

Paper Street Subcommittee Workshop Notes

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Public Participants: None

We reviewed our notes regarding the current states of the paper streets created by the E.M.Horr, T.J.McDonnell, Ocean Heights and Ocean View subdivisions. We decided that we would use three states:

1. **Vacated** This means that there is a document on file at the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds that states that the paper street or a portion thereof has been formally vacated by the legislative authority of the municipality in which the paper street is located. Vacated paper streets no longer exist.
2. **Built or Used** This means that the paper street or a portion thereof has actually been constructed or if not constructed then is in such condition that it is used by one of more subdivision parcel owners to access their property. Built or Used portions of paper streets are no longer paper streets. In most cases they are private rights of way for subdivision parcel owners but in some cases may be public rights of way. Not being paper streets these streets are not subject to automatic vacation.
3. **Unbuilt and Unused** This means that the paper street or a portion thereof is neither improved and made useable for vehicular or pedestrian travel and is not used to provide subdivision parcel owner access to their property. These are the paper streets or portions thereof that are subject to automatic vacation.

Finally we settled on the format of our report. It will consist of an introduction which briefly describes paper streets, paper street related state law and presents the options available for preventing their unwanted automatic vacation. It will also contain an annotated copy of the 1997 request for a 20 year extension to prevent the automatic vacation of paper streets. Finally, separate sections for each island subdivision that created paper streets will be included. Each of these sections will contain the following information:

1. Graphic showing the location of the subdivision on the island.
2. A reproduction of the registered land plan for the subdivision.
3. A list of all the paper streets created by the subdivision.
4. A list of all the lot number of parcels that wholly or partially lie within the subdivision.
5. A graphic showing paper streets and currently existing parcels in the subdivision.
6. A list of the current status of each paper street in the subdivision.
7. Subdivision related vacation documents.

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