

KCRC Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024

Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Olson, Bracco & Karvonen

Absent: None

Staff Present: Jesse Patrick, Greg Kingstrom, Chris Cronenworth

Guests: Sign-in sheet was provided and is attached to these minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Olson and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Karvonen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Bracco supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The regular meeting minutes of December 12th and Special Meeting minutes of December 19th were reviewed and approved by a motion of Commissioner Bracco and supported by Commissioner Karvonen. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Voucher #28297 and #28298, and Master Vouchers #01-2024 and #02-2024 in the total amount of \$248,241.52 were audited by the Commissioners. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to pay the bills as presented. Supported by Commissioner Bracco. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Financial Statement was presented by Jesse Patrick, Finance Director.

Opportunity for Public Comment was given. Comments were received as follows:

Dan Steck, resident of Eagle River: Stated that the Fitz addition violated the zoning ordinance from the start and was reported to zoning administrator. He encouraged that the petition be denied and that a solution be found in the best interest of the public and all parties. He requested a thorough discussion by the Board, during the review of the agenda item.

Mark Ahlborn, resident of Grant Township, who lives in Bete Gris: Thanked the Road Commission Board, staff and contractors that did the work on Bete Gris Road in the summer of 2023. He was very pleased with the new road. He also stated that he was Chairman of the Keweenaw County Zoning Board of Appeals, and wanted to request that any ROW abandonment consideration by the Road Commission be sufficient enough to not require a variance from the Keweenaw County Zoning.

E-mails were received by the following and were requested to be included in the meeting minutes (attached): Jeff Ratcliffe (KEDA), Brad Barnett (Visit Keweenaw), Penny

Milkey (Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce), Mike & James LaMotte, and the Fitzgerald's Employees.

Ryan Plecha, PLLC for Eagle Inns, Inc, provided a spreadsheet summary of public comments received at the May 2023 KCRC Board meeting and requested that they be included in the public record (attached).

Unfinished Business:

Fitzgerald's Restaurant/LaMotte ROW Abandonment Petition: A motion was made by Commissioner Karvonen to decline the petition to request abandonment of a portion of Front Street in Eagle River. Motion was supported by Commissioner Bracco. Ayes: 1, Nays: 2. Motion failed.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Bracco to accept, with said conditions, the petition to request abandonment of a portion of Front Street in Eagle River. Motion was supported by Commissioner Karvonen. Ayes: 2, Nays: 1. Motion carried. Resolution is included with these minutes.

New Business:

Act 51 Certification maps for road mileage for year ending December 31, 2023 were discussed by the Board. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to authorize Greg Kingstrom, Engineer/Manager or Chairman Olson to sign the certification documents, when completed, for submission to State. Commissioner Bracco supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bracco motioned to adopt the Resolution authorizing the transfer of up to 30% of the Primary Fund to the Local Fund in accordance with section 12 (9) of Act 51, P.A. of 1951, as amended. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried. Resolution is included with the minutes.

The Forest Road Projects were discussed by the Board. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to approve the Gratiot Lake Road, Gay-Lac La Belle Road, Bete Gris Road, Brockway Mountain Drive and Cliff Drive as Forest Road Projects for 2024. Commissioner Bracco supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bracco motioned to approve the federal mileage reimbursement rate for travel at 67 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2024. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Other

The Engineer/Manager provided a verbal report of current items of general business, operations, proposed 2024 projects and equipment bids pending. Other items of routine business were discussed.

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Opportunity for public comment was offered. Mike LaMotte thanked the Board for its time and consideration regarding Fitzgerald restaurant.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. by motion of Commissioner Karvonen and supported by Commissioner Bracco. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.



Richard Olson, Chairman



Greg Kingstrom, P.E., Engineer/Manager

- ATTENDANCE SHEET: (OPTIONAL) FOR KCRC REGULAR BOARD MEETING -

JANUARY 9, 2024

1. Mike LaMotte

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3. Jay Stone

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6. Dan Steh

7. MARK AHLBORN

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Greg Kingstrom

PUBLIC COMMENT

From: Jeff Ratcliffe <jeff@kedabiz.com>
ent: Thursday, December 28, 2023 4:14 PM
To: Greg Kingstrom
Cc: Mike LaMotte
Subject: Letter in Support of Petition to Abandon a Portion of the Front Street ROW in Eagle Harbor
Attachments: Fitzgeralds KEDA Support Ltr.pdf

Mr. Kingstrom:

Please accept the attached letter of support to be included as part of the public comments received for the upcoming hearing on the Petition to Abandon a Portion of Front Street Right-of-Way in Eagle Harbor.

Sincerely,

Jeff Ratcliffe
Executive Director
Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance
P.O. Box 724
Houghton, MI 49931
906-482-6817 office
989-350-1206 cell



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VISIT KEWEENAW
56638 Calumet Avenue
Calumet, MI 49913
906.337.4579
info@visitkeweenaw.com

JANUARY 5, 2024

Greg R. Kingstrom, P.E., Engineer/Manager
Keweenaw County Road Commission
1916 4th Street
Mohawk, MI 49950

RE: Letter in Support of the Petition to Abandon a Portion of the Front Street Right-of-Way

Dear Mr. Kingstrom,

Please find this letter in support of the Petition to Abandon a Portion of the Front Street Right related to Fitzgerald's smoker enclosure on behalf of Visit Keweenaw. Visit Keweenaw is a membership based non-profit organization that promotes Houghton and Keweenaw Counties as a tourism destination and sustainable tourism. For full disclosure, Mike LaMotte is one of nine (9) volunteer directors of Visit Keweenaw, but his role as a director has not impacted the decision for Visit Keweenaw to provide this letter.

As the Executive Director of Visit Keweenaw, I am writing in support of the petition to abandon a portion of the Front Street Right-of-Way as was presented and discussed at the Public Hearing on December 12, 2023. That being said, the purpose of the letter is not to give my opinion on the history of this specific issue, but to provide Visit Keweenaw's support in favor of the Keweenaw County Road Commission granting the petition.

Fitzgerald's Restaurant & Hotel is a significant attraction and critical community business to the Keweenaw County area. The business is consistently recognized as one of the top restaurants in the Upper Peninsula and is a beloved staple in the local community. In 2018 it was recognized by Thrillist, a major food and entertainment website, as Michigan's best small-town bar. And it is regularly recognized by Lake Superior Magazine as a top dining establishment in the region.

It is no secret the tourism industry plays a significant role in Keweenaw County's economy with visitors spending an estimated \$23.2 million and directly supporting 184 jobs in 2022 according to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Fitzgerald's is an important contributor to this industry.

Visit Keweenaw respectfully requests that the Keweenaw County Road Commission Board vote in favor of granting the Petition to abandon a portion of the Front Street Right-of-Way.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss Visit Keweenaw's support in more detail.

Sincerely,

Brad Barnett

Brad Barnett, Executive Director
Visit Keweenaw

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KEWEENAW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE
Leading Economic Development in the Keweenaw

December 28, 2023

Gregg Kingstrom, P.E., Engineer-Manager
Keweenaw County Road Commission
1916 Fourth Street, P.O. Box 379
Mohawk, MI 49950

RE: Letter in Support of Petition to Abandon a Portion of the Front Street Road Right-of-Way (ROW) in Eagle River, Michigan

Dear Mr. Kingstrom:

On behalf of the Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance, the non-profit local economic development organization serving both Keweenaw and Houghton Counties, I am writing in support of a petition to abandon a 20' x 180' portion of the Front Street ROW adjacent to Lots 5, 6, & 7, Block 1 of the plat of the "Town of Eagle River" in furtherance of resolving an unintentional encroachment of the County Road ROW by a permitted structure.

I am familiar with the situation that unfolded and have read both Mr. LaMotte's attorney's views and the Keweenaw County Road Commission's legal opinion on the matter. While it is unfortunate that the encroachment was not caught during the permitting process, the fact remains that it was permitted and allowed to be constructed. I also understand that the Road Commission had this encroachment issue thrust upon it at the 11th hour of the structure's construction, that the Road Commission has jurisdiction over Front Street and the ROW, but most importantly that the Road Commission has the authority to grant relief to Fitzgerald's in the form of the granting the Petition. Granting the Petition will not end the encroachment dispute, but it will give Fitzgerald's the chance to take additional steps to hopefully reach an acceptable resolution.

Fitzgerald's Hotel & Restaurant is an important business and amenity in and for our region. The ROW in question is not on a primary road. The reduction in ROW does not appear to change the operation of Front Street from how it has historically and currently functions. While some might claim the proposed abandonment of the ROW will set a precedent, I would argue that Keweenaw County is now acutely aware of the need to improve its zoning permit review process to avoid such a situation in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 906-482-6817.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Ratcliffe", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Jeff Ratcliffe
Executive Director



Keweenaw

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AT THE CENTER OF OUR COMMUNITY

January 5, 2024

Greg R. Kingstrom, P.E., Engineer/Manager
Keweenaw County Road Commission
1916 Fourth Street, P.O. Box 379
Mohawk, MI 49950

RE: Letter in Support of the Petition to Abandon a Portion of the Front Street Right-of-Way

Dear Mr. Kingstrom:

Please find this letter in support of the Petition to Abandon a Portion of the Front Street Right-of-Way related to the Fitzgerald's smoker enclosure on behalf of The Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

I am writing in support of the petition to abandon a portion of the Front Street Right-of-Way as was presented and discussed at the Public Hearing on December 12, 2023. I am familiar with the abandonment petition, minutes from the May 2023 Road commission meeting, along with other information regarding the current encroachment of the Fitzgerald's addition and the events leading to the stop work order. That being said, the purpose of the letter is not to give my opinion on the history of the unfortunate situation, but to provide the support on behalf of the Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce; is in favor of the Keweenaw County Road Commission granting the petition.

The Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce mission is to support, coordinate, maintain and strengthen the efforts of healthy business climates in the Keweenaw Peninsula, and building communities to which residents, visitors and investors are attracted. To provide creative, effective coordination business of leadership, involving all interested parties involving community problems and initiating constructive community action. Promoting our area communities, striving to ensure future prosperity via a pro-business climate; representing the unified voice of the business community. The Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce strives to improve the community and economic vitality of the Keweenaw Peninsula.

The Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests that the Keweenaw County Road Commission Board vote in favor of granting the Petition to Abandon a portion of the Front Street Right-of-Way.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss the Chambers support in more detail.

All the best,

Penny Milkey
Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce President

Greg Kingstrom

From: Mike LaMotte <mike@fitzgeralds-mi.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 2:03 PM
To: Greg Kingstrom
Subject: Letters for Tonight's Meeting
Attachments: January 8, 2023.pdf

Hi Greg,

I wanted to send these over before the meeting. They don't need to be read aloud, we just wanted them to be in the record. Thanks!

January 8, 2023

Keweenaw County Road Commission
Attn: Greg R. Kingstrom, P.E., Engineer/Manager
kingstrom@keweenawroads.com

RE: *Petitioner's Support of Petition to Abandon a Portion of the Front Street Right-of-Way*

Dear Mr. Board Members:



Petitioner provides this letter of support related to its Petition to Abandon a Portion of the Front Street Right related to Fitzgerald's smoker enclosure/addition. When we decided to construct and addition to the Fitz to enclose the smoker and to provide additional infrastructure for the restaurant operations, we could have never fathomed what has transpired during the project. It has been 599 days since we received our Zoning Permit on the project and 514 days since the stop work order was posted on the project.

The stop work order itself was a shock to us considering the level of completion of the project when it was posted on August 11, 2022. However, we do not intend to rehash all of the events and circumstances related to the project, as we have done that previously at prior meetings and through our respective attorneys.

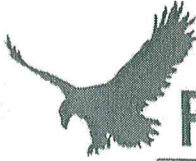
This communication simply and respectfully requests that the Keweenaw County Road Commission Board grant the Petition submitted. We understand that this issue was thrust upon the Board and that it has been lingering on the Board's agenda for quite some time. Granting the Petition will allow us to take additional steps outlined in our resolution in progress to bring finality to the issue and granting the petition will remove this issue from the Board's docket. We are ready to implement all suggestions set forth in the Clear Zone Evaluation, including the installation of no parking signs on the building as previously agreed.

We believe that the Board's granting of the Petition will be a momentous event towards this matter being resolved for good and with the least amount of acrimony possible.

RESPECTFULLY,

<p>James LaMotte</p>  <p>Landowner and Shareholder Eagle Inns, Inc.</p>	<p>Mike LaMotte</p>  <p>Shareholder and Authorized Representative of Eagle Inns, Inc.</p>
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EAGLE INNS, INC



FITZGERALD'S

SINCE HOTEL & RESTAURANT 1980

EAGLE RIVER, MI

info@fitzgeralds-mi.com

January 6, 2024

5033 Front Street
Eagle River, MI
49950

Dear Keweenaw Road Commissioners,

The undersigned employees of the Fitz are writing to you in support of granting the right of way abandonment on Front Street for the smoker enclosure. That space will allow for a better and safer work environment, especially during the winter months. It will also give everyone more space to work during the busy times, and result in faster and more efficient service. Ultimately, allowing the smoker enclosure will help the Fitz continue to serve the community and provide an even better place to work.

Sincerely yours,

The staff of Fitzgerald's

[Handwritten signatures]
Michael J. Kestel
Ame Brattle
Joe Crampton
Herbick Webb
J. M. 22
Jay Beynon
G. V.
C. W. W.
Chris Bull
Jessa King
Ciri L. J.
Mae Anlock
Darlene Jordan
Kaitlin Schro
Amy Pastor
Brandon Millmeyer
Darian Williams

Analysis of Letters Provided to Keweenaw County Road Commission May 2023 Meeting

Name	County (Resident, Property Owner, Business or Employed)*	Support or Oppose	Total Letters	Total Opposed	Total Support	Keweenaw County (Resident, Land Owner, Business, or Employed in) Support
Daniel Steck	Keweenaw County	Oppose	65	2 letters (3%)	63 letters (97%)	29 letters (44% of total letters)
Kathy McEvers	Keweenaw County	Oppose				
Mark Fritsche		Support				
Jason Rajala	Keweenaw, currently in military	Support				
Patricia Wilke		Support				
Justin Drzewicki		Support				
Liz Ross						
Mackenzie Klein	Hancock, MI - Keweenaw	Support				
Laura MacDonald	Keweenaw County	Support				
Kyle Loveland	Marquette County	Support				
Abby Fenton	Keweenaw County	Support				
Justin Planasch		Support				
Brent Powers	Minneapolis	Support				
Ruth Gill	Hancock, MI - Keweenaw County	Support				
Amy Eggeston	Family Vacation Destination	Support				
Jeff Roof	Family Vacation Destination	Support				
Amanda Davies	Family Vacation Destination	Support				
Ashley Byykhonen	Vacation Destination	Support				
Chad Fleming	Tourist	Support				
Steven King	Recent & Frequent Tourist	Support				
Hannah DeVecht	Keweenaw County	Support				
Elizabeth Scott	Houghton County	Support				
Tony Phillips	Tourist	Support				

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Kirsten Simoni	Mowawk, MI - Keweenaw	Support				
Scott Wanhala		Support				
Adam Griffis	Houghton County	Support				
Michelle Lehman	Eagle Harbor - Keweenaw County	Support				
Douglas Craig	Vacation Destination	Support				
Faye McMahon	Houghton Township, Keweenaw County	Support				
Mike Behm	Tourist	Support				
Mark Nesbitt	Family Vacation Destination	Support				
Carolyn Roberts	Houghton Native	Support				
Pete Feinton	Hancock, MI - Business - Keweenaw County	Support				
David Larson	Family Vacation Destination, Keweenaw County	Support				
Karen Blanco	Baraga County	Support				
John Erickson		Support				
KV (?)	Keweenaw County	Support				
KS (?)	Keweenaw County	Support				
Shane & Lynette Clontz	Family Vacation Destination, Keweenaw County	Support				
Jeff Russell	Grand Traverse County MI	Support				
Rick Elsner		Support				
Julie & Jim Fenton		Support				
Geri & Rick Mason	Keweenaw County	Support				
Barbara & Neil Parika	Family Vacation Destination, Keweenaw County	Support				
Tonia Erickson		Support				
Carl Craven	Property Owner - Keweenaw county	Support				
David Simoni	Property Owner - Keweenaw county	Support				

John Colasanti	Property Owner - Keweenaw County	Support				
Gary & Karen Rozumalski	Property Owner - Keweenaw county	Support				
Cynthia Seife	Eagle Harbor - Keweenaw County	Support				
Jake Manchester	Family Camp in Eagle River - Keweenaw	Support				
Eagle Harbor General Store	Keweenaw County Business	Support				
Gary Bays	Eagle River, Keweenaw County	Support				
Andrew Whitman	Keweenaw County	Support				
Kerrie Richert	Eagle Harbor, Keweenaw County	Support				
Melissa Schneiderhan	Employed in Keweenaw County	Support				
Jeremy P. Bos	Keweenaw County	Support				
Jenny Hagerty	Copper Harbor - Keweenaw County	Support				
Staci Gibson	Copper Harbor - Keweenaw County	Support				
Ann O'Rourke & Kevin Tita	Eagle Harbor - Keweenaw County	Support				
Margaret Boissevain	Business in Keweenaw County	Support				
Jill Passanisi		Support				
Katlyn Lafrinere		Support				
Vic and Mary Foerster	Family Vacation Destination, Keweenaw County	Support				
Randall Freisigner	Keweenaw county	Support				
* Some letters did not include address or other information related to residence or property ownership.						

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

RESOLUTION
FAILED TO
PASS 2-1 VOTE
NAY

RESOLUTION DENYING PETITION TO ABANDON PART OF FRONT STREET
LOCATED IN EAGLE RIVER, KEWEENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

At a meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Keweenaw County, Michigan, held in said County on January 9th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: OLSON, KARVONEN, BRACCO

ABSENT: 0

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Keweenaw (the "Road Commission") received an abandonment petition ("Petition"), which is attached as **Exhibit 1**, signed by seven freeholders of Houghton Township, seeking the absolute abandonment and discontinuance of part of Front Street specifically described below and depicted in **Exhibit 1** ("Front Steet"), which is located in Eagle River, Keweenaw County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, public road abandonment and discontinuance petitions are governed by MCL 224.18, which is part of Public Act 283 of 1909, commonly referred to as the General Highway Law; and

WHEREAS, in instances where the petition is not signed by all adjacent owners and occupants of land abutting the road, the Commission is authorized by MCL 224.18(5) to abandon a road or portion of a road after a public hearing held pursuant to written notice issued at the times prescribed in the statute to all adjacent owners and occupants of land and the township.

WHEREAS, the Petition contains the signatures of seven freeholders of Houghton Township but does not contain the signatures of all of the owners of record and occupants of land abutting the parts of the road to be abandoned same; and

WHEREAS, the Manager employed by the Board has proceeded to view the premises described in the petition and notice, and has advised the Board as to the advisability of absolutely abandoning and discontinuing the parts of road pursuant to the Petition, as required by MCL 224.18(7);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Keweenaw as follows:

1. The Board determines that abandoning and discontinuing described segment of Front Street is not advisable, nor is it in the best interests of the public.

YEAS: KARVONEN

NAYS: BRACCO, OLSON

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION



Dated: 1-9-24

By: Richard Olson
Its: Board Chairman

I, the undersigned, being duly qualified Clerk of the Board of the Keweenaw County Road Commission do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Keweenaw County Road Commission at a regular meeting held on January 9th, 2024.



Jesse Patrick
Keweenaw County Road Commission

RESOLUTION
PASSED 2-1 VOTE

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

RESOLUTION TO ABANDON A PORTION OF FRONT STREET LOCATED IN HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP, KEWEENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

At a meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Keweenaw County, Michigan, held in said County on January 9th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: OLSON, KARVONEN, BRACCO

ABSENT: -0-

WHEREAS, the Keweenaw County Road Commission (the "Commission") received an abandonment petition ("Petition"), which is attached as **Exhibit 1**, signed by at least seven freeholders of Houghton Township, seeking the absolute abandonment and discontinuance of a portion of Front Street specifically described below and depicted in **Exhibit 1** (the "Road"), which is located in Houghton Township, Keweenaw County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, public road abandonment and discontinuance petitions are governed by MCL 224.18, which is part of Public Act 283 of 1909, commonly referred to as the General Highway Law; and

WHEREAS, in instances where the petition is not signed by all adjacent owners and occupants of land abutting the road, the Commission is authorized by MCL 224.18(5) to abandon a road or portion of a road after a public hearing held pursuant to written notice issued at the times prescribed in the statute to all adjacent owners and occupants of land and the township; and

WHEREAS, the Petition contains the signatures of at least seven freeholders of Houghton Township but does not contain the signatures of all of the owners of record and occupants of land abutting the parts of road to be abandoned; and

WHEREAS, the Manager employed by the Board has proceeded to view the premises described in the petition and notice, and has advised the Board as to the advisability of absolutely abandoning and discontinuing the parts of road pursuant to the Petition, as required by MCL 224.18(7); and

WHEREAS, the Manager employed by the Board has advised the Board that any determination to abandon and discontinue the parts of the road shall be conditioned upon the completion of the following items:

1. Improvements to Front Street. The cost of any improvements to the affected segment of Front Street that are needed to facilitate reasonably safe transportation are to be at the sole expense of Eagle Inns, Inc, including, but not limited to, necessary pavement markings,

signage and posting and maintenance of a "No Parking" area immediately south and east of the addition.

2. Action to Amend the Plat of Eagle River. The Petitioner must petition the Circuit Court of Keweenaw County to amend the Plat of Eagle River according to MCL 560.221, *et seq.* to extinguish the rights of the platted lot owners to ingress and egress across the abandoned portion of Front Street, which the Road Commission will not oppose.
3. Apply for and Obtain a Zoning Variance. The Petitioner must apply for and obtain a zoning variance to resolve the current violation of the setback requirements.
4. Township waiver. Houghton Township must disclaim any interest in the abandoned property.
5. Assumption of the Road Commission's Costs and Attorney's Fees. The Petitioner shall be responsible for the Road Commission's actual costs and attorney's fees incurred as a result of the Petition and the agreed upon work completed in connection therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Keweenaw as follows:

1. The Board determines that once all of the above conditions are satisfied as determined by the Board, abandoning and discontinuing the described segment of Front Street is advisable and in the best interest of the public.
2. Once all of the above conditions are satisfied as determined by the Board, the segment of Front Street described below and depicted in **Exhibit 1** is hereby absolutely abandoned and discontinued, with any existing utility easements being preserved:
 - a. Part of the North 20 feet of the Front Street right-of-way, directly adjacent to Lots 5, 6, and 7, Block 1 of the plat of the "Town of Eagle River", recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, at the Keweenaw County Register of Deeds office proposed to be abandoned/vacated more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a found ½ inch pin at the Southeast Corner of Lot 4, Block 8 of said plat of the "Town of Eagle River"; then North 26°54'35" West 311.54 feet along the Easterly right-of-way line of East Main Street to the North right-of-way line of Front Street (60 foot wide right-of-way); then North 47°39'36" East 234.79 feet along said North right-of-way line of Front Street and South line of Block 1 to the Point of Beginning; then continuing North 47°39'36" East 180.00 feet along said North right-of-way line of Front Street and South line of Block 1 to the Southeast Corner of Lot 7, Block 1; then South 42°20'24" East at a right angle to said North right-of-way line of Front Street 20.00 feet; then South 47°39'36" West parallel to said North right-of-way line of Front Street 180.00 feet; then North 42°20'24" West at a right angle to said North right-of-way line of Front Street 20.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. ("Vacated ROW").

3. Once all of the above conditions are satisfied as determined by the Board, a copy of this Resolution with the Exhibit shall be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Keweenaw County.
4. The full record and return of these proceedings shall be filed with the state transportation commission within 30 days after the Resolution and Exhibit are recorded as described in Paragraph 3.
5. Should any of the above conditions not be satisfied as determined by the Board, this Resolution shall be null and void and the described segment of Front Street shall remain a public right-of-way under the control and jurisdiction of the Board.

YEAS: BRACCO, OLSON

NAYS: KARVONEN

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION



Dated: 1-9-24

By: Richard Olson
Its: Board Chairman

I, the undersigned, being duly qualified Clerk of the Board of the Keweenaw County Road Commission do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Keweenaw County Road Commission at a regular meeting held on January 9th, 2024.



Jesse Patrick
Keweenaw County Road Commission

KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, Section 12 (9) of Act 51 P.A. of 1951 allows for the transfer of up to 30% of the Primary Fund to the Local Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners of Keweenaw County authorizes its financial officer to make such transfer of funds if deemed necessary for the for the fiscal year 2024.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Road Commissioners for the County of Keweenaw, Michigan at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting held on January 9, 2024, and that this meeting was conducted and public notice of this meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of this meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by this Act.

I further certify that the following Commissioners were present at this meeting:

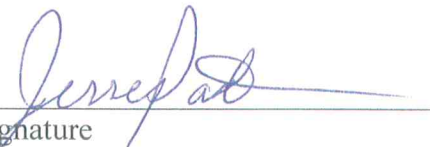
Rick Olson, Chairman
John Karvonen, Vice-Chairman
Gary Bracco, Member

I further certify that the foregoing resolution was moved by Bracco and seconded by Karvonen.

I further certify that the following Members voted as such for the foregoing resolution:

Olson: x Aye Nay
Karvonen x Aye Nay
Bracco: x Aye Nay

I, Jesse Patrick, Clerk of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Keweenaw, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the above resolution was passed by vote of said Board on the 9th day of January, 2024.


Signature