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Commissioner of Public Works

Date: April 5, 2018
TO: Michael Geary, Acting City Manager *MJG*
FROM: Jim Donison, P.E., DPW Commissioner

SUBJECT: 3/27/18 8.1 Councilor Mercier – Request City Manager place Phoenix Drive on the re-paving list.

From the description of the street as presented at the City Council meeting, the reference for the request was most probably meant to be Research Drive.

Research Drive appears to be a private drive according to Engineering Division records. This situation occurred as part of the Rogers Street widening in the mid 1990's as part of a roadway project by Mass DOT. As part of the roadway widening project, the State took land to construct Research Drive and although it appears that they intended for it to be deeded to the City, the dedication to the City did not occur.

The Engineering Division does not have any documentation of the State deeding Research Drive to the City or the City accepting Research Drive.

The process of Research Drive becoming a public City street requires the State to initiate a request to deed Research Drive to the City and then for the City Council to accept it.

DPW-Engineering Division will contact the State requesting that they initiate this process. Upon receipt of this request and upon acceptance of Research Drive by the City, it would then be appropriate to schedule roadway improvements.