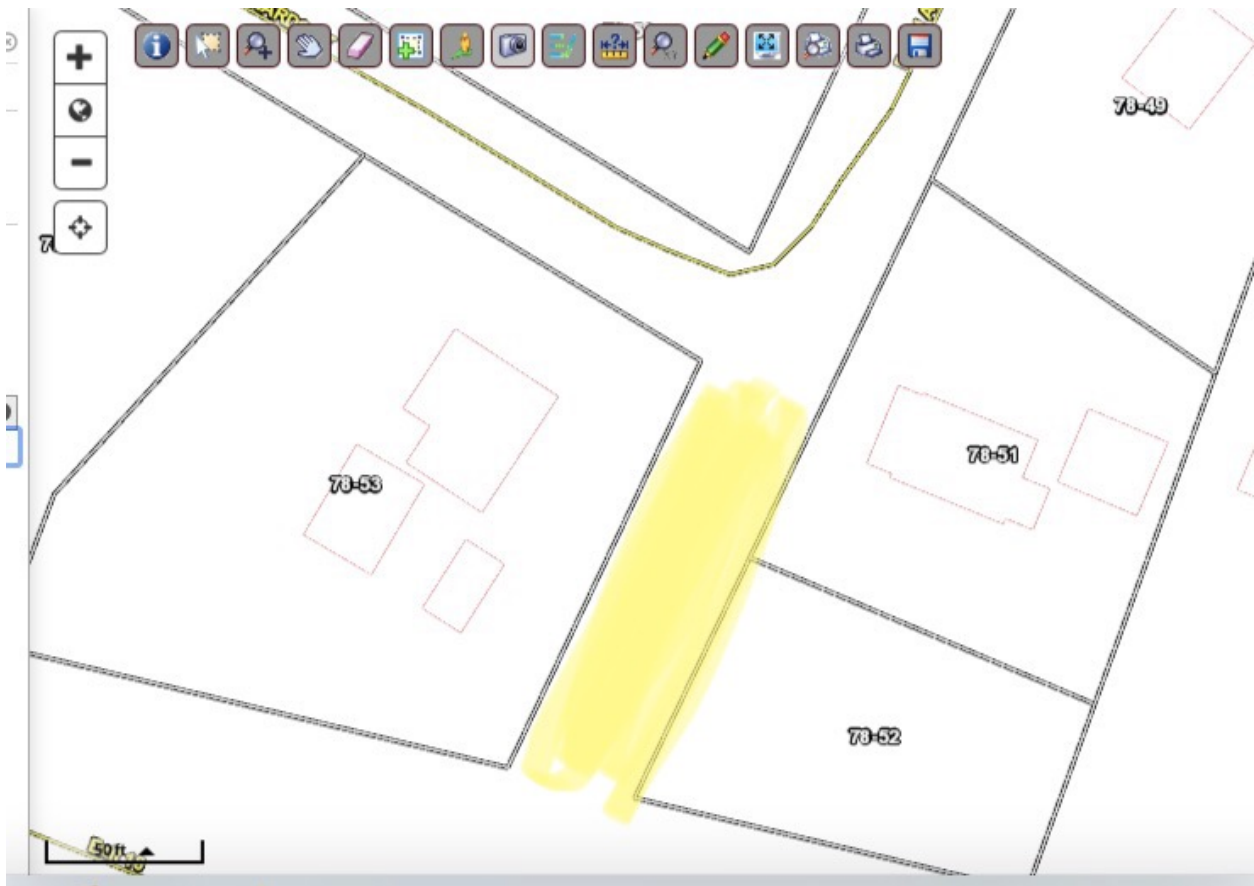
My name is William Corrette. I own the property 78-51. 9 Foch Ave Lebanon NH

Last Fall you were involved in a meeting in the neighborhood where we walked around talked about the drainage. At that meeting you asked me if I was interested in purchasing the city owned property abutting my property. You said that you/city was trying to sell some of the properties that were not of real value to the city. I said that I may be interested for the right price. You mentioned that there was utilities that ran through it. I tried to go on the city map to get a Lot ID or Parcel ID but one of the properties is not labeled. I highlighted it in yellow on the attached picture. Since I moved in here my neighbor and I have mowed it to keep the Grass from growing too long and so it does get over grown. There is some land being purchased in the neighborhood and rumors of a business going in. My neighbor may sell if the price is right and I am not too happy about losing the neighborhood that my family grew up in. I was hoping to be able to purchase this land if it was still for sale to try and keep as much distance between my house and a future eyesore. If I could afford it I would like to purchase the highlighted land and possibly lot 78-52 and ideally merge the properties to one lot. I don't really have a lot of money to buy the land at a high value but would be interested at a low price and then the town would be able to get some more tax income on these lots that they are not currently receiving any. In the long run hopefully it would be worth it for the town on future taxable property.

With everything going on with the Covid 19 issues I do not expect to get this rolling immediately. But would hope hear back if it may be a possibility and once we get through this pandemic move forward if possible.

Thank you for your time and hope that you and your family stay safe and healthy through these difficult times.

Bill Corrette



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