

## Kim DelNigro

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**From:** Roland Bartl  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2006 1:21 PM  
**To:** Planning Board  
**Cc:** Don Johnson  
**Subject:** FW: Need to finalize engineering tasks to accomplish hookup ASAP.

FYI

Roland Bartl, AICP  
Town Planner, Town of Acton  
472 Main Street  
Acton, MA 01720  
978-264-9636

-----Original Message-----

From: Chapin . Chip [mailto:CChapin@drc.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2006 12:37 PM  
To: Jim Deming  
Cc: Roland Bartl; Doug Halley; lindachapin53@comcast.net  
Subject: Need to finalize engineering tasks to accomplish hookup ASAP.

Jim,  
I just tried to talk with you but you are out of the office. When is it convenient for you to talk?

I need to cost out this effort to connect up my house. Lou Vigliotti of Middlesex Water has maintained my well since we moved here in 1988. He suggested I ask you if you have contractors you can recommend to help me determine how to most cost effectively hook my house to the new main.

When they were laying the new water main, I asked for the stub to be put on the side of my house where my current well is plumbed into the house. They choose not to put it there due to concerns with heavy ledge and an associated gas line. They instead put it at the farthest most point from my well's connecting point into my house.

So currently I cannot access my current input plumbing zone without going across/ripping up my driveway and the front of my house which I assume is mostly ledge. Other alternatives would be to run a line completely around the back of my house and then up the far side of the house which would include having it pass thru my septic system plumbing (in the back) or take it into my house at a newly plumbed input point and replumbing the inside of my house.

Standing by awaiting your advice,  
Chip Chapin  
Work 857-229-1481  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Deming [mailto:jjim@actonh2o.com]  
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2006 10:00 AM  
To: Roland Bartl; Authentic Homes Inc  
Cc: Manager Department; Board of Health; Planning Board; Chapin . Chip  
Subject: RE: Official Notification Of Unhealthful Exposure to Perchlorate

Roland,

The Acton Water District paid Mr. Fenton to install "stubs" to all the properties on Brabrook Road. We felt it would be in everyone's best interests to do that as part of the installation of the new water main.

Any resident of Brabrook Road who wishes to connect to the public water system needs only to follow the normal application process, and pay the appropriate fees. The only potential complication that I am aware of is the possible existence of "ledge" on the property between the stub and the foundation. If it exists, its removal to facilitate the installation of the water service line, could extend the time needed to accomplish the job? I would be happy to discuss this with Mr. Chapin at his convenience. I have been out of Town on vacation but will be back in the office on Tuesday, April 18th.

Regards,

Jim Deming  
Manager, Acton Water District

-----Original Message-----

From: Roland Bartl [mailto:rbartl@acton-ma.gov]  
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2006 12:49 PM  
To: Authentic Homes Inc; Jim Deming  
Cc: Manager Department; Board of Health; Planning Board; Chapin . Chip  
Subject: RE: Official Notification Of Unhealthful Exposure to Perchlorate

Jim Fenton and Jim Deming:

Whatever the source of perchlorate in the Chapin's well water, this reported concentration is a reason for concern, although it appears that no safe standards have been established by any of the responsible agencies. How close are you to offering Acton public water to Brabrook Road residents, and the Chapins in particular if they so desire? Can this be made a priority? A day? Two days? What will it take? Please advise a.s.a.p.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Chapin . Chip [mailto:CChapin@drc.com]  
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2006 9:59 PM  
To: Board of Selectmen; Manager Department; Board of Health; Planning Board; Roland Bartl; Authentic Homes Inc  
Cc: lindachapin53@comcast.net; tom.lemire@comcast.net; surprcj@rcn.com; rjb9flag@aol.com; levi@glozman.com; ilana@glozman.com; etighe@stadlerviega.com  
Subject: Official Notification Of Unhealthful Exposure to Perchlorate

To the Town of Acton and James Fenton & Son General Contracting:

Pursuant under Massachusetts Tort Claims Act, I am hereby providing official written notice to the Town of Acton and James Fenton & Son General Contracting, that due to actions directly related to the Town of Acton's approval of James Fenton & Son General Contracting request to build Ellsworth Village and then due to James Fenton & Son General Contracting resultant actions to build Ellsworth Village, specifically the blasting of bedrock to install a water main adjacent to my property: my family and I have been exposed to serious, unhealthful circumstances.

Numerous members of the Brabrook/Flagg Neighborhood Association conducted pre and post blasting testing of our well water. We provided official notice to the Acton Board of Selectman on Monday 27 March that one of our neighborhood wells had tested positive for perchlorate, a volatile organic toxin and that the neighborhood was retesting many of our wells at our own expense. We also informed the Acton Board of Selectman that we are working directly with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to document

our findings.

I hereby notify you, that the Brabrook/Flagg Neighborhood Association received the results of our wells being retested on 29 Mar 2006. The testing was performed by Alpha Analytical Laboratories 8 Walkup Dr, Westborough, 01581 - (508) 898-9220.

The results show for my family's well: a perchlorate count of 5.36 parts per billion.

I hereby notify you that because of this test result, our family is no longer able to drink the water from our well and that we are burdened by the additional expense of buying water to drink. We can no longer use ice from our refrigerator's ice maker. We are retaining all receipts from these actions. I hereby notify you that due to a conversation today with Doug Halley, Acton Board of Health, that he raised unhealthful concerns over our using the water from our well to take showers due to the release into the air of volatile organic toxins.

It is imperative; we get on a safe supply of water, as soon as possible. We request immediate action from the Town of Acton and James Fenton & Son General Contracting to provide us with a corrective action plan to resolve these unhealthful circumstances. We expect reimbursement for having to test our well water to date as originally specified within the Acton Planning Boards decision to allow blasting in our Brabrook/Flagg Neighborhood, should perchlorate be a blasting compound.

Sincerely,

Henry (Chip) Chapin

4 Brabrook Rd

Acton MA 01720