

# Memo

**To:** Michael McGovern, Town Manager  
**From:** Chief Neil R. Williams  
**Cc:** Matthew Sturgis, Assessor  
**Date:** January 11, 2011  
**Re:** **South Street**

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Dear Mike,

On January 3, 2011, I received an email from Craig Cooper, a partner in the Cottage Brook Development, concerning a possible safety issue with the existing pattern South Street was laid out. Currently, South Street is divided by boulders into a private section and a public section of roadway. The public section of South Street leads into the Cottage Brook Development.

Along with Mr. Cooper's email was a second email from a resident, John Powers of 12 South Street. Mr. Powers wrote that he has experienced problems with receiving deliveries on the public end of South Street because GPS systems and delivery companies only recognize the private section of South Street and therefore, packages do not get delivered.

However, the real issue that concerns Mr. Powers is one where should emergency services be needed for his family or future neighbors there may be a time delay should emergency responders arrive on the private side of the road and not the public side of South Street where the emergency call originated.

A visit was made to South Street by me and Town Assessor Matthew Sturgis on January 4, 2011. It became apparent rather quickly that unless the private section of South Street was brought up to standard and accepted by the Town as a public road, a name change was going to be the only solution.

On January 6, 2011, I contacted Philip Nedwell of 5 South Street, who lives on the private section of South Street. I asked Mr. Nedwell his thoughts on if anyone on his end of the road or the neighbors collectively were going to front the cost to bring the road up to standard and then have it accepted by the Town in the near future? Mr. Nedwell did not believe the interest was there at this time.

On January 7, 2011, I contacted Craig Cooper and ask him if the Cottage Brook Development had any plans to move forward and bring the private section of South Street up to standard and have the Town accept it? Mr. Cooper stated he spoke for the Cottage Brook Development partners and there was no interest to move forward on the private end of South Street.

In discussions with Town Manager Michael McGovern, he did not see the Town moving forward on upgrading the private section of South Street to a public road at this time.

Therefore, in order to correct the issues raised by resident John Powers and Craig Cooper (Cottage Brook Development); the public end of South Street will have to under go a name change.

As is customary we ask the Developer to submit a name change for the roadway. In this case Craig Cooper of Cottage Brook Development submitted the name Aster Lane, which was checked by Matthew Sturgis to make sure that it was not in conflict with existing road names. The name Aster Lane was not in conflict.

Therefore, both myself and Matthew Sturgis recommend that the public section of South Street have a name change submitted to the Town Council for their approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neil R. Williams".

Neil R. Williams

Chief of Police