



## TOWN OF OLD LYME

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### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Ms. Bonnie Reemsnyder, First Selectwoman  
Ms. Mary Jo Nosal and Mr. Skip Sibley, Board of Selectmen  
Town of Old Lyme  
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Dear Ms. Reemsnyder/Board of Selectmen:

I am writing out of great concern for the current leadership and direction of the Old Lyme WPCA. Mr. Tolchinski, currently serving as Chairman of this commission, has recently engaged in public communications that appear to undermine the mission of the WPCA. Such posturing potentially interferes with the work of the Health Department in managing complex issues involved in compliance with statewide regulations governing wastewater matters

As you know, the Town of Old Lyme has adopted a Sewer Avoidance Policy and the WPCA's mission includes this central tenet. However, the WPCA chair has actively engaged in efforts contravening this policy. For example, he recently wrote an inflammatory letter to Mr. Robert Scully, Supervising Sanitary Engineer for the Environmental Engineering Program of the CT Department of Public Health. Mr. Scully has for many years provided a great deal of helpful professional guidance and expertise to our Health Department. In his reply, this state official took exception to many comments in the letter and suggested that they were motivated by a personal agenda.

In his letter to the state official and in other verbal comments brought to my attention, I am dismayed by the potentially defamatory nature of comments made by the WPCA chair regarding my role as Health Director and the work done by Mr. Ron Rose, Chief Sanitarian for the town and my agent for this purpose in the department.

An area of additional concern that warrants discussion is whether the WPCA chairman's ownership of property in Old Colony Beach represents a potential conflict of interest given town policy and the mission of the WPCA.