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SEWER ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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April 29, 2009

Paulina Knibbe
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Dear Paulina,

The Sewer Action Advisory Committee met on April 28th to discuss the findings of the Engineering Department's Technical Memorandum on the Spencer/Tuttle/Flint Low Pressure Sewers, dated April 6, 2009 (copy attached). The Committee was extremely encouraged by the findings of this report and would like to thank the Selectmen for allowing this work to be done in-house and to congratulate the Engineering Department on the outstanding work they did.

Based on the findings of this report the Committee is confident that the Spencer/Tuttle/Flint Low Pressure Sewer Project can move forward. Accordingly the Committee unanimously approved to recommend the following actions to the Board of Selectmen:

1. Schedule a Special Town Meeting, no later than the week of June 22nd, with the appropriate Articles which would allow the Town to vote on the Spencer/Tuttle/Flint Project.
2. Have the Article request the bonding of \$2,220,000 for design and construction of a low pressure sewer system. The Committee would note that this amount may be further refined after the borings and monitoring wells have been completed and analyzed in the coming weeks.
3. In recognition of the outstanding Supersizing debt and the expectation that the expansion area should contribute to the existing sewer system the Committee recommends that the expansion area be responsible for \$466,085.96 of the outstanding debt (the Supersizing debt of \$1,166,200 minus cash received from privilege payments \$551,637.08 and the Faulkner Mill commitment not yet paid \$146,476.96).
4. In recognition that the roads are public ways and have last been paved between ten and twenty years ago and that police details will be utilized to protect the

public in general during construction the Committee would recommend that a tax contribution of \$300,000 go towards the project. These funds will offset one half of the paving costs (\$250,000) and all of the police details (\$50,000).

Under separate cover the Finance Department will be reporting to the Selectmen regarding the financial impacts of the recommendations above to both the property owners within the expansion area and to the taxpayers in general. It is the anticipation of the Committee that the potential betterment will be viewed favorably by the expansion area citizens and that any tax contribution will have a minimal impact on the average taxpayer, as well as, having appropriate justification for those expenses.

The Committee looks forward to meeting with the Board on May 4th to go over the details of the recommendations listed above. Thank you in advance for your willingness to meet with the Committee and consider these important recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy Munro".

Andy Munro
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April 30, 2009

Board of Selectmen
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Dear Board of Selectmen:

The Water Resources Advisory Committee met yesterday evening, April 29th.

We considered the question of ongoing management related to individual homeowners' grinder pumps as part of a low-pressure sewer implementation in the Spencer/Tuttle/Flint needs area.

It was the judgment of the committee that it falls within the scope of our committee to discuss management of such a system and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

The following recommendation was unanimously voted by the WRAC for your consideration:

The WRAC Recommends that at the same time that the Spencer/Tuttle/Flint low-pressure sewer extension is planned and initiated, a maintenance entity (private or public) be put in place to be ready at the time of "first connect" to the new sewer extension such that ongoing preventative maintenance, repair and replacement of grinder pumps is provided for in a reliable manner.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the WRAC,

Ron Beck,

Chairman