

## Roxanne Maher

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**From:** Kevin Blacker <kjblacker@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2025 11:02 PM  
**To:** Roxanne Maher; Town Council Group; Ed Lynch; water pollution control authority; Fred Allyn, III; Elizabeth Burdick  
**Cc:** Cathy Osten; Rep. Kevin Ryan  
**Subject:** Re: Ledyard Town Council February 12, 2025 meeting - Sewer Projects

I just want to re-iterate the opportunity the Osten/Ryan Bill presents. This bill is opportunity to ask for funding to reline pipes in Ledyard Center.

Osten powerful and effective. Kevin Ryan longstanding, capable, dependable. Both are good listeners and have a lot of pull in Hartford.

With the tidal wave of Public concern over impact of Ledyard Sewer expansion on Stonington drinking water, and Mystic River/ tourism. Stage is set for Osten and Ryan to flex- deliver a solution. They'll be able to bank the goodwill of Ledyard, Stonington, Mystic. People would say *Osten and Ryan came through- and delivered for Save the Sound. For the owners of the Whalers Inn. The chamber of commerce. The environment.* Get their picture taken. Nice articles in paper- they saw a problem- bada bing bada boom they took sensible decisive action. Someone give them a commendation.

Could be an awesome American exercise of disparate parties working together, coming up with good solution. Maybe Osten or Ryan can make your council meeting when Ed Lynch will be there to explain how impactful the money would be?

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2025/TOB/S/PDF/2025SB-00938-R00-SB.PDF>

Sincerely,  
Kevin Blacker

On Monday, January 27, 2025 at 06:36:28 PM EST, Kevin Blacker <kjblacker@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Wow Chairwoman Rodriguez,

Thanks a million. I've been down to multiple meetings last week at the Town of Stonington (Selectmen, Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control). Trip to DEEP headquarters in person, calls to DPH and other members of DEEP, emails and meetings with press, correspondence with some politically active town residents, and a couple of land trusts/conservancies, and land owners.

My intention for this work is not to make anyone look bad. Or stop anything you guys want to do.

My actions were to build Public awareness and concern downstream. I intend to convince those downstream it's in their best interest to **quickly help get a large pot of money** for Ledyard Sewage System upgrades. To allow town wide relining or replacement of pipes. **Reducing water infiltration-increasing/preserving available capacity for future development.**

I'm using attention generated to simultaneously push the idea of large scale effort to preserve farmland in the Thankless Valley (Lantern Hill Shewville roads) for Flood protection of Mystic. This effort will involve 3 towns and the two tribes in the valley. As an aside it will be means to leverage further investment and political support from downstream neighbors towards Ledyard's wise and responsible development/conservation.

I look forward to the 12th.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Blacker

On Monday, January 27, 2025 at 03:12:04 PM EST, Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org> wrote:



Dear Mr. Blacker:

Thank you for attending the Town Council's January 8, 2025 meeting.

Based on your comments regarding the Sewer Projects in Ledyard Center,  
I have invited Water Pollution Control Authority Chairman Ed Lynch to attend the  
Town Council's February 12, 2025 meeting to discuss the Sewer projects.

Thank you,

S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman

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