Hello,

As the presenter last night didn’t know a lot of the answers to our questions about taxation and land transfers is the City asking the State Tax Assesor and DNR to answer these questions?  Most of these below weren’t answered well and the follow up question I asked which I am reinserting here.

As I understand the Borough can only select State lands within their Borough. BUT my question is IF there is not very much State land in a Borough I understand that they MAY be able to select Federal lands…such as US Forest Service lands, as Pleasant Island is. I understand this is a possibility and has big implications for us if the Borough could select a part of Pleasant Island as Borough owned lands.

My other questions were:

How the Borough will effect:

Our Timber receipts

Our PILT $s

Capital funding

Could the new borough conceivably select State lands that are within our city boundary even though they are outside of the Borough?

Does this borough formation change the tax base for the Chatham School District?

If we joined the Borough how would that change our school funding?

How would being a First-Class city change our school funding?

I would like these last two questions above compared and contrasted.

Is it possible for borough lands turn into a reservation or a federal trust?

Thank you!

Kathy

Sent from my iPhone