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Hello Barbara.

My wife just brought to my attention that the city had a planned meeting on the thirteenth of March regarding changes to the city code section 14-403 on paper streets in the city of Portland. I am pleased to know that the meeting had been postponed do to inclement weather , as I would have missed it. As you know I have been working with the city on making the improvements to Hingham street , I am hoping the timing of this meeting will only have a positive effect on what I have been trying to accomplish on Hingham street. As you know we had a meeting at city hall with your self John Jennings David Brenerman myself and others. I had requested the meeting because of a paragraph in the city code that allows a resident of the city of Portland with a lot of record and being part of a subdivision recorded in the registry deeds , the allows them to petition the city to bare part of the cost of bringing the road up to the standards of the city of Portland. Although the meeting did not resolve the issue of who should bare the expense of these roads I moved forward on my own to make the improvements at my expense. At this point I have invested over nine thousand dollars of my own money in engineering cost and application fees and I am still waiting for the review process to be complete. In closing I would like to say that the city has a enormous untapped revenue of property tax resources by not working with city residents to improve these streets. If the city of Portland wants to be know as progressive pioneer in moving into the twenty first century it is time to be more aggressive in allowing the development of this untapped revenue stream. I do not think it is unreasonable for the city to take on some of the cost burden of these projects. I am strongly against any changes to 14-403 that would have a negative impact on future development of these valuable pieces of property.

Respectfully ,

John McGovern

Sent from my iPad