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Phase II Sewer Meeting

Via Videoconference

May 5, 2020

Dear Katonah Property Owner,

The Town Board will hold a public information session on Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 pm on the proposed Phase II sewer project that would affect your property. This meeting will be held via **videoconferencing** with the Zoom application.

Five years ago when the Town launched the first phase of sewers, we pledged to the community this only would be the initial step in providing sewers for an area greater than is encompassed in Phase I. (Phase I covers the neighborhood business districts in Bedford Hills and Katonah, as well as Bedford Park Apartments in Bedford Hills, St. Mary's School and rectory, and Katonah Elementary School.)

With Phase I sewer construction underway and additional funding available from both the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) and Westchester County, we have been considering moving forward with Phase II. This sewer project would include your property as one of 89 residential properties in Katonah. The area is adjacent to Phase I sewer lines and characterized with cesspools and a history of septic issues. The remainder of Phase II would include Bedford Lake apartments, Lakeside at Bedford condominiums in Bedford Hills, and 10 properties on Railroad Avenue in Bedford Hills.

The project is described in greater detail in a report from Woodard and Curran, the project engineers, which can be viewed at <https://bedfordny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Sewer-Phase-II-Report-5-5-20.pdf>. The project includes expanding the capacity of the Bedford Hills wastewater plant, installing new sewer mains and laterals, installing a new pump station, and decommissioning the Bedford Lake Wastewater Plant.

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Over 98% of the funding would be provided by NYCDEP and Westchester County East of Hudson Water Quality Improvement Program funds (EOH funds). At this time, we estimate a yearly cost to the average Phase II homeowner in Katonah to be \$550 to \$700 per year and a one-time cost of \$5,000 to connect to the sewer lateral and decommission your existing septic system. You would not incur costs for the project until 2022 at the earliest.

We look forward to your input on **Zoom on May 14th at 7:00 pm.**

In the meantime, if you have questions please feel free to contact me at 666-6530 or the Town's Commissioner of Public Works, Kevin Winn, at 241-2458. Additionally, more information is posted on the Town's website at www.bedfordny.gov (go to Departments-->Planning-->"Proposed Bedford Hills-Katonah Business Sewer District.")

There are three options for your involvement in this upcoming meeting, as described below:

1. To view the meeting, follow these steps:

- Go to bedfordny.gov
- Click "Town Meetings and Agendas"
- Then "Town Board Meetings"
- See the live stream button

2. Email questions for the meeting to: lfumagalli@bedfordny.gov

3. Join the Zoom Meeting with this information:

Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/96786457531>

Meeting ID: 967 8645 7531

Dial by your location: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

I hope you can join us for this important meeting.

Very truly yours,



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