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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SEWERS AFFECTING YOU**  
**REQUEST FOR REPLY**

April 1, 2019

Dear Fellow Bedford Resident,

I am contacting you in regard to the Town's plans to move beyond the present sewer project that you may have heard about. We're calling the present project Phase I and it principally covers the commercial business districts of Bedford Hills and Katonah. We are anticipating that the present project will be bid in fall of this year, with construction breaking ground in early 2020 and continuing to fall 2021.

When we first went to the community to present the initial phase, we pledged that it was just the first step in providing sewers for all the areas of Bedford Hills and Katonah that need public sewer service. We know too well that the process for building a sewer system is long. It is years between initial planning through design and ultimate operation. As such, the Town has already begun initial planning for the next phase of sanitary sewers, including identifying potential areas to provide service to and funding options. The Town believes that your neighborhood may be appropriate to include in those areas next in need of inclusion in the sewer system.

A sewer system is an expensive proposition. We're doing our utmost to secure funding for the system itself, but there would be significant costs to you to connect to the system (a one time cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000) and to pay your share of operation and maintenance (\$650/year to \$950/year). I'd like you to know that if we hold a referendum for you and your neighbors and the referendum passes, then you would be *required* to connect to the sewer system. On the other hand septic systems do not last forever. Replacement may be difficult and costly. Some feel that it is worth the investment to be part of a sewer system and some feel that it may positively affect property values. We need to know how you might vote. I enclose a straw poll. **Please complete and return it by April 15, 2019.** An unreturned straw poll will be counted as a no vote. If the survey results are positive, we will move forward with planning and design efforts for your neighborhood as funding becomes available.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me, and thank you for taking the time to consider these important questions.

Sincerely,

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## PHASE II SEWER PROGRAM

### STRAW POLL

*(PLEASE CIRCLE APPLICABLE RESPONSE)*

1. Overall would you say that failing septic systems in your area is a very serious, somewhat serious, or not very serious problem? **VERY SERIOUS** **SOMEWHAT SERIOUS** **NOT VERY SERIOUS**
2. Should the Town continue efforts to provide public sewer service – do you fully support, somewhat support or do not support such efforts? **FULLY SUPPORT** **SOMEWHAT SUPPORT** **DO NOT SUPPORT**
3. If public sewers were to be provided at an annual cost of \$650 per year in 2019 dollars – would you vote in favor of a referendum to form such a district, including your property: **YES** **NO**
4. If public sewers were to be provided at an annual cost of \$950 per year in 2019 dollars – would you vote in favor of a referendum to form such a district, including your property: **YES** **NO**
5. Any other comments:

It would be very helpful to know your name and address, but if you prefer anonymity, you may leave this blank.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY APRIL 15, 2019**  
**UNRETURNED STRAW POLLS WILL BE COUNTED AS NO VOTES**