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Subject: Fyi, note supporting funding of waste water study
Attachments: Sewer update from Rich Prendergast Revised 3-11.doc

Hello all,
Regarding the Old Lyme Waste Water Management Task Force's efforts and future public meeting for funding approval, I was asked to post an update on the White Sands Beach website. Fyi, the attached supporting letter was reviewed and commented by Kurt and will be put on the WSB website in a couple of days. My reputation and promotion of this study will be positive for the eventual public meeting.

By the way, I will be out of the country on business, so I can't make the next meeting.

Thanks,
Rich Prendergast

Sewer update from Rich Prendergast, WSB Board of Governor:

I have been working with the Town of Old Lyme this past winter to help the beach communities with the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) consent orders that require a remedy to the potential for ground water pollution. These consent orders directly affect two beach associations (not White Sands Beach) and those beach associations are planning to connect to the sewer system in New London via Point of Woods Beach Association's sewer line, East Lyme, Niantic etc.

The help comes in the form of a town task force set up by the Board of Selectmen. I am a member of this group and have contributed to the creation and direction of a study including the hiring of an engineering firm partially funded by the town and matching Clean Water Fund through the DEEP to conduct this study that will further investigate options like an in-town community waste water disposal or septic system. The benefits of these options could be cost, saving of local water aquifer, not having to pipe waste to another town, and long term control of the town's direction/finances including avoiding an order to make sewer hook up availability an option for the entire town which we all pay for even if a homeowner has no need to hook up or utilize it.

There will be public presentation and Q & A sessions tentatively planned for Monday March 25th, 7pm and Saturday March 30th 11am and a town meeting to consider this on April 8th at 7pm.

In my opinion, for the short term, this additional study is good for all the town's tax payers and property owners, since it will answer the "alternate options questions" once and for all.

For educational purposes, the following excerpt Town of Old Lyme First Selectperson, Bonnie Reemsnyder's February Newsletter further describes recent efforts:

“Wastewater Management Task Force

The Task Force has been on the fast track during the month of February, trying to beat the clock in order to determine if a Community Septic System, is viable in Old Lyme. The Task Force published a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in early February, and received six responses on Feb. 20th. They immediately met to review the submittals and establish their selection process. In early March, they will interview firms and make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. In order to be able to conduct the study in the Spring, the BOS will need to be decisive and work with the chosen firm on a Scope of Work (SOW). Once this is established, and the cost is estimated, a Town Meeting will be scheduled to approve an appropriation for the project. But before that time, we will be schedule an informational hearing to share the project details with the public. So, please, watch the schedule closely, and be sure to join us when we plan our presentation on this important issue. The entire Board of Selectmen would like to thank the members of the Task Force for their hard work and dedication to this project.”

For more information, please check the Town of Old Lyme's website calendar regularly.