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Watertown Water and Sewer Authority 747 French Street Oakville, CT 06779

RE: Proposed Sanitary Sewer and Municipal Water Bunker Hill Estates, Lake Winnemaug Estates and Hedgerow Subdivision

Dear Members,

I've been asked to comment on the installation of sanitary sewer and municipal water in the vicinity of the three subdivisions referenced above. Bunker Hill Estates (Concord, Lexington, Mystic and Revere) dates back to the early 1960's. The Hedgerow Subdivision (Cornwall, Old Colony and Hedgerow) dates back to the early 1970's. Both these areas are plagued with a seasonal high ground water table, relatively flat topography and soils that have a very slow percolation rate. Any one of these would be an Area of Special Concern for Sewage Disposal.

Lake Winnemaug Estates dates back to the mid-1940's. Over the years the residents have acquired additional adjoining parcels and seasonal cottages became year-round houses. Quite frequently this change of use occurred without benefit of permit. This area has its own set of unique circumstances. Ledge rock and the close proximity of wells and septic systems are the challenges in this neighborhood.

Due to all of the extenuating circumstances listed above, many of the repaired sewage disposal systems installed over the past ten to fifteen years, do not comply with the minimum standards of the CT Public Health Code.

I strongly encourage and support the installation of sanitary sewer and municipal water.

Respectfully submitted,

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Registered Sanitarian

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