

**PETITION FOR WAIVER OF SIDEWALK
REQUIREMENT**

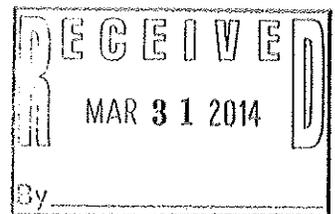
ALVIN L. LOTHBRIDGE, Owner of Penmaric Road, AUGUSTA, MAINE is interested in turning Penmaric Road over to the City of Augusta as a dedicated public street. City Engineer has advised that there is a requirement to install a sidewalk along one side of the road before the City will accept ownership, unless that requirement is waived by the Planning Board. Per the City of Augusta design Standards Handbook, as amended Feb. 13,2007, Chapter 1, Section 1.3,the undersigned hereby present this petition to the City of Augusta Planning Board asking for a waiver from the requirement to erect paved sidewalks adjacent to Penmaric Road.

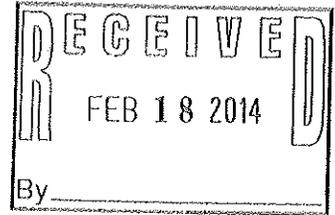
ALVIN L. LOTHBRIDGE
78 BOLTON HILL ROAD
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330

Alvin Lothridge

DATED:

3/29/14





COVER LETTER

Richard Mason
10 Penmaric Road
Augusta, ME 04330

February 18, 2014

City of Augusta
Attention: Planning Board
16 Cony street
Augusta, ME 04330

Regarding: Petition for Waiver

TO THE BOARD:

On behalf of the residents and owners on the private road known as Penmaric Road and in the capacity of President of our Road Association, I am submitting the attached petition for your consideration. We are grateful for the process and for the time the Board will spend on this review.

We can provide a representative to attend your deliberation if that is required. Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding any clarification that you may need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Mason".

Richard Mason
(207) 622-5813
email: ramasonj@yahoo.com

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Residents and Owners along Pennmaric Road

Richard Mason
10 Pennmaric Road, Augusta, ME 04330
Betty MASON

Richard A Mason
Betty M Mason

Jennifer Bridgham
20 Pennmaric Road, Augusta ME, 04330

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Julius Dinkel
22 Pennmaric Road, Augusta ME, 04330
Jaime Dinkel

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Ernest Thurston
14 Pennmaric Road, Augusta ME, 04330

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Patricia Lothridge
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Delores Tambascia
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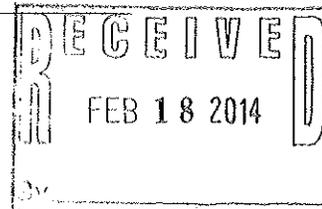
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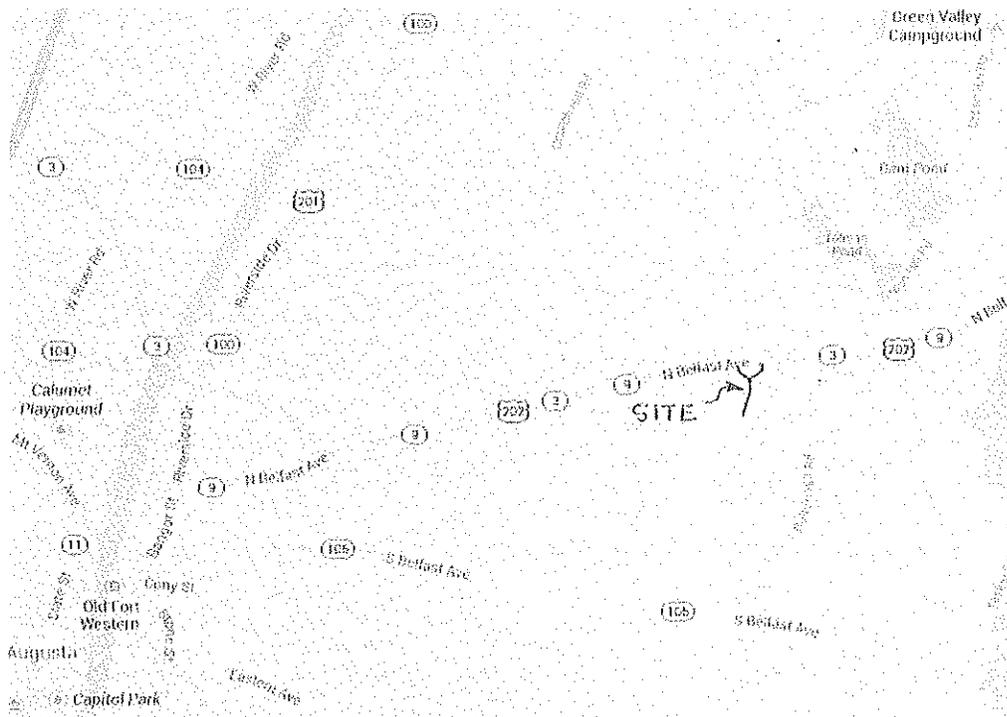
William Goodhue
45 Bolton Hill Road, Augusta ME, 04330

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PENNMARIC ROAD: A Rural Lane that Does Not Need a Sidewalk

Penanmaric Road is a private way in Augusta, Maine adjacent to the public street running along Lambert Avenue, and is approximately six miles north and east of the City Center.



SITE LOCATION

It is the principal street for 12 residential lots comprising seven current residences, and it is approximately 1000 feet long terminating in a circular cul-de-sac at the southern end of its north-south alignment. There are no hills, valleys or curves to obstruct the sight line from one end of the road to the other. The road is currently served by Augusta's winter snow maintenance, rubbish pick-up, and by the US Mail Service. There are no public school bus stops on the street.

The current roadway is a 32-foot wide asphalt mat, compared to the 20-foot Rural Lane standard or the 26-foot Rural Street standard. It lies within a fifty-foot road right-of-way paralleled by a 5-foot snow and utility easement on both sides adjacent. There are no curbs nor sidewalks. The average lot frontage is 125 feet, although some residences occupy multiple adjacent lots.

Residents on the street as well as residents from Lambert Ave. use Penanmaric Road for walking purposes because of the light traffic, lack of through traffic and the low speeds

generated by the 'locals' as they drive to and from their homes. The wider-than-average paving width provides an ample and safe corridor that separates the pedestrians from the vehicle traffic well.



AERIAL VIEW OF PENNMARIC ROAD

During winter months, the lack of curbing and sidewalks makes it easier to plow and allows for a wider plow path to distribute the cleared snow as far from the centerline as the brush and trees will allow. On the adjacent Lambert Ave., the snow is plowed onto the asphalt sidewalks making the use of them impractical. Consequently, pedestrians on Lambert Ave. must walk within the footprint of the vehicular travel lanes during the winter. They continue to do so during the rest of the year (just as they do on Penmaric Road but with less 'space' separating them from the light vehicular traffic on this small public street).

Penmaric Road has good positive drainage from both ends of the dead-end street toward a central surface grate that collects the runoff and discharges it into a drainage channel. Additionally, there are perforated drains that intercept subsurface water and direct them to the same drainage channel. There have not been any flooding or drainage issues as a result of the lack of curbing.

Within an area bounded by Church Hill Road on the west, Route 3 on the north, Bolton Hill Road on the east, and Route 105 on the south, there are approximately 7 ½ miles of public roads, including Lambert Ave. It is the only street with an attached sidewalk and that sidewalk only runs along 2/3 of the full length of the road.

The case for not needing a sidewalk along Pennmaric Road is as follows:

- Public safety for pedestrians is already provided due to the wider width, good sight distances and very light non-through vehicular traffic operating at slow speeds
- Public safety for pedestrians is better served on Pennmaric during the winter than it is on the adjacent Lambert Ave. which has a portion of its length occupied by sidewalks obstructed by snow from necessary road operations
- Public maintenance is easier without the curbing and grade separation of a sidewalk, and travel lanes are wider between the snow banks without the obstruction of the sidewalk
- Sidewalks are found only on about 2/3 of Lambert Avenue's length, and within a 5-square mile area this represent just 3% of the roadway lengths making sidewalks the exception rather than the norm
- There are no drainage issues that a sidewalk and curbing might improve
- The local residents do not want or need a sidewalk