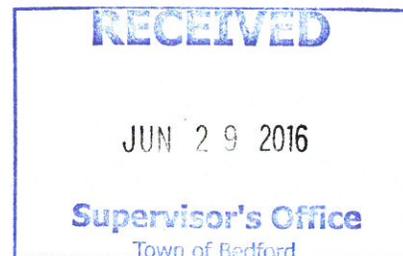




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Acting Commissioner



June 23, 2016

Honorable Chris Burdick
Supervisor
Town of Bedford
321 Bedford Road
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RE: Bedford Hills Correctional Facility Waste Water
Treatment Plant

Dear Supervisor Burdick:

I am providing this correspondence in response to your letters dated May 26, 2016 and June 9, 2016 (enclosed) in which you set forth the Town's interest in assuming responsibility for the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility Waste Water Treatment Plant. In your letter you also indicate that the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) would be guaranteed service as a customer. In your letter, you also request that DOCCS attend a Public Information Session on June 28th at 7:30pm at the Katonah Village Library.

As you know, on Wednesday June 15, I directed two of the Department's engineers, Keith D. Rupert, P.E., Supervisor of Technical Services, as well as Eric Greppo, Environmental Engineer, to your Offices in order to discuss the Town's interest. I understand the meeting was extremely positive and that many aspects of the proposal were discussed. As you must certainly understand, such a proposal requires involvement of quite a number of agencies outside DOCCS including the Office of the Attorney General, the Empire State Development Corporation, the Office of the State Comptroller, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, and possibly the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

At this point, I want to register DOCCS's commitment to continue to work with your personnel in order to develop possible approaches to the Town taking over the operation of this facility. I think we have a good start to a productive effort. In lieu of attendance at your Public Information Meeting, I suggest instead that DOCCS and Town officials and personnel continue to work collaboratively in order to advance this effort so that each staff develops good recommendations for our consideration.

Thank you for your cooperation and courtesies.

Sincerely,



Anthony J. Annucci
Acting Commissioner

Enclosures

cc: Patrick Griffin, Assistant Commissioner
Thomas Griffin, Supervising Superintendent, Green Haven Correctional Facility
Sabina Kaplan, Superintendent, Bedford Hills Correctional Facility
Ellisa Weber, Director, Division of Facilities Planning and Development
Keith Rupert, P.E. Supervisor of Technical Services
Eric Greppo, Environmental Engineer II
George Glassanos, Deputy Counsel

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Re: Bedford Hills Correctional Facilities Waste Water Treatment Plant

Dear Mr. Annucci;

The Town of Bedford is interested in taking over the BHCF WWTP under an agreement in which DOCCs would be a guaranteed customer of a sewer district to be created. I have had preliminary conversations with Keith Rupert in your department and would appreciate your approval in taking next steps.

The Town is considering a scaled back version of one under consideration some 10 to 15 years ago, but for financial reasons could not proceed. The new plan entails a sewer district primarily encompassing the historic business districts of Katonah and Bedford Hills. As you may know, the Katonah business district is located over the Katonah aquifer and very close to the Cross River Reservoir. The Bedford Hills business district poses similar hazards. The Town needs a long term solution. I am aware that the BHCF WWTP has excess capacity, as well as land at the plant that could permit expansion.

The Town has access to some funding, however, needs to act expeditiously or lose the opportunity. Having the WWTP under Town control would allow the Town to be considered for additional monies. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Chris Burdick
Supervisor

cc: Keith Rupert

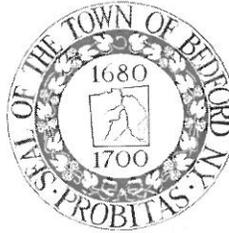
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Re: Bedford Hills Correctional Facilities Waste Water Treatment Plant

Dear Mr. Annucci;

This letter is further to my May 26 letter. I wish to invite you and any others in your Department to a Public Information Session on June 28 at 7:30 PM at the main meeting room of the Katonah Village Library (26 Bedford Road, Katonah) to discuss the Town's plans for a sewer system in the business districts of Bedford Hills and Katonah. I am pleased that David Warne, Assistant Commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, is joining us for the meeting. I expect that representatives of the Westchester County government will join us as well.

I am also pleased to report meaningful progress on our plan. The Northern Westchester Watershed Committee, advisory to Westchester County, at an historic meeting on May 31 unanimously adopted a resolution recommending the appropriation of all unexpended funds of the East of Hudson Water Quality Improvement Program. The appropriation would include \$9,250,000 toward the capital costs of Bedford's proposed sewer system. We have had encouraging discussions with Mr. Warne about the possibility of substantial funding from the DEP toward capital costs.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

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