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Dear Chairwoman Rodriguez and Mayor Allyn,

I see potential sewage treatment plant has to benefit town. Ed Lynch good guy. Admire that he's not afraid to take questions. I see weakness in current plan Ed Lynch described. Addressing or Engineering it out now will avoid significant cost/headache in future.

Sincerely,
Kevin Blacker

Ledyard sewage treatment plant running at 83,000 gallons per day. Permit is for 250,000. In spring it runs at 500,000 gallons per day

Running at 2x permit limit easy target for environmental group, down stream neighbors, businesses, or towns to sue/stop.

Weston Sampson says Ledyard can add up to another 100,000

Projected sewage flow estimated off water use- inaccurate way to estimate. Doesn't account for water infiltration and illegal sump pumps drained into sewer. That's why you see the difference between what Ledyard plant is designed for and what it's running at in reality.

Can WPCA definitely say they can effectively treat 600,000+ gallons per day during the spring? I don't think so.

Lynch referenced the GU Watershed- no reference of Mystic River Watershed- biggest environmental and economic asset of region.

Lynch said sewage effluent is used to recharge ground water- which Stonington drinks. *becomes sterile- no virus' bugs*. In spring because ponds are full- at that time the effluent is discharged to stream- when plant is running at 2x capacity.

Does Ledyard WPCA test for PFAS? as they recharge Stonington's drinking water as well as their own resident's private wells? If so what method of testing?

Saccione to got a little defensive for Fire Department- M. Duarte said they didn't know cause of breaks- but it could have been related to fires in the area. Dombrowski comments indicated lack of understanding of water distribution system. Asking Mauricio to have a

Water Treatment Plant Operator do an hour training on Water distribution system would be good for Fire Department and all town residents- could help Ledyard limp the old Highlands system along until get \$ to replace.

Grinder pumps. Town of Groton and GU have grinder pumps and both own and maintain. I bet GU Mauricio Duarte and TOG Bob Domurat know why. In Groton they have to come around during every power outage and run. I'd see if Bob D. would come up to a WPCA meeting to share some info with WPCA.

Steve Masselin- fire hydrant near high school get moved or hit yet?

Sincerely,
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