

May 22, 2023

Supervisor Goncalves and members of the Town Board  
11 Main Street, PO Box 500  
South Salem, NY 10590

Dear Supervisor and Town Board Members,

I wanted to alert you of a situation with the water in our Wild Oaks/Fairmount Road community. Since the summer of 2020, huge water trucks (see photo attached) started showing up on Fairmount Road to re-fill the water tank located on top of the hill east of Fairmount Road. At that time, I was told by the water company it was because of the people now staying home due to the pandemic and that water use had gone up substantially and our wells used to fill the tank could not keep up with demand. I figured this was a temporary issue but was then told that we needed deeper wells to provide more water. In the fall of 2021, new deeper wells were dug in the area of land adjacent to my house. I saw the well work being done with my own eyes and had hopes that the problem would be solved soon. But as of today, the trucks are still showing up weekly to fill the tank.

A new water company (Liberty Water) has since taken over the previous water company and I had a chance to speak with the licensed operator last week to ask what's holding up the new wells from being activated. I was told a few important things; One of which was that one of our older wells and the new wells need a new filtration system that requires a new building to house the equipment. Second, that the Westchester County Department of Health (WCDOH) engineers were "dragging their feet" with approving the new filtration system and wells. And third, the owner (and his lawyers) of the land where the wells and filtration system are to be housed is not cooperating with a necessary easement the water company is requesting in order to get the work done.

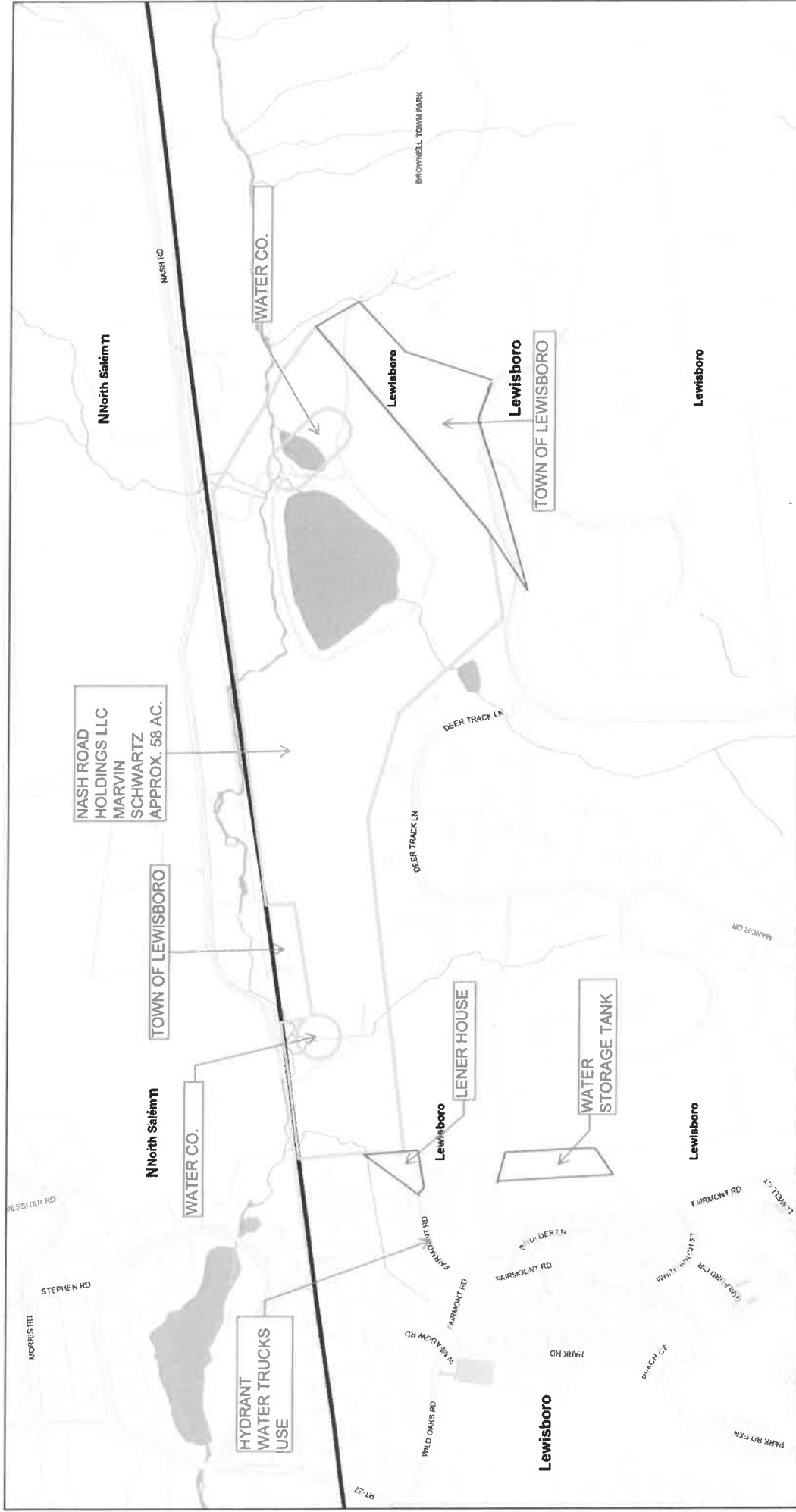
The owner of the adjacent land according to the Westchester GIS ( see attached map) is Marvin Schwartz (Nash Road Holdings LLC). See attached map of that land as well as the land already owned by the water company and the Town of Lewisboro. When I purchased my house in 2003 and doing my due diligence, I was curious about that adjacent woodland and when I inquired with the building department, I was told it was "dedicated to the Town" back when the Wild Oaks/Fairmount Road subdivision was created in the 1970's and it was "unbuildable". I also recently asked my neighbor at 45 Fairmount (also adjacent to the Nash Road property) who has been in their house since 1978 what they were told about the property, and they also were under the impression that it was "county parkland". In my discussion with the licensed operator last week, I mentioned that we all thought that the property was "dedicated parkland". He then told me "it was supposed to be, but the paperwork was never filed". That statement really stuck a chord with me. I would like to know why this property was never dedicated as it supposedly should have been and can the Town make it happen now.

The licensed operator also told me that the Nash Road owner was trying to get them to purchase all 58 or so acres for a price of \$750,000. This is now sounding outrageous to me and that **our water is being held hostage** by a greedy landowner who probably shouldn't own the land at all in the first place.

I will be coming to the Town Board meeting tonight with my neighbor to reiterate what you've read here and to find out if the Town can step into help us with the situation.

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