

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Bryan Gruesbeck, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Daisy Scurlock Water Extension Request

DATE: April 8, 2013

Background: On March 19, 2013, Commissioner Turner forwarded an email from a Chatham County resident located at 130 Daisy Scurlock Road. The resident indicated that she and others in her neighborhood have been experiencing failing wells. Furthermore, well-drilling professionals have advised them that new wells in their specific location may be difficult to find.

Daisy Scurlock Road is located approximately one (1) mile south of the Town limits and the same approximate distance from the nearest watermain. John Poteat, Utility Director, obtained an informal estimate of \$79,670 to extend the Town of Pittsboro watermain to Daisy Scurlock Road. This cost would need to be divided between participating residents.

Stuart Bass, Town Planner, indicates that a closer water source owned by Chatham County is near the intersection of Old Sanford Road and NC 87S – a 6” watermain is located approximately 1,000 feet away (see attached Property Map). Theoretically, this connection could be made at a fraction of the cost of the proposed Town water connection.

Another consideration in this issue is annexation. It is my understanding that the Town has a policy of not extending services outside of the Town without annexation. Because Daisy Scurlock Road is one (1) mile south of the Town limits, the Town would be creating a “satellite” because the neighborhood properties are non-contiguous to the existing Town limits.

A satellite annexation is allowable by GS 160A-58.1 under certain circumstances. In essence, all services available to Town residents must be made available to residents located in the satellite annexation. Sanitary sewer is also located approximately one (1) mile away from the Daisy Scurlock neighborhood. This issue is similar to another possible satellite annexation that will be discussed by the Town Board of Commissioners on April 8, 2013.

Action Requested: The Board should consider the following:

- 1) Recommend that the property owner consider water connection with Chatham County at the main located near Old Sanford Road and NC 87S, if possible.
- 2) Consider extension of the Town of Pittsboro water service outside of the current Town limits south to Daisy Scurlock Road without regard to the Town’s annexation policy.
- 3) Define the Town’s ability to annex a satellite property without the current ability to offer sewer services. If the Town considers itself able to extend without regard to its ability to offer sewer, then it could offer extension of its watermain south of the current Town limit to the Daisy Scurlock neighborhood.