

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(ROAD HEARING - GROVELAND AVE)
December 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Mayor called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Thomas.

A moment of silence was observed.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Goonan, Long, Fajardo, T. Sapienza, O'Neil, Levasseur, Terrio,
E. Sapienza, Burkush, Barry, Vincent, Thomas

Absent: Aldermen Morgan, Kantor

Mayor Ruais advised that the purpose of the road hearing is to hear those wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the proposed street discontinuance petition, followed by viewing the area petitioned and a determination of the action to be taken on such petitions. The Public Works Director will be requested to make a presentation, following which, those wishing to speak in favor will be heard, followed by those wishing to speak in opposition. Anyone wishing to speak must first step to the nearest microphone when recognized and state his/her name and address in a clear, loud voice for the record. Each person will be given only one opportunity to speak, comments are to be limited to three minutes and any questions must be directed to the Chair.

1. Petition to discontinue a portion of Groveland Avenue.

Tim Clougherty, Director of Public Works: The portion of Groveland Avenue that we are talking about was originally laid out as a 40' wide public highway by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester on July 17, 1950. The layout is recorded in Highway, Streets, and Bridges book 12, page 45 on file in the City Clerk's Office. In 1997, the City of Manchester reconstructed Groveland Ave, which altered the location of

the road. This shifted the road to the west of the original location of Groveland Ave. That is the subject of this discontinuance. The petitioned portion of Groveland Ave no longer functions as a highway. The remaining right-of-way will maintain the original 40' width. There are no public utilities in the area to be discontinued, and the Department of Public Works does not oppose the discontinuance petition.

Mayor Ruais asked for those wishing to speak in favor of the petition.

There were none.

Mayor Ruais asked for those wishing to speak in opposition of the petition.

There were none.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman E. Sapienza**, it was voted to recess the hearing in order to proceed to view the area identified in the petition.*

Mayor Ruais called the meeting back to order at the site of the petition.

Director Clougherty demonstrated the petitioned area to the Board using wooden stakes at the site.

Alderman Terrio: How much are we selling this for?

T. Clougherty: A discontinuance does not require any sale of property. There is no cost.

*On motion of **Alderman Barry**, duly seconded by **Alderman Vincent**, it was voted to approve the petition as presented.*

*This being a special meeting of the Board, no further business can be presented and on motion of **Alderman Barry**, duly seconded by **Alderman Vincent**, it was voted to adjourn, with **Alderman E. Sapienza** being duly recorded in opposition.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

City Clerk

Meeting Start Time: 6:00PM
Meeting End Time: 6:30PM
Minutes Prepared By: Michael Intranuovo