



# Town of Myersville

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March 4, 2024

Property Owner:

The Mayor and Council met in public session on February 7 to discuss with all property owners having access to, or interest in the property commonly referred to as Harp Alley "school street" (map attached) the following options for Town interest in this property for public access:

- Leaving the "alley" exist as it does in its current state of condition, use and ownership and deferring to private parties on access, use and maintenance
- Formally accepting the "alley" into the Town street system and properly improving and maintaining it for use by the public
- Determining the "alley" to be surplus property and conveying it to private abutting owners through formal land transfer process

Subsequent to that meeting, the Mayor and Council deliberated in public session on February 13 on the comments received and the options available and determined to proceed as follows:

- The Town will accept via formal dedication all that portion of Harp Alley from Main Street up to the rear corner of 9 and 11 Harp Place to be deemed a public alley and treated as such with necessary improvements to made by the Town to the alley at such time the Mayor and Council choose.
- The Town will offer for dedication all of that portion of Harp Alley from corner of 9 and 11 Harp Place to the respective adjoining property owners on Harp Place between 11 and 17 Harp Place. The Town will remove existing debris and unsafe vegetation at no cost to the receiving property owner as part of that dedication.

At this time, the Town is seeking a response from each property owner of 11, 13, 15, and 17 Harp Place, preferring within the next 30 days, that such terms as delineated in bullet point 2 above are agreeable so that the Town may proceed with the objectives for those respective areas as indicated. Town staff are available to meet on site at your convenience to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Please feel free to contact the Town offices via email at [kaleshire@myersville.org](mailto:kaleshire@myersville.org) or by phone at 301-293-4281 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,  
**MYERSVILLE**  
**MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Kristin Aleshire  
Myersville Town Manager

## Kristin Aleshire

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**From:** Aaron Black <aaronblacksr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 1:50 PM  
**To:** Kristin Aleshire  
**Cc:** apaz1@live.ndm.edu  
**Subject:** Re: 15 Harp Place Alley

Mr. Aleshire,

We would gladly accept the terms of the towns' memo. Thank you for the opportunity and if you're able to let me know in advance when the clean up will be taking place, I will do my best to assist with the clean up.

Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 12, 2024 at 08:07 Kristin Aleshire <[kaleshire@myersville.org](mailto:kaleshire@myersville.org)> wrote:

Mr. Black,

Thank you for the email. If I understand your question correctly, I believe the answer is that the Town is offering to cover the cost of the removal and remaining clean up at no cost to the property owner if you are willing to accept the property in fee simple at no cost.

Kristin B. Aleshire

Myersville Town Manager

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**From:** Aaron Black <[aaronblacksr@gmail.com](mailto:aaronblacksr@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2024 11:02 PM  
**To:** Kristin Aleshire <[kaleshire@myersville.org](mailto:kaleshire@myersville.org)>  
**Cc:** [apaz1@live.ndm.edu](mailto:apaz1@live.ndm.edu)  
**Subject:** 15 Harp Place Alley

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**Subject:** 15 Harp Place Alley  
**Attachments:** image\_50738177.JPG; image\_50753793.JPG; image\_50772481.JPG

Hello Mr.Aleshire,

My name is Aaron Black, my wife and I own 15 Harp Place. We have received your notice and are grateful for the towns offer to clean the alley before gifting it to us.

Before this decision was made, I had started my own deforestation of the alley. A dead tree in the alley fell on my neighbors fence and this is when I learned

I was supposed to maintain the alley. As a result, I have also cut down the other dead trees and some of the vegetation in the alley. This has been a lot of work and is still in progress.

I do not want to it to seem like I am taking advantage of the towns offer to clean the alley. What are my options for getting rid of all the wood and brush that I started to remove? I am willing to assist with labor or pay a fee to the company working to get rid of all the mess. Please see the attached pictures for reference. I hope we are able to work something out.

Please feel free to reach out to me any time. My phone number is 240-671-6928.

Thank you,  
Aaron Black

**Kristin Aleshire**

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**From:** barb.tolley@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 1:52 PM  
**To:** Kristin Aleshire  
**Subject:** 13 Harp Place

Kristin,

I am emailing to reply to your letter dated March 4, 2024  
I am in receipt of and agree with the proposed agreement:

***- The Town will offer for dedication all of that portion of Harp Alley from corner of 9 and 11 Harp Place to the respective adjoining property owners on Harp Place between 11 and 17 Harp place. The town will remove existing debris and unsafe vegetation at no cost to the receiving property owner as part of that dedication.***

Please let me know if anything further is required on my end.

Thank you,

Barbara Tolley  
13 Harp Place  
Myersville - 301-471-5093

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**From:** Daniel Long <dml22222@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 9:33 PM  
**To:** Kristin Aleshire  
**Subject:** 17 Harp Place

Hi Kristin,

Responding to the letter dated March 4 from the Town of Myersville regarding the dedication of the property behind 17 Harp Place. I am in agreement with the identified parameters in bullet point 2 from the letter with the dedication of the property as long as the pine trees that are in that section of the property are also removed as part of the unsafe vegetation. They are near the end of their safe existence and have begun to be insect infested and fall on neighboring properties and once one falls the existing root structures underground are weakened around the others. If the pine trees are not removed as part of the process then I would not be interested in taking over that piece of land from the Town. Please let me know if you have any questions about this or need further information.

Thank you,  
Daniel Long  
17 Harp Place