


WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

TO: Mayor Sebastian N. Giuliano

FROM: Guy P. Russo, Director of Water and Sewer 

DATE: June 11, 2008

RE: Selection of Army Corp. Engineers Base-Site

Please be advised that this morning I read in the Middletown Press that the Army Corp. Engineers had selected its preferred site for its Middletown site. I am forwarding this memo to raise a utility concern with you to be shared with others as may be required. Please be further advised that at no point of the process had I been consulted regarding adequacy of water and/or sewer for any of the sites once Freeman Road site had been abandoned.

Please be advised that the selected site on Boardman Lane does have traversing the parcel our sewer interceptor line and therefore, sewer disposal and adequacy of volume should not pose a problem.

Conversely, with regards to water, the new base is in an area that has presented critical flow problems for us most recently. As you are aware, the Department has been actively working on a redistricting of the water service area west of I-91. The service area is to include a storage tank to be located west of I-91, a booster pump station to accommodate the tank in the service area, and a second source of water which may include an interconnection with the Town of Berlin as a secondary source. If in fact this site is to remain viable, there will need to be an emphasis placed upon the completion of the redistricting project as soon as possible. Be advised that at our most recent meeting, June 10, 2008, of the Middletown Water Pollution Control Authority, a discussion did occur about a cost estimate for this project and a referendum request to the Common Council for November 2008 to accomplish the redistricting and infrastructure improvements that would be necessary. Without the improvements to the distribution west of I-91, I do not believe that a facility the size of the army base can be accommodated without a loss of pressure to our residents along the extreme western edge of our service area (Snow Ridge, Tavern Circle, Tower Road, Shadow Court).

If I can be of any further assistance or should any other Department Directors require information that may be necessary for the Army Corp. Engineers or if the Army Corp. would like to contact me directly, I would ask that at your selection, that you allow me to be available.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention to this most critical service matter.

cc: WPCA