

**COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC LANDS
WOBURN CITY HALL
COMMITTEE ROOM – 7:33 P.M.
NOVEMBER 27, 2017**

Voting Members present: Chairman Richard Gately, Alderman Mark Gaffney, Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen, Alderman Edward Tedesco. Absent: Joanne Campbell.

Non-Voting Members present: Alderman Michael Anderson, Alderman Michael Concannon, Alderman Lindsay Higgins, President Richard Haggerty

On the Order granting an easement to Madison Woburn Holdings LLC on Tower Park Drive: Representing the petitioner were Attorney Joseph Tarby, Murtha Cullina; and Denis Dowdle, Madison Woburn Holdings. President Haggerty said the reason for the meeting is because the Council required Madison Properties to traverse Tower Office Park Drive as part of the approval for the Woburn Landing project on Washington Street. President Haggerty said Madison Properties needs access to its development and that City Solicitor Ellen Callahan Doucette opined two years ago that the roadway had not been formally accepted. Attorney Tarby said he recalls a meeting with Mayor Thomas Higgins in 1981 when the idea was discussed to realign Tower Office Park Drive with the ramp to Route 128. Attorney Tarby said the intention then was to accept the street but according to City Solicitor Callahan Doucette it was not done correctly. He said even though the road was not formally accepted it was used as an access for W.R. Grace when it owned the property. Alderman Mercer-Bruen said she remembered when she was a child there were cars going in and out of Tower Office Park Drive. Attorney Tarby said granting the easement allows legal access to Madison Properties. Mr. Dowdle said the easement will allow Madison Properties to finish with MassDOT and begin the Washington Street widening project. In response to a question from Alderman Concannon, Mr. Dowdle said the easement gives Madison Properties what it needs to continue with the Woburn Landing project. Chairman Gately said that by accepting the site plan, the council assumed that land has to be crossed. Alderman Anderson said Madison Properties doesn't want to build the hotel and have the road taken away. President Haggerty said he hopes the Council can act on the matter as quickly as possible so Madison Properties can make progress on the project. Chairman Gately said the Council must obtain a final draft of the easement agreement before it votes. Motion made by Alderman Tedesco and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the matter be sent "back for action," pending the submission of a final draft of the easement agreement; approved, 4-0.

Motion made by Alderman Tedesco and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adjourn; approved, 4-0. Chairman Gately adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Attest: _____

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees

