## WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M.. WOODRIDGE LAKE CLUB HOUSE EAST HYERDALE DRIVE, GOSHEN, CT.

A Special Meeting of the voters of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2010, 9:00 A.M. Woodridge Lake Club House for the following purpose:

To give taxpayers of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District the opportunity to participate in the review and status of the work that is being done to comply with the requirements of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection requiring the Woodridge Lake Sewer District to come into compliance with conditions of its consent order issued in 1989 and to give the taxpayers the opportunity to back the action taken by the WLSD Board to approve the approximately \$250,000 to cover the Districts cost of the Scope of Study Work to be done by Woodward & Curran.

Dated at Goshen, Connecticut this the 1st day of December 2010.

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

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Raymond'A. Turri, President

By:

boan M. Lang, Clerk

## Notice Woodridge Lake Sewer District Special Meeting December 18, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Woodridge Lake Clubhouse

## Approval of \$250,000 Expenditure for Facilities Plan Update

As detailed in previous communications and meetings, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is requiring WLSD to take action to come into compliance with conditions of its consent order issued in 1989. The District has been meeting with the DEP over the past six months to consider a number of alternative methods of solving our wastewater treatment and disposal problems in an environmentally and financially acceptable way. This process has been challenging due to issues of the hydrologic capacity of our filter beds, the DEP's existing criteria and guidelines for wastewater disposal and the potentially high costs of long term solutions acceptable to the DEP.

WLSD has retained the services of a first class engineering consulting firm, Woodard & Curran, to assist it in finding a financially viable way to meet our wastewater collection, treatment and disposal requirements. Through its Planning Committee, WLSD has developed a Scope of Work with Woodard & Curran for the updating of our Facilities Plan to address these issues. The cost of this work is estimated at \$560,000 and is being submitted to the DEP for a planning grant under its Clean Water Fund. As the Planning Committee went through a DEP required Qualifications Based Selection process for selecting our consultants, we expect the DEP will approve a grant for 55% of the cost of this work leaving the District with 45% or approximately \$250,000 of the cost. While the District has sufficient cash reserves for its share, has included \$250,000 in its 2010-11 budget for related items, and the expenditure has been approved by the Board; the Board believes the expenditure is significant enough to take to taxpayers for approval.

An expenditure of \$250,000 is a lot for a community of approximately 840 taxpayers. However, the potential solutions could cost up to \$20 million or more. Further, noncompliance could invoke civil penalties by the Attorney General of \$25,000 per day for violations of the water quality standards established by the DEP.

While we appreciate this is not good news, the Board and the Planning Committee believe this is right course of action. We urge your attendance at this Special Meeting and voting for the approval of this expenditure.

Board of Directors Planning Committee Woodridge Lake Sewer District December 1, 2010