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To: Hon. Paul M. Rodrigues, President
Town Council members

From: Paul A. Croce, Chairman
Planning Board

Date: January 19, 2023

Re: Request of the Town Council for review and recommendation on a request of Paul Thibeault, 34 Namquid Drive, Plat 105, Lot 175, for abandonment of a portion of Northam Lane, an unimproved right-of-way.

During its January 11, 2023 meeting the Planning Board considered the above referenced request and voted unanimously to forward a positive recommendation to the Town Council. Consistent with the recommendation of the Middletown Roads & Utilities Advisory Committee, the Planning Board recommends abandonment of the entire right-of-way in the area that abuts the rear of Mr. Thibeault's property and extending to the east. It is recommended that the right-of-way to the west of Mr. Thibeault's property be retained as this area contains a sewer line and possibly other utilities.

The Board noted that the portion of right-of-way recommended for abandonment does not currently provide access to any of the abutting properties, which have access from other public streets. There appears to be limited value to the town in maintaining the area as a paper street. The petition was reviewed with the Town Engineer and DPW Director who indicated that they are not aware of any public utilities located within the subject area.

This recommendation is subject to confirmation that Northam Lane is a public right-of-way and under the Town's jurisdiction. Please contact me with any questions regarding this recommendation.

Paul A. Croce, Chairman
Middletown Planning Board