

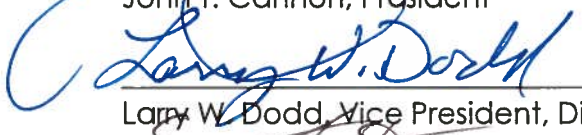
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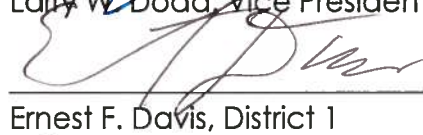
**Release of Forest Conservation Easement on Route 50/Friendship Road**

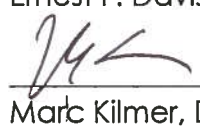
**January 2, 2018**

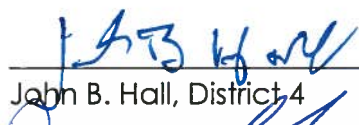
Mr. Tyler Walston, Environmental Planner, came before Council. Mr. Walston said they have the Pittsville Ford new dealership project on Route 50 and Friendship Road. He said, to meet their forest conservation, they set aside 2.43 acres. He said the plan was approved and recorded in October of last year. He said, since then, the owners decided they do not want to encumber the land, but want to pay into the Forest Conservation fund, so they are going to release that area shaded on the map in the pink color. He said he does not have the figure in front of him, but it is about \$31,000 and change. Mr. Hall asked for clarification on the amount, to which Mr. Walston responded, \$31,000 and change. Mr. Hall said typically that is two and a half times, to which Mr. Walston responded, it is 30 cents per square foot of the area that has to be mitigated for. Mr. Cannon asked who sets that amount, to which Mr. Walston responded, it was in their Code for 10 cents, but then the State upped it to 30 cents. Mr. Cannon asked if it is all in compliance, to which Mr. Walston responded, yes. Mr. Cannon asked if there is any reason why Mr. Walston might see any objections to it, to which Mr. Walston responded, no. He said staff recommendation is for approval. Mr. Cannon thanked Mr. Walston for bringing this to Council's attention. He then asked Mrs. Hurley where they will go forward with this, to which Mrs. Hurley responded, it requires a Public Hearing. She said it has to be advertised three times for three consecutive weeks, so the Public Hearing can be February 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. There was no further discussion.

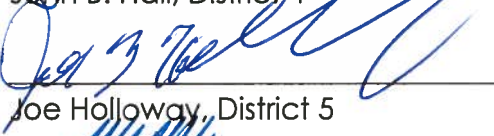
  
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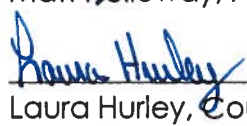
  
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