

January 15, 2008

Jo-Ann Walker
14 Fairview Drive
Farmington, CT 06032

Dear Ms. Walker:

I am writing in response to your questions to the Town Council, addressing Agenda Item N-4 at the January 8, 2008 Town Council Meeting, regarding the proposed Fairview/ Orchard Sewer Project.

Q: Is the attached report just a summary? Is there a larger or more informative report with raw data available? If so, when and how can it be accessed?

A: The report presented at the January 8, 2008 Town Council Meeting was a complete account of the research conducted by Steve Bartha during the past few months.

The charts presented within the report are based on findings from a variety of sources, including Town Council and WPCA meeting minutes dating back to 1958, Bond Sale Details kept by the Finance Department, Final Sewer Assessments kept by the Engineering Department, and interviews with municipal officials throughout the state as well as the Department of Environmental Protection.

It would be extremely difficult to compile the varied raw data that went into the report, although Mr. Bartha would be happy to meet to discuss specific questions generated by the report.

Q: How will the WPCA members be appointed, by the Town Council or upon their own recommendation?

A: The Town Council will appoint WPCA Members to the Sewer Sub-Committee.

Q: Where does the \$24,107 estimated benefit assessment come from?

A: This figure is based on the total estimated project cost, \$2,249,995.40, multiplied by 75%, which is \$1,687,496.50, and divided by the number of homes (70), for a per home figure of \$24,107.

Mathematically, it is: $\$2,249,995.4(.75)/70 = \$24,107$.

Q: Will the Town require mandatory hookup, and if so, why?

A: The Sewer Sub-Committee will address this issue.

Q: When does the Town Council plan on having a special referendum on this issue?

A: This has not been determined.

Q: Can Mr. Bartha's report be added to the Town's Website under the Fairview/Orchard news section?

A: A link the report has been added to the Town of Farmington website, under "More News >>." The report is titled "Sewer Ordinance Research Update January 2008."

Again, thank you for your comments and I will continue to keep you updated on our progress.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Eagen
Town Manager

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CC: Michael Clark, Town Council Chair