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VS0002-19 - Vacation of a portion of N Thama Road ROW

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Gentlemen,

As you know, Planning has received an application to vacation a portion of N Thama Road ROW.

I am drafting the staff report for said project and would like to include R&B's formal comment on the matter.

The hearing is set for the 21st of August so any haste is appreciated.

Thanks-

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Fri, Aug 9, 2019 at 7:53 AM

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Sam,

Road & Bridge is opposed to this vacation and has the following comments regarding the N Thama Rd vacation request:

1. The drawing does not indicate what the remaining road right-of-way width would be, but seems to indicate that it would only leave enough right-of-way for the existing single lane gravel road. Our current standard for public road ROW width is 60ft. If this proposal is for a 12ft wide single lane ROW, residents would lack sufficient space for maintenance activities such as plowing snow, and not be able to expand the road in the future as needs arise. If the vacation is approved, we would request that the site plan drawing be updated to show a minimum of 60ft wide ROW remaining public as a condition of approval.
2. There are other encroachments (driveway accesses) to adjacent land owners through this portion of ROW which would be affected by the proposed vacation. Vacating the ROW would eliminate their legal accesses. In particular, Encroachment Permit 5034 to access RP55N04W043141A.
3. It's our understanding that one of the driving forces behind this vacation request is the ability to use this vacated area as a septic drainfield. It's also our understanding that other options for the drainfield are available.

-Matt Mulder, PE
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Thanks for your comments, Matt.

I will be sure to touch on them thoroughly at the public hearing.

Best,

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