



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Request to Authorize the Town Manager to approve a plat recording a water service easement on a Town property thereby providing access to OWASA water services.

PURPOSE: The parcels identified as 1242, 1244 & 1246 Hillsborough Rd. utilize wells and do not have access to an OWASA water main. Specifically, the owners of 1244 & 1246 Hillsborough Rd. have requested an easement across the Town property located on Cates Farm Rd. to provide access to an existing OWASA waterline.

DEPARTMENT: Planning

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INFORMATION: The 1246 Hillsborough Rd. parcel is adjacent to the Town property (PIN 9779240168) that fronts Cates Farm Rd. (which contains an OWASA water main). Providing a waterline easement on the Town property opens up the possibility of public water service to 1242, 1244 & 1246 Hillsborough Rd. (See Attachment B & C).

Town staff has met with OWASA engineers to discuss the access options. The summary conclusions from this meeting are provided in the attached email from Nick Parker, OWASA engineer (Attachment D).

The Town property is about 98% encumbered by mapped FEMA floodplains as well as Town stream buffers. Both staff and the Town Engineer have visited the site and agree that the most practical waterline alignment would be adjacent or nearby the existing OWASA sewer easement (which has already been cleared) on the northern side of the Town property; this area is quite flat and is less wooded. In contrast, the southern part of the Town property is steep with mature hardwoods, presenting a path that would require significant tree removal and ground disturbance during installation. The Town Engineer's findings from this site visit are attached (Attachment E).

The property owners are responsible for all aspects of the platting, design, and installation of any proposed waterline with its associated easement, this includes the recording of the easement on the Town property. This work will require review and approval by OWASA and the Town. Town staff will be available to facilitate this process.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Town staff recommends the Board adopt the attached resolution (Attachment A).