

ARTICLE 20



Article 20: Discontinue Thornton Ferry Road II section

Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 231:43, (I), vote to discontinue and abandon that portion of Thornton Ferry Road II between Map/Lot 4-44-0 and Map/Lot 4-45-21 so that all public servitude of said portion of this road is terminated and title of Map/Lot 4-44-0 to the centerline reverts to the prior owners, or their successors, in order

to facilitate reengineering the intersection alignment.

(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee supports this Article by a vote of 4 to 3.)

The safety of this intersection was reviewed by the Highway Safety Committee in light of the proposal for a residential development off Deerwood Drive. Concerns were raised, including the narrow widths of the two Thornton Ferry II legs, cross traffic turning movements and a hill crest that creates a sight distance problem on Thornton Ferry II. Citizens, as well as motorists who travel the road, have voiced the same concerns. The Highway Safety Committee unanimously agreed that this intersection is overly complicated and presents several safety issues. It was their opinion that the intersection can be best addressed by eliminating one of the Thornton Ferry legs, and widening the other, creating a standard T-intersection. This change would reduce the present three points of traffic convergence to one, resulting in an obvious improvement. In addition to the safety improvements, the proposed change would increase green space in the area, and provide savings in maintenance costs for the DPW.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00 (none) Per Thousand

ARTICLE 21



Article 21: Child Advocacy Center Funding Request

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to support the Child Advocacy Center of Southern Hillsborough County in providing services to Amherst children who are victims of sexual or

physical abuse.

(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee unanimously supports this Article.)

This is a new request for a health agency to obtain funding from the Town to support services they provide to Amherst residents. It has been the Board's practice to present these first time requests to the voters for their determination. Should it be supported, it would be included in future budgets if the agency made a request and provided the town documentation that they were continuing to provide services to Amherst residents. This center has supported Amherst children in the past, and this request is supported by our police department who has worked with the center.

Estimated Tax Impact: Less Than \$0.01 Per Thousand