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Board of Commissioners Policy

Special Assessment – Drainage Policy

(Adoption Date: October 5, 1992)

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Property owners who encounter flooding on their land may petition the Town to make the needed improvements to alleviate the drainage problems. The affected property owners shall then reimburse the Town for the improvements through the "special assessment" process, authorized by North Carolina General Statutes. This does not preclude the Town from making a contribution for the improvements, but also does not require the Town to contribute.

The assessment procedure involves:

1. Receipt of petition by adjoining property owners.
2. Establishment of an assessment method.
3. Adoption of a preliminary resolution.
4. Public hearing for preliminary assessment roll.
5. Adoption of assessment resolution.
6. Public hearing regarding the preliminary assessment roll.
7. After notice the Town levies the assessment.
8. Payment of assessment unless installments are authorized.