



Staff Report

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To: Mayor Billick and Town Council

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Subject: Resolution 16, Series 2024 Deli Trail Easement

Summary: Staff and attorneys have been working with the Stocks to come to an agreement for a permanent easement along the section of the Deli Trail that crosses their property.

Previous Council Action: Through annual budgeting, Council has approved a temporary recreation license annually across this property since 1993.

Background: The Deli Trail has been in use for decades, well before it was a trail. The historic narrow gauge railroad grade was siphoned off to adjacent private property owners several years after the Big Mine closed in 1952. While it was used as a trail well before this, Town has had an annual license across the property since 1993 for recreational use.

The Deli Trail is a critical recreational and commuter connection to the satellite communities South of Town. It could also provide the tie in point for an eventual Crested Butte to Crested Butte South Multimodal Trail, which is currently in a planning phase with Gunnison County.

Town GIS analyst review showed there may be an inaccuracy in the legal description that has been utilized since the early 90s. A new survey will be completed as soon as possible and will be promptly recorded.

Climate Impact: The permanent easement along the Deli Trail will allow more sustainable commuter methods for people living in satellite communities south of Town.

Financial Impact: \$25,000 is budgeted in 2024 to acquire the easement. \$4,000 was spent in 2023 for an appraisal. \$4,000-5,000 anticipated cost for final survey.

Legal Review: Attorney Hanlon has been negotiating and drafting documents with the Stocks representation.

Recommendation: Approve Mayor Billick to sign an easement with Stock Investments LLC to permanently memorialize the section of the Deli Trail across their property.

