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OB #3 UTILITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Freeport Town Council
FROM: Peter Joseph, Town Manager 
DATE: 10/14/21
RE: Utility trench location request for Town property at 0 Nathan Nye

The Freeport Historical Society recently approached the Town to request permission to install an electrical service underneath the Town owned parcel at 0 Nathan Nye, said service being necessary to supply power to the recent renovation and expansion project at the Historical Society. An aerial photo showing the approximate location is attached to this memo.

I have advised the Historical Society that the Town would be willing to discuss a license or other written permission to locate the utility trench there, but would prefer not to grant a perpetual easement across the center of the property, as this could encumber the Town's ability to utilize the property in the future. I don't currently foresee any uses of the property that the requested location of the utility trench would impact, however it is impossible for us to forecast what future Freeport leaders may wish to utilize this parcel for. Therefore I would prefer to at least have the ability to relocate the utility trench in the future as part of any agreement with the Historical Society.

While I do not believe the Town Council would not need to approve such "non-perpetual" permission, I do prefer to advise the Town Council on permissions granted for usage of Town properties, and I would welcome any feedback the Council might wish to provide on the matter.

