

TOWNS OF CUBA & ISCHUA
c/o Clark Patterson Lee
130 South Union Street, Suite 4
Olean, NY 14760
Phone: 800-274-9000 ext 1401

February 13, 2008

RE: TOWN OF CUBA SEWER DISTRICT #5 & Associated TOWN OF ISCHUA SEWER DISTRICT

Dear Property Owner:

Note - The definition of "Property Owner" (Owner) used throughout this communication is – a Leaseholder of record on State-owned property and/or a named owner of deeded property falling in the Town of Cuba Sewer District #5 & Associated Town of Ischua Sewer District .

The towns of Cuba and Ischua (**TOC&I**) have authorized the engineering firm of Clark Patterson Lee (**CPL**) to begin the design of the infrastructure for the subject sewer districts. The beginning phase of the design requires the involvement of the **Owners** through the enclosed questionnaire and agreement.

Who must sign the agreement?

This mailing is being sent to **one address** listed for the property tax number which identifies the property or parcel in question. If more than one address was available an attempt was made to send to the closest address to the Town of Cuba.

For those properties having multiple owners it is the responsibility of the recipient of these documents to coordinate with those other Owners to provide a single response to CPL. In the space provided on the questionnaire you are asked to designate who will be the contact for decisions on your property throughout the project.

If you are not an Owner of the property described in the mailing, please notify CPL at the above phone number or address and provide any information you may have relative to the ownership or change of ownership of the property in question.

To register your decision, complete both sides of the enclosed form, sign and return it with the marked up plot photo requested, in the envelope provided.

Returned material must be postmarked no later than March 17, 2008, midnight.

If you do not return the agreement, it may be assumed that you do not wish to hook up to the sewer system.

Am I required to connect to the sewer system?

You are **not** required to connect to the sewer system. A Sewer District Questionnaire/agreement has been enclosed that will permit you to voice your choice related to sewer service. If you choose not to connect please fill in your name and address, check "no" on the questionnaire, sign in the space provided, and submit the form to CPL using the enclosed return envelope.

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not elect to connect to the sewer system at this time, you will bear the entire cost to connect to the system should you need to connect at a future date. The estimated cost to connect to the system without benefit of quantity purchasing and quantity installations is currently approximately \$10,500 subject to inflation. Further note -
- the Health Departments of both Allegany and Cattaraugus counties will require hookup to the sewer system for all new systems; and, when existing septic systems are no longer effective.

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What if I choose to connect to the sewer system?

If you choose to connect please check “**yes**” on the questionnaire complete both sides of the enclosed form, sign below the **PERMIT** section at the bottom of page one of the form. The permit will allow the District’s contractor access to the property to install the public portion of the system. The information on page 2 of the form will be used to locate the grinder pump station on your property.

Return the completed form and the marked up plot photo using the pre-stamped enclosed envelope.

What is involved in sanitary sewer construction?

After receipt of the information resulting from this mailing, the final design and equipment bills of material will be determined and bids let for quotation to qualified suppliers. The engineering company will work with the individual homeowners in final assessment of strategy for installation and construction at each site. Construction specifications will be developed and let out to qualified bidders. Upon selection of suppliers, work can begin.

Note that the pipe sizes involved for the mains (major pipe loops for the system) range from 2 inch diameter up to 8 inch diameter (depending on the final design). The laterals (lines leading from the pump on your property to the main) for a single dwelling unit, will be 1-1/4 inch tubing buried to 4 foot depth. Laterals may be larger for commercial establishments.

Generally, the sequence of the work will begin at the Village WWTP receiving point. Mains will be installed on a progressive basis. During excavation and burying of mains, the trench will be backfilled at the end of each day. The size of the pipe allows for excavation and “planting” on a rapid basis with no more work done than can be covered at the end of the day. On refill of trenches the dirt will be mounded slightly to allow for settlement of the backfilled material before the final restoration is completed near the end of the project. When the excavation crosses a driveway or is in the roadway, temporary asphalt or stone is placed in the trench area until the final restoration phases. (This is also done to allow settlement to occur before the final pavement is placed). After the main is fully installed, the next phase of work includes installation, start-up and testing of the grinder pump stations and system followed by connection of the existing discharge pipe from your home or business facility to the grinder pump station. Final restoration of the premises will occur after all installations are completed and tested, and when seasonal conditions permit.

What portion of the system will be located on my property?

The sewer system that was chosen to be installed is known as a low-pressure grinder pump system. This requires that each home or business facility included in the hookup plan receives a grinder pump station that will be installed on the owner’s property. The grinder pump station will be installed by the sewer districts’ contractor along with the piping from the pump station to the main at the roadway adjacent to the property. The only portions of the pump station that will be visible include the control panel mounted on or near your home or business, and the cover of the grinder station which will project a few inches above the level of the ground surface.

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A typical grinder pump station is a unitized package which includes:

1. the grinder pump
2. discharge check valve
3. level controls and alarms
4. Min 50 gal capacity reservoir
5. Maintenance access

Typical rough dimensions of a single dwelling unit pump package:

Diameter of tank - 30 inches.

Depth from grade to bottom of tank - 60 to 75 inches.

The above dimensions are approximations and can change depending on the final package selected through the competitive bidding process.

A small control panel is required to be mounted near the pump package.

Do I have a choice in the proposed location of the grinder pump station on my property?

The final location of the grinder pump station and force main will be determined during construction through a meeting with the Towns' on-site representative and yourself. Several considerations will be reviewed including existing underground facilities, landscaping, and future maintenance. CPL will develop a preliminary location that will be used for bidding and design purposes, but the location can be modified, within reason, during construction. In order to develop the preliminary location we have included an aerial photograph of your property. We request that you mark the location of the requested items to the best of your ability. If the response is your "best guess" so indicate. If you absolutely have no idea, then indicate such on the form. Return the plot photo with the completed form in the envelope provided.

Who will maintain the grinder pump station and piping on my property?

The Districts will own and operate the grinder pump station and piping from the pump station to the force main on the roadway. This will require you to sign a permanent easement authorizing the Districts' agent or system operator to access the pump station for general maintenance and during system failures.

Whom shall I contact if I have questions?

Contact the Towns' Engineer, Clark Patterson Lee, at (800) 274-9000 extension 1401, Tom Swift, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Town Boards Town of Cuba & Town of Ischua

Enclosures:

Agreement/Questionnaire

Plot photograph