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Subject: Re: Update for the Members

Hello all,
I will not be able to attend the next WPCA meeting, I have an unexpected business trip.

I don't want to start an on line dialog, but I wanted to give my opinion on a subject I think is important. You can do what you want with my comments.

This maybe related to what Dimitri and Frank are working on. Specifically, I learned from the Planning and Zoning that "a controversial draft report and meeting were planned on the sewer project". I contacted our Sanitarium, John, and confirmed a draft report was developed and further editing was underway. The draft report is well intentioned, but could have unintended consequences of expanding our sewer obligations all over town.

John promised to try to get this draft report to the WPCA members prior to the next meeting, so we all can absorb the content and have an efficient discussion. I don't believe (or I have not yet received) a copy of the this report from the Health Department.

To be brief, I will only talk about my major concerns. In the draft report that I read, a pollution determination was calculated that suggested any lot .6 acre or less can not have a functioning septic system and water aquifer will be polluted. A reasonable person could interpret this as all lots .6 acre or less need sewers, which is not the way Woodard and Curran's report or the DEEP described the current area of sewer need.

So, my concerns are:
Any draft report should be kept to a minimum circulation until finalized.

Any sewer project related report should be reviewed by all the WPCA membership prior to distributing to other departments or the general public.

In this particular draft report, the suggestion that all lots of .6 acre or less need sewers doesn't match our current plan and could suggest we need to expand sewers to all parts of the town. I think this could be disastrous for our town.

I think our Health Department has to approve the plan and I hope this department will. I also hope the approval helps the project go forward if DEEP makes a consent order to force the agreed sewer plan. I would recommend the report be revised to reflect approval and use the basis of the town's Woodard and Curran report submitted to DEEP.

I hope this helps evaluate these concerns at the next meeting.

Sincerely