

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-4

To Establish a Town Council Sub-Committee to Review and Make Recommendations to Amend Town of Farmington Ordinance Chapter 156: "Sewers" with the Following Charges:

1. To review data collected by Town Staff, including:
  - Historical Town of Farmington Assessments
  - Best Practices in comparable Connecticut municipalities
  - Recommendations from the Department of Environmental Protection
  - "Big Picture" Issues, including:
    - Long-term sewer needs identified in Farmington's Master Plan
    - Areas in Town without sewers or other utilities (water and gas)
    - Areas in Town without sewers identified as real or potential health risks by the Farmington Valley Health District

And

2. To address the following issues for consideration in the ordinance:
  - An explanation of how benefit assessments are determined
  - A determination of what sewer costs should be paid for by the benefiting property owner vs. Water Pollution Control Authority vs. Town of Farmington
  - If sewers shall be mandated by the Town/WPCA
  - Any other considerations deemed pertinent

And,

To Appoint the Following Members to the Sub-Committee:

\_\_\_\_\_, Council Member, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_, Council Member

\_\_\_\_\_, WPCA Member

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And,

The Following Non-Voting Members:

Kathleen Eagen, Town Manager

Russell Arnold, Director of Public Works and Development Services

Steve Bartha, Special Projects Graduate Intern

And,

That the Committee Report Back its Findings and Recommendations to the Town Council by April 2008.

NOTE: Attached is the following information:

1. A summary report from Steve Bartha, which includes (1) Farmington's past practices, (2) best practices in comparable CT municipalities, (3) and an update on the long-term sewer and utility needs in Farmington.
2. A copy of Farmington's Sewer Ordinance (Chapter 156: Sewers).

Both Steve Bartha and I will be available at the meeting to answer any specific questions.