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Subject: RE: Old Lyme WPCA special meeting

Mr. Tolchinski:

Thank you for the invite to tonight's WPCA meeting, however I am not able to attend. I take exception to several of your comments in your email, however I understand that you may have your own agenda. Contrary to your assertions, this Department is not hiding from the WPCA. This office has been providing guidance to Old Lyme officials and residents for many years. This office has participated in meetings with elected officials (local and state reps), DEEP, and others about Old Lyme wastewater matters. This office has also reviewed and commented on proposed revisions to Old Lyme's septic ordinance as part of a WPCA initiative. In April of this year, I met with First Selectwoman Reemsnyder and we discussed wastewater matters, and I offered to attend future meetings if it was helpful. If there is still interest, I'd be glad to attend a meeting with the Old Lyme Health Dept., WPCA and Selectwoman/Selectman if it its arranged.

This program gets dozens of calls each year from property owners in Old Lyme, and most of them are interested in intensifying/expanding use of their seasonal buildings in beach areas. I am also aware that DEEP has been providing \$ to facilitate the extension of public sewers to beach communities in Old Lyme, and without that \$, the sewer option would be more expensive to residents. This Department does not have \$ for wastewater programs to help finance on-site sewage system upgrades.

I get the sense that many Old Lyme individuals think that they are entitled to expand use of their properties if they spend substantial \$ for septic upgrades, however this is not the case. State-wide Public Health Code (PHC) regulations (PHC Sec. 19-13-B100a) govern construction activities on lots utilizing septic systems. The regulation governs intensification of use activities (building conversions, increase in bedrooms/flow increases), and other types of construction projects (building additions, accessory structures). The regulation does not mandate septic upgrades, however it does require preservation of potential repair areas, and it does require 100% code complying septic area designation in order for local health department to approve intensification of use activities. The regulation is enforced by the local director of health, and there are no provisions for this department to grant waivers.

If your WPCA is looking to pursue possible community sewerage systems, I recommend you touch base w/ DEEP's Mike Hart (copied on this email). Mike's program is responsible for permitting community sewerage systems, alternative treatment (AT) systems, and sewage systems on properties with design flows exceeding 5,000 gallons per day.

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