

Agenda Abstract BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: Jan. 13, 2025

Department: Utilities
Agenda Section: Consent

Public hearing: No
Date of public hearing: N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Utilities Director K. Marie Strandwitz, PE

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Acceptance of Land Donation from Classical American Homes Preservation Trust for Elizabeth Brady

Pumping Station Site

Attachments:

Plat of property to be donated

Summary:

The Eno River Association is facilitating the sale of land owned by Classical American Homes Preservation Trust (CAHPT) to the State of North Carolina for inclusion into Eno River State Park. The subject property is located at 320 Elizabeth Brady Road, Hillsborough, NC and has Orange County PIN 9874649539. This property contains the Town of Hillsborough's Elizabeth Brady pumping station. During the negotiations between CAHPT and the State of North Carolina, the state expressed that they did not want to take ownership of the land containing the pump station. Upon discussion with the town, the utilities staff expressed interest in acquiring more land around the station in anticipation of the station's necessary upgrade. All parties were amenable to this.

It is CAHPT's desire to donate approximately 1 acre of land containing the Town of Hillsborough pump station and surroundings to the Town of Hillsborough at the same time the remainder of this property is transferred to the State of North Carolina. The anticipated closing is scheduled for Jan. 16. The proposed subdivided lot around the pump station is labeled "1" on the attached preliminary plat. Noted easements for incoming and outgoing town mains on the land to be transferred from CAHPT to the state will remain as utility easements.

Financial impacts:

The town may contribute to attorney fees, recordation and title insurance (the settlement statement was not yet available at the time of agenda packet preparation) which is expected to be a small amount that is available in the current budget.

Staff recommendation and comments:

Utilities staff would like to recognize and appreciate Kim Livingston with Eno River Association, Eric Moore with the State of North Carolina and Kevin Cherry with CAHPT for performing all the survey, legal and paperwork and offering this generous donation which was no easy feat and a lengthy process. Kim was a great leader in this endeavor.

Action requested:

Motion to accept the land donation and for the town manager to execute closing documents in conjunction with our and the grantor's legal team.