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From: William Ray <actoncoffeehouse@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 4:46 PM
To: West Acton Sewer Action Advisory Committee
Subject: Sewer Project

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please count me as among those strongly in favor of the West Acton Sewer Project. As the owner of Acton Coffee House, I would welcome the addition of a sewer for a number of reasons. We have been delighted with our move to West Acton Villageworks, and many customers have expressed their appreciation, whether in person or through reviews online, of our cafe. One of the few complaints we ever here is "There just aren't enough seats!" I have a standard answer to this that is apologetic but explains that the number of seats we're allowed is due to water considerations and is beyond my control. I would love to be able to say, "Good news! We are getting a sewer and I'll be able to add a few more seats!"

When my wife and I first came before the Board of Selectmen to gain a license to open the cafe, we were initially told that we would have to use plastic or styrofoam cups, rather than ceramic cups. Luckily, we were able to convince the board that ceramic cups was a crucial part of our business plan, for both aesthetic and environmental reasons. Had the board not been accommodating, we may well have looked to other towns to locate our cafe. As I understand it, having a sewer would make it easier for the board to give such flexibility to other business owners who are looking at Acton as a potential location.

I would add that having learned to deal with the limitations that a septic system imposes has its advantages. The discipline required for the septic system is valuable in that my staff have developed some healthy habits that could carry over if we had a sewer system.

Sincerely,
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