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From: Chris Powell <chris@orangedoorkitchen.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 1:54 PM
To: West Acton Sewer Action Advisory Committee
Subject: Support for West Acton Sewer Project

Dear WASAAC Members:

I am writing today to express my support for the proposed West Acton Sewer project. I am the owner of Orange Door Kitchen on Arlington Street in West Acton. We are a shared commercial kitchen, event space and co-working space that opened just under a year ago, and are so thrilled to be members of the vibrant business community here in West Acton.

As a shared commercial kitchen, we lease our kitchen to caterers, personal chefs and small packaged goods businesses that are not yet at the scale to justify their own commercial kitchens. We currently have seven food businesses operating out of our kitchen, with a goal of having 12-15 tenants by the end of this year. One of the most valuable assets that we can offer our clients is superb infrastructure. We have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars into supplying just that here, but unlike modern commercial kitchen equipment or adequate electrical supply, the water and sewer infrastructure is to some extent beyond our control yet is one of the most vital pieces of infrastructure for our future business growth.

The total seat count in our event space is unfortunately limited by our current septic system. Additionally, the types of food businesses we can recruit to operate out of our kitchen is restricted. Town sewer in West Acton would give us an opportunity to grow our business in new ways, and allow us to compete head to head with other kitchens in towns and cities that already have this infrastructure in place.

Thank you all for your consideration, and for investing your time in this project.

Sincerely,

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