



# MEMORANDUM

TO: Fraser Town Board

FROM: Terry Stanford

DATE: 5/10/19

SUBJECT: EMF12 Waterline

Infrastructure improvements and development began approximately 20 years ago in Rendezvous. Infrastructure associated with grading and paving Rendezvous Road, including the design and construction of the water and sewer lines under the road were some of the very first improvements approved by the Town. In anticipation of infrastructure needs at future planning areas, water and sewer laterals for yet-to-be designed subdivisions were installed to a point outside of the asphalt to eliminate the need to make road cuts and subsequent asphalt patches. We have utilized these laterals to provide water and sewer service to the majority of our 12 Filings, thus avoiding the cost and traffic disruptions associated with excavating in finished roadways.

We are currently platting our last east-side residential area, EMF12. Like other filings, two water tie-in laterals were extended into the Town's right of way during initial construction (in approximately 2000) to service the area.

The utility construction plans for EMF12 show the waterlines connecting to the existing laterals and looping through the site. Town staff has indicated that they prefer the existing laterals be disconnected from the main and two additional laterals be installed at a more preferred location within the new asphalt roadway. This will result in four separate roadcuts and patches, each at an estimated cost of approximately \$15,000 for a total of \$60,000.

Rendezvous feels this expense is both unreasonable and unnecessary and not in accordance with historically accepted and approved construction methods utilized at this development. There is a minimum of 25 mainline water valves that are currently outside asphalt pavement throughout Rendezvous. These valves are clearly shown on the as-built drawings and typically marked with blue carsonite markers for ease of location, even in winter. There has never been an instance where a water valve has not been locatable to my knowledge. Fraser construction standards do not specify that water valves must be located in asphalt roadways.

Rendezvous is requesting the Board allow us to connect to the existing laterals to service EMF12, the design of which was previously approved and accepted by the former public works director and the former Town engineer.