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To: Town Council Group
Subject: FW: SCWA well proposal in Ledyard Center
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Subject: Re: SCWA well proposal in Ledyard Center

thank you Ed, appreciate your reach out. I am copying Eric Mcphee and Mandy Smith who can work to provide information and assistance. Believe that a meeting would be good for us to get together and share our information.

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Attaching a copy of the SCWA Chairman's Report, which is the source of the information the WPCA was given. I've been the Town Council liaison to the WPCA for more than 15 years, and I fully support Chairman Lynch's concerns.

-Bill Saums
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From: water pollution control authority <wpc.ledyard@ledyardct.org>
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Good morning Lori:

I don't know if you remember me and I am not sure if you are the right person to address this to, but I am confident that you will know the person(s) that can help us here.

As chairperson of the Ledyard WPCA, I was surprised to learn that the Department of Health granted a conditional permit to Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority to drill a well in Ledyard Center. The reason is that you were instrumental in encouraging water interconnects in the event that emergencies and (I am assuming) for other contingencies when a well or other small water systems fail. The requested well permit has such a system already connected to it - we (Ledyard WPCA / GU) installed an interconnect several years ago and can adequately supply water - as a matter of fact we have done so in the past validating the viability of the interconnect.

The condition that DPH put on the well requires a 150-foot radius easement. The Ledyard WPCA commissioners voted last night to recommend to the town council that such a request be denied for the following reasons:

1. There presently is an interconnect that allows us to supply GU water to the system.
2. The proposed well cannot adequately supply the required pressure for future development in Ledyard Center for fire suppression systems or volume for hydrants
3. SCWA does not own the land and the restriction for land use would restrict the owner use of the land easement.
4. Sewer is being planned for Ledyard center and dual water suppliers greatly complicate billing.

I suppose I could go on and on with these points, but I think the idea has been made that granting a well permit to address a failed well in the area makes no sense to us.

I guess my question is where do we go from here? I suppose if the condition has not been met then no well permit would be granted, but I think a more definitive approach would be better for all parties involved. The mayor has been kept up to date on the developments.

I appreciate your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ed Lynch, WPCA
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