

July 20, 2020

Good Evening, Mr. Mayor and Assembly Members,

My name is Kandi Woodworth and I live at 848 Mitkof Hwy. I speak for myself. I would like to speak on the July 20, 2020 agenda **Item 15. C. regarding Frederick Point East Properties.**

I wanted to understand the department policies regarding providing services to Frederick Point East Subdivision (FPE) so I contacted them.

From the **Fire Dept & EMS**, I spoke to Sandy Dixson, Director 772-3355

She was familiar with the location of FPE and that it is located in Service Area 1.

Service Area 1 is the primary response area for Fire Dept and EMS.

Their desire is to respond to all emergencies.

However, because the FPE location is remote the time of response is more comparable to responses that would be for properties that are remote Areawide locations.

She explained the assessment of risk vs benefit that would determine response and the importance of keeping the responders safe. These would have to be implemented in the FPE situation. In winter the only road, Forest Service Road 6204, that comes the closest to FPE is not plowed, but is snowed in for 4-5 months on average. Therefore no vehicles would be able to respond. A boat response would need to be assessed in regard to the Frederick Sound conditions along with the weather conditions. Overall, response times would not be comparable to in-town response times.

She did express concern that FPE was placed in Service Area 1 at borough formation.

At the **Police Dept**, I spoke to Dispatch 772-3838

Dispatch was not quite sure of the location of FPE. I was told that the police response policy is to a turn around or cut off line which is located 11 miles from Sandy Beach Road. The location of Frederick Point East is further than the police cut off line, therefore, any calls for FPE would be referred to the State Trooper.

So at least for the police department, there is an invisible line for response, but that line does not coincide with the boundary of Service Area 1.

At the **Sanitation Dept**, I spoke to Erin, Supervisor 772-3228

According to borough policy, it is mandatory that all properties in Service Area 1 have trash receptacles, recycling and trash pick up. However, I was informed that trash receptacles, recycling and trash pick up are not provided for FPE because the only road, Forest Service Road 6204, is not borough maintained and is not snow plowed in the winter.

Now, if we look to the Borough Charter under **Section 14.04 Criteria for Establishing Service Areas**, it states,

“Service areas shall be established according to criteria of **need and economic operating efficiency.**”

The facts are clear. The 55 lots in the undeveloped subdivision of FPE are remote. The lots are used for seasonal recreational use, except for one full time couple, Don & Jenny Cummins. There is no need for on-site services. It would be economically unfeasible for the borough to spend millions of dollars to provide the infrastructure necessary to provide FPE with the same services provided to other Service Area 1 properties. And FPE should not be taxed unfairly at the Service Area 1 full operational mill rate when it is not provided all the services afforded the Service Area 1 status. Frederick Point East Subdivision has more in common with remote Areawide properties and needs to be taxed fairly on an Areawide basis only.

Therefore, I am requesting that the assembly direct borough staff to complete the ordinance that would remove FPE from Service Area 1 - that ordinance that has already been drafted by the borough attorney and was given to Clerk Thompson in December. This would allow the assembly to proceed with the requirements necessary to move the ordinance forward to give the Service Area 1 voters the opportunity to decide the issue on an October 6th ballot proposition.

Thank you for your consideration.

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