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TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Town of Ledyard
Ledyard, CT 06339

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Dear Chidley Residents

The Ledyard WPCA Commissioners have discussed your concerns and request to install fire hydrants on Chidley Way. The Commissioners want to make you aware of some of the issues and background for what is called a water main extension request. The first is the distance of connecting to an existing water main which is located at Gallup Hill Road by the high school. That distance is over a mile and at between \$150 to \$300 per foot (depending on the water main size and encountered obstacles such as ledge) would result in over a \$1.5 million investment for installing the line to Chidley Way. The town of Ledyard and the taxpayers would need to approve such investment as the town typically pays for about 75% of the cost while homeowners that benefit from the water would pick up the other 25% cost. Each homeowner would be assessed as a tax by an algorithm based on frontage and would typically be in the \$4000 to \$5000 range which can be paid one time, over a period or based on a lien that is paid upon the sale of the house. Although the owner would not have to tie into the water main immediately, any future well maintenance would require approval from the state Department of Health which has been lately encouraging city water connections.

The Commissioners also recognize the reasons for such a request and would happily help in the design and construction for such an extension but the process for such a request starts with petitioning the Town Council and the Mayor. The Town Council WPCA representative is Bill Saums, and we would recommend contacting him directly

I hope this letter answers some of your concerns and questions and would happily be available to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Ed Lynch
WPCA Chairman

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