ARTICLE 12. Acquisition of Easements – Pomeroy Lane and West Street Intersection

This Article will authorize the Select Board to acquire easements for the Pomeroy Intersection Improvement Project. This Project has been in development since before 2000, with the latest design coming from outreach by the Town’s Design Review Board to local residents and businesses. The current project will add bike lanes, traffic calming, new sidewalks and upgrade the intersection to accommodate a pedestrian walk cycle. The current project estimate is $ 2+ million. This project has been submitted to the state for funding under the Mass Works grant program and the Town should receive notification in December or January.

The Town will proceed with taking these easements regardless of the grant outcome. This has been a long awaited project for this area and at a minimum intersection work could begin if the grant is not received.

This article does not appropriate funds for the land takings due to the small size of the easements (100-430 square feet). If funds are required, another article will be brought forward at the Annual Town Meeting for an appropriation.

A map of the takings for this project is on the back of this page.