

TOWN OF WAYNE
SYLVAN BEACH/WANETA LAKE
PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES
UPDATE OCTOBER 14, 2008

The Town of Wayne held an informational meeting regarding public water and wastewater for the residents of Sylvan Beach and Waneta Lake-front home owners on August 16, 2008 at the Highway Garage. Supervisor Dawn Dowdle and representatives from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) and Chatfield Engineers were there to present options to the residents and answer questions.

Since that time, James C. Smith, NYSEFC, has begun the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process by contacting federal, state and local agencies ("interested parties"), and informing them that the Town of Wayne is investigating these projects and desires to be Lead Agency in the review process. The agencies then have thirty (30) days from receiving this notification to reply with any alternate opinions regarding lead agency status. The last date for response on the lead agency solicitation is October 30, 2008.

The review process will determine the impact of the project(s) on any wetlands and/or historical sites, plants, animals, present and future use of the land and, in general, review the entire project area to determine how much it will be altered in use, appearance and/or quality by the project(s). Often, a pipeline project will have only a minimal short-term effect on a project area, and the disturbed area can be returned to pre-construction conditions. Each of these proposed projects, however, will involve some type of above-ground structure (water storage tank, treatment plant, etc.) that will have a long-term effect.

Mr. Smith is also beginning the funding process for each project. Both water and sewer projects are listed on the respective Intended Use Proposals (IUP's) for the State Revolving Fund programs for the new fiscal year. As it was presented in the public meeting, this is a lengthy process, and available money is dispersed on a point system based on each project area's financial conditions and need, and its need for the improvement. By the end of the year, Mr. Smith expects he will have completed the Rural Development Preliminary Funding applications, and obtain a response from that agency. The funding process could take up to two (2) years before any decision is reached.

Concurrently, comments will be solicited from the involved Regulatory Agencies (NYSDOH, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), etal.).

At this point, we all must wait for a determination on available grants and loans, so the annual cost per parcel is known before you, the residents, decide whether either project is possible. We will provide additional updates as information becomes available. It is important to note, a petition for the right to vote for the creation of a water/sewer district in the Town of Wayne, which included 113 signatures, was received at the Town Hall on October 14, 2008.

Regards,

Supervisor Dawn Dowdle
Town of Wayne