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Subject: Old Lyme WPCA special meeting

Dear Mr. Scully,

The WPCA will have a special meeting on July 5, 2012 in the Town Hall of Old Lyme, 52 Lyme Street, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was requested by Old Lyme First Selectman Bonnie Reemsnyder and the members of WPCA Commission.

The reason of this meeting is that, as you know, Old Lyme already has one beach community, Point of Woods, consisting of 420 houses, that is hooked up to the East Lyme sewer. Recently two more beach communities, Old Lyme Shores and Old Colony Beach, consisting of about 420 more houses, also committed to be hooked up to the same sewer system. A sewer solution will help homeowners bring their properties to 100% compliance with the State Health Code, but the Town of Old Lyme has a sewer avoidance policy.

The State DEEP helps these communities by absorbing 55% of the cost for the engineering study and 25% of the cost for design and installation. So far, there is no cost to the Town of Old Lyme. The projected cost to homeowner after the State DEEP contribution is about \$26,000.00, paid off in 20 years with 2% interest, financed by the State.

The Old Lyme Health department is making homeowners adopt a new septic system to replace the existing one, but in many cases, the proposed replacement will cost homeowners even more than the sewer. Furthermore, the homeowner won't get any financial help from the State in this case, and would need pay from \$15,000 to \$40,000 up front. But the worst thing is that even after spending some of his life savings on a brand-new septic system, the homeowner would still not have a septic system that is in compliance with the State Health Code. We can only feel sorry for all these homeowners because our sanitarian will not give them a year-round permit on their septic system. This expensive, \$30,000.00 septic system IS NOT IN 100% COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE HEALTH CODE.

The beach communities have been trying to find a way out from this trap, therefore they are happy to consider a sewer. We can't blame them for it, and Miami Beach is also beginning to consider a sewer as a solution to their problems.

The State DEEP has been helping the beach communities, but the State Health Department is hiding from us. In January 2011, I called your office and was told that I shouldn't call there anymore and should get in touch with the Director of Health instead.

I have met our Health Director only once, when I started as Chairman and Ron Rose made him meet me in the Town Hall. I wanted our Director of Health to help restore Ron Rose as a full-time Sanitarian. Many people, including WPCA Commissioners, have never seen our Health Director, and most likely never will.

If we are against the sewer, we need to give our beach communities a different solution which they can embrace that is 100% compliant. I believe you could be of great help to us with your insight and advice and would really appreciate it if you could come to our special meeting.

Sincerely,

Dimitri Tolchinski, Chairman WPCA

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