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Staff Report given by Max Best

PC Meeting: 8/10/15

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Findings:

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Based on the above findings, staff recommends approval of the vacations as petitioned, subject to:

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KPB 20.70.130:

THE FINAL PLAT MUST BE RECORDED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE VACATION CONSENT IN KPB 20.70.110.

END OF STAFF REPORT

Chairman Martin opened the meeting for public comment.

1. Jerry Johnson, Box 27, Clam Gulch

Mr. Johnson was the surveyor on the project and was available to answer questions.

Chairman Martin asked if there were questions for Mr. Johnson. Hearing none the public hearing continued.

Seeing and hearing no one else wishing to speak Chairman Martin closed the public comment period and opened discussion among the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Ecklund moved, seconded by Commissioner Collins approval of the vacation of Mills Pond Avenue right-of-way, a 60-foot wide by 1,060 foot in length right-of-way as dedicated by Davis-Mills Subdivision and Toombs Subdivision #3 (Plat KN 2006-105). Also vacate a portion of Toombs Ave., a 33-foot wide by 90 feet in length east to west spur dedicated by Toombs Subdivision #3 and include staff recommendations.

Findings:

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VOTE: The motion passed by unanimous consent.

CARLUCCIO	COLLINS	ECKLUND	ERNST	FOSTER	GLENDENING	HOLSTEN
	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES
ISHAM	LOCKWOOD	MARTIN	RUFFNER	VENUTI	WHITNEY	10 YES
YES	ABSENT		ABSENT	YES	YES	3 ABSENT

AGENDA ITEM F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance 2015-22, An Ordinance Amending KPB Chapter 14.40 Regarding the Use and Control of Borough Rights-of-Way and Enforcement of Right-of-Way Regulations

Staff Report given by Max Best

PC Meeting: July 13, 2015

Ordinance 2015-22 was postponed from the July 13, 2015 meeting so that the Advisory Planning Commissions and other interested parties could review the ordinance and so that the questions the Planning Commission had could be answered.

Mr. Best reviewed the following amendment memorandum that was submitted from Liz Leduc, Assistant Borough Attorney.

After the introduction of Ordinance 2015-22, amending KPB chapter 14.40, several needed changes came to light. We are requesting that the Planning Commission and the Road Service Area Board consider the amendments outlined below at your meetings on August 10 and August 11, respectively. New language is denoted by **bold** text.

Amend KPB 14.40.040(D).

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Encroachment permits. Encroachment permits [MAY BE] are issued by the RSA director for objects existing or to be constructed, installed or placed within a borough right-of-way by a private party or other non-borough entity.

<u>Comment</u>: The proposed amendment to 14.40.040 clarifies that encroachment permits are required for both existing and new encroachments.

Amend KPB 14.40.061(A)(2) and (5).



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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> MIKE NAVARRE BOROUGH MAYOR

August 13, 2015

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF DECISION MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2015

RE: Vacate Mills Pond Avenue right-of-way, a 60-foot wide by 1,060 foot in length right-ofway as dedicated by Davis-Mills Subdivision (Plat KN 2007-57) and Toombs Subdivision #3 (Plat KN 2006-105). Also vacate a portion of Toombs Ave., a 33-foot wide by 90 feet in length east to west spur (overlying a Section Line Easement) also dedicated by Toombs Subdivision #3 (Plat KN 2006-105). This action also proposes to vacate all 10 foot utility easements along each right-of-way proposed for vacation as created by plat note on each plat. The Toombs Avenue Spur is located within the SE ¼ of Section 3, and Mills Pond Avenue is located within NE ¼ of Section 10; both within Township 2 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska and within the Kenai Peninsula Borough; KPB File 2015-074.

During their regularly scheduled meeting of August 10, 2015 the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission granted approval of the proposed vacation based on the following findings of fact.

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Planning Director receives no veto within the specified period, the Assembly shall be considered to have given consent to the vacation.

Please contact the Borough Clerk's office (907-714-2160 or 1-800-478-4441 toll-free within the borough) for additional information.

This notice and unapproved minutes of the subject portion of the meeting were sent August 13, 2015 to:

John & Pauline Mills PO Box 260 Kasilof, AK 99610-0260 Johnson Surveying Box 27 Clam Gulch, AK 99568

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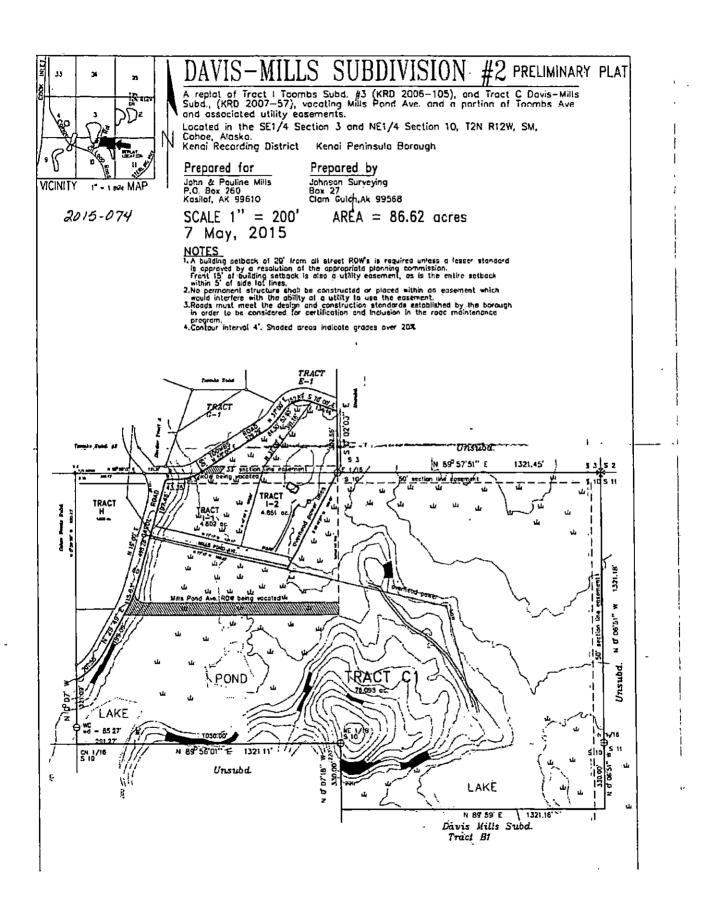
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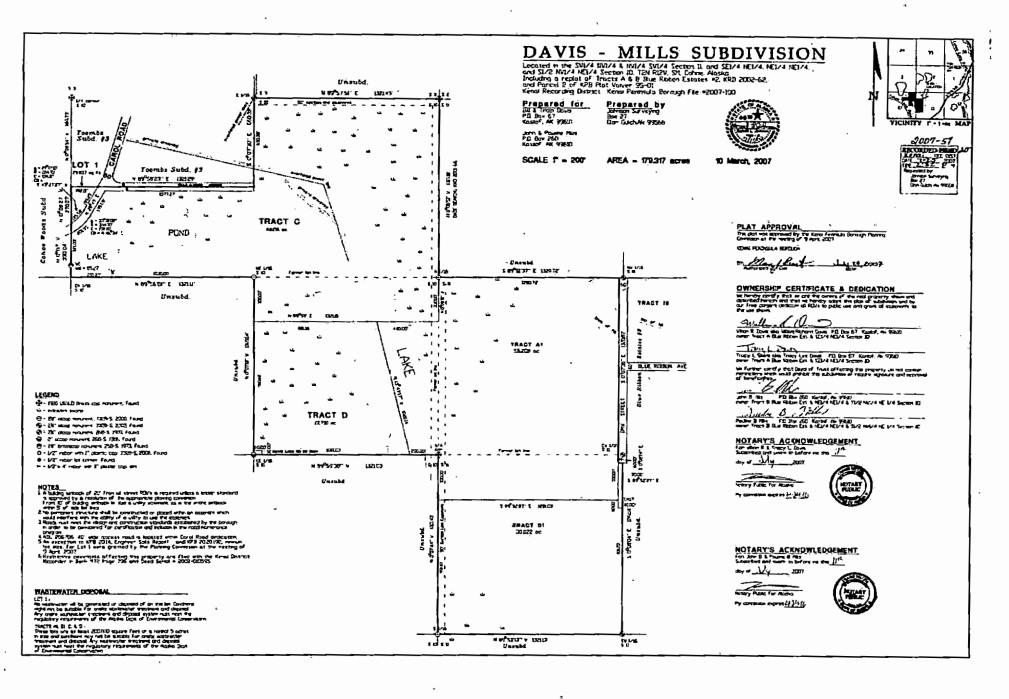
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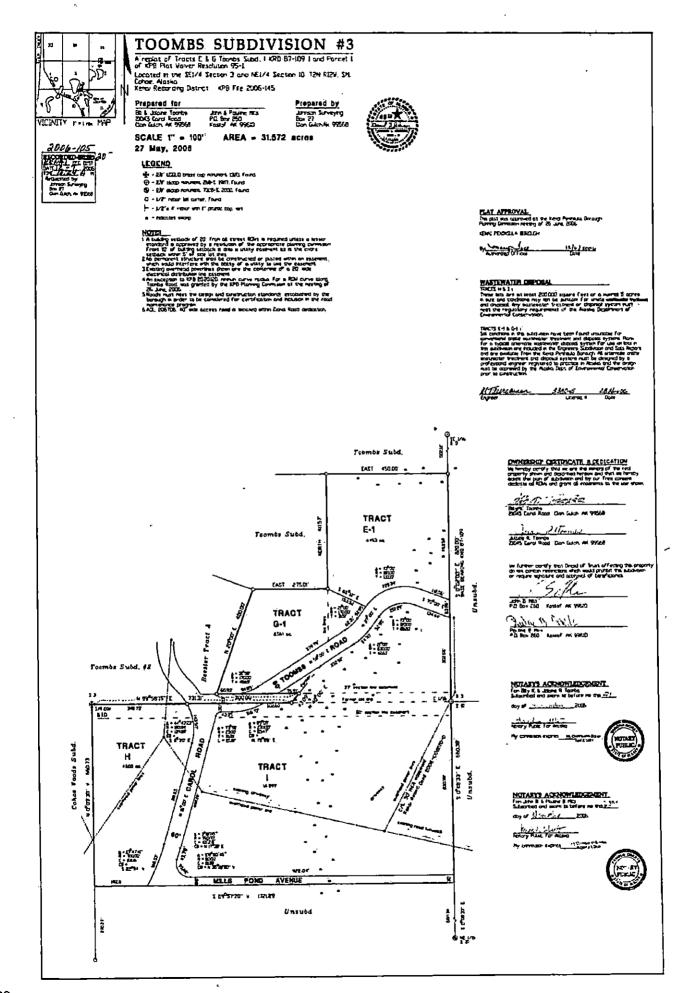


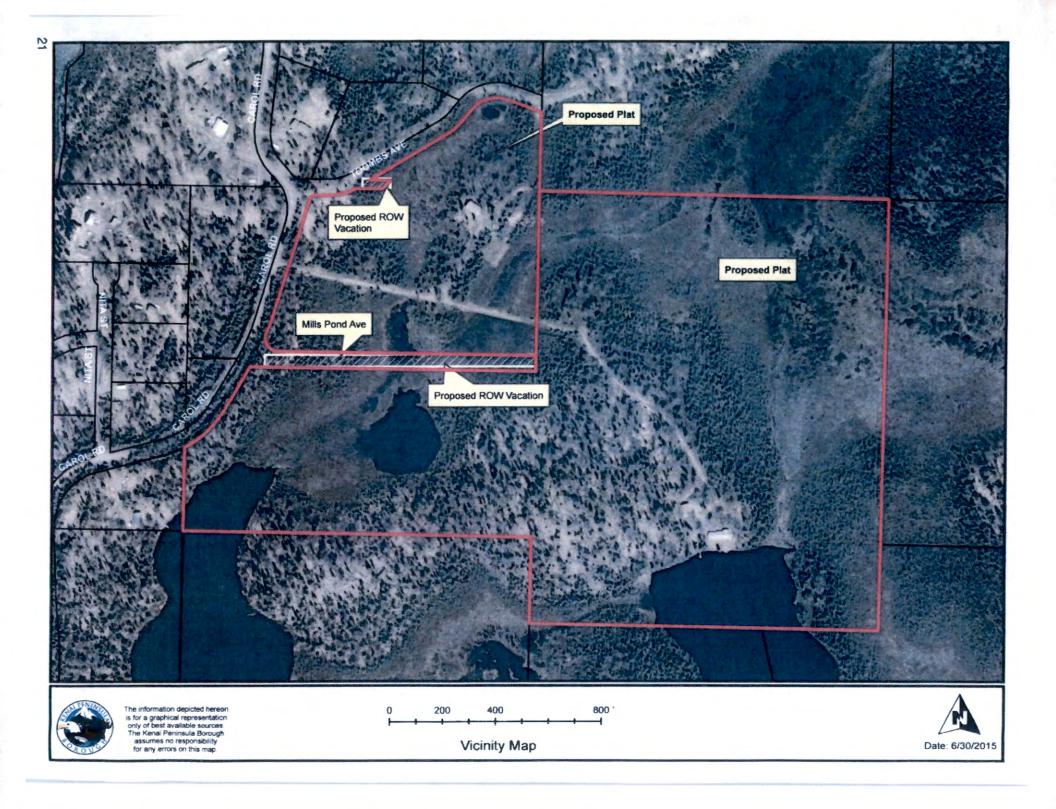


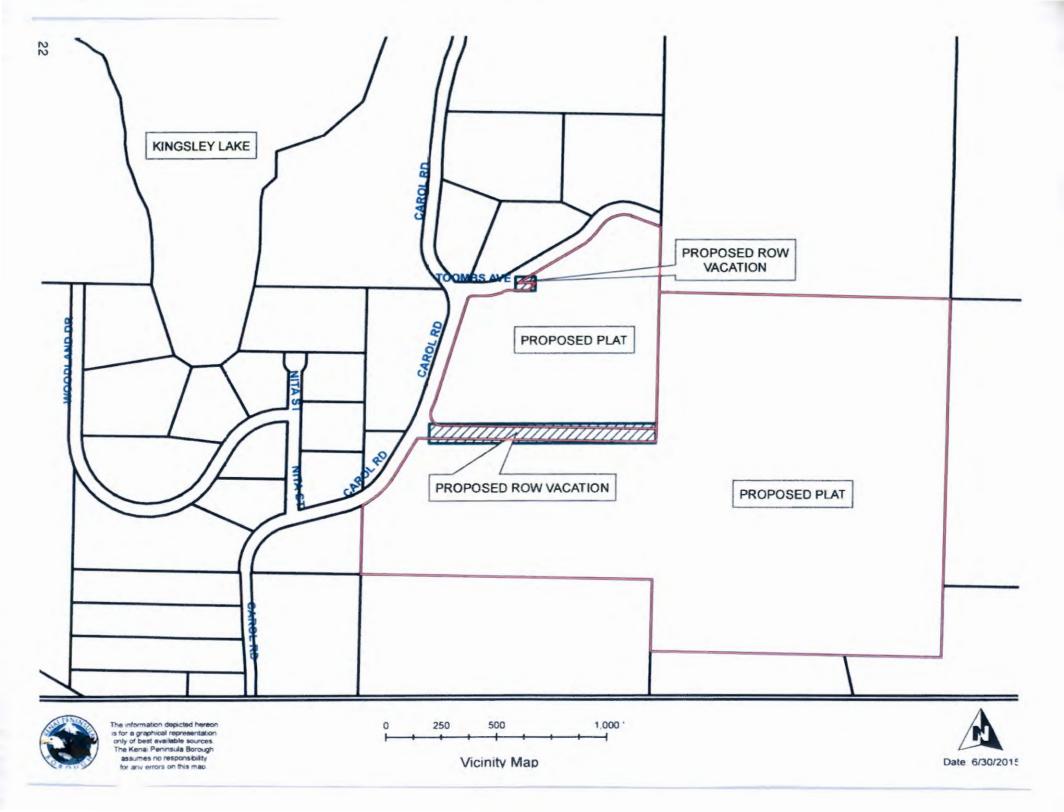
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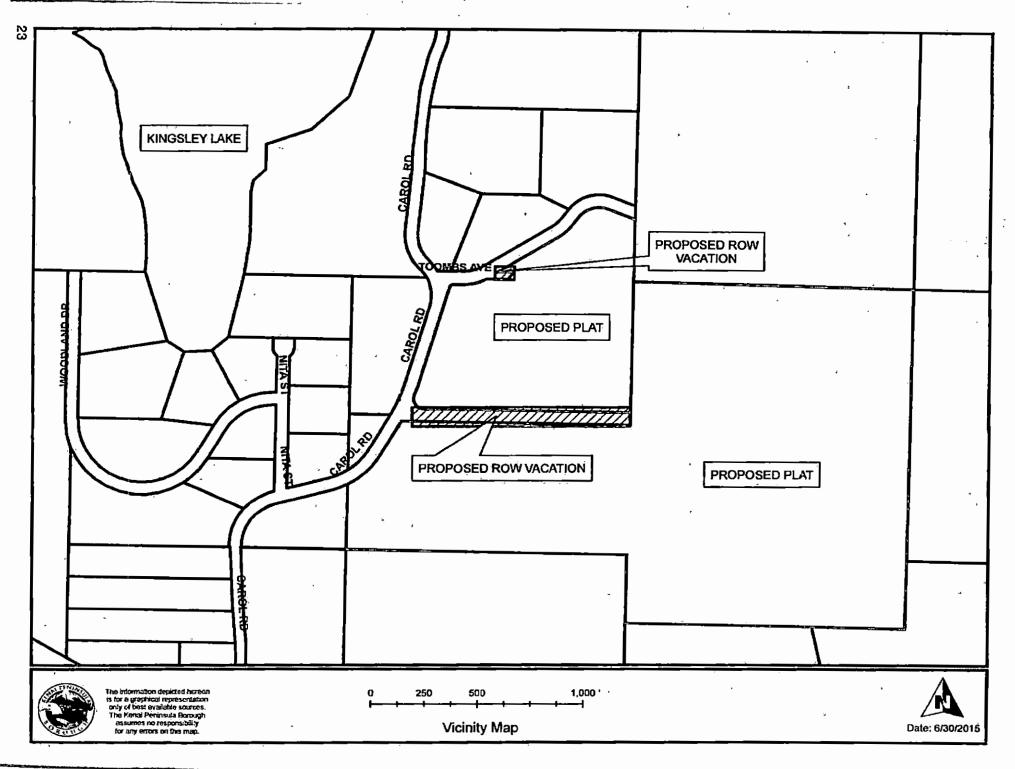
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Sweppy, Maria

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:

Knackstedt, Henry Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:38 AM Sweppy, Maria Malone, Patrick RE: notice of public hearing/Proposed Vacation of Mills Pond Avenue and Toombs Avenue

Maria

The proposed dedicated ROW vacations and associated ROW dedications appear to make sense. I have no objections. Please note that Carol Road is RSA-maintained but that both Toombs and Mills Pond are not.

Henry Knackstedt RSA Engineer

From: Sweppy, Maria Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 3:18 PM To: Henson, Carrie; Dearlove, Tom; Aldridge, Morgan; Curtis, Harmony; Carver, Nancy; Malone, Patrick; Knackstedt, Henry; Fuller, Karen; Mattson, Stacey; Russel, Pam - State Address; Wall, Bruce Subject: notice of public hearing/Proposed Vacation of Mills Pond Avenue and Toombs Avenue

Good afternoon:

The attached petition to vacate Mills Rond Avenue, Toombs Avenue, and associated utility easements will be considered by the Planning Commission on August 18, 2015. Please note the proposed vacation will not eliminate the section line easement underlying Toombs Avenue.

If the vacation is approved by the Planning Commission and Assembly, the preliminary plat will be scheduled as soon as possible for Plat Committee review. The plat that will accomplish the vacation will provide an alternate right-of-way for Mills Pond Avenue over an existing travel way.

Comments for the proposed vacation are requested to be submitted to the Planning Department by Friday, August 7.

Maria Elena Sweppy Platting Specialist



Kenal Peninsula Borough Planning Department 144 North Binkley Soldotna, Alaska 99669-7599 Toll free within the Borough 1-800-478-4441, extension 2200 (907) 714-2200

Petition to Vacate Public Right-of-Way/Easement/Platted Public Area Public Hearing Required

Upon receipt of complete application with fees and all required attachments, a public hearing before the Planning Commission will be scheduled. The petition with all required information and attachments must be in the Planning Department at least 30 days prior to the preferred hearing date. By State Statute and Borough Code, the public hearing must be scheduled within 50 days of receipt of complete application.

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