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RE: Sewer Connection

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Tom,

The town and engineer's goal is to make a submission to the state in the spring of 2021, but many things outside of our control can greatly impact this schedule.

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From: Thomas Candon [mailto:thomas.candon@hnsb.org]**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2020 1:57 PM**To:** Hannah Tyler <htyler@hartford-vt.org>**Cc:** Lori Hirshfield <lhirshfield@hartford-vt.org>; Dan Fraser <dfraser@hartford-vt.org>; Teague, Jamie <jamieteague@hanovernorwichschools.org>; Anthony Daigle <tonydaigle@hanovernorwichschools.org>; Badams, Jay <jaybadams@hanovernorwichschools.org>**Subject:** Re: Sewer Connection

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Dear Hannah,

Just wanted to reach out again to ask if you do have a general timeframe for completion of your CSO study. I'm assuming it's beyond the one year timeframe that Brannon suggested last January, but how much further out are you thinking?

As mentioned earlier, we are still interested in conducting the analysis you and Brannon outlined that would be necessary to consider a connection to MCS, King Arthur, the Car Store, and Norwich Commerce Park, but only after you receive the, hopefully, positive results of the CSO study. That said, if you have an idea of when the CSO study will be completed, we could map out the final details of an MOU in advance, so that it could be executed as soon as the CSO study completed. Does this approach make sense to you?

R,
Tom

On Tue, Oct 20, 2020 at 10:28 AM Thomas Candon <thomas.candon@hnsb.org> wrote:

Dear Hannah,

Thank you for the response. I'm sorry to hear that you don't have a time frame for completion, but certainly understand the challenges that have been imposed upon us all by the current situation.

I too will reiterate what I wrote previously and, admittedly, I may not be understanding the situation as best I should. My apology if that's the case, but given the prior exchanges with you and Brannon after we had begun drafting the MOU, it seemed clear that there was a chance that your CSO study results could suggest to you/the Town Manager/the Selectboard that you would not entertain an extension to the Marion Cross School and the three existing businesses along Route 5. Again, as Brannon wrote in our exchange on January 30th:

We anticipate that the CSO study may take up to one calendar year to complete. The Department of Public Works is not inclined to accept the results of any capacity study until the CSO study is complete and full understanding of the impact on our system and rate payers can be determined in concert with the CSO study.

*Therefore, while we are authorized to negotiate the MOU, it is with our understanding that the desired analysis for the Norwich School District is likely premature with respect to our operations. Furthermore, **as we cannot predict the outcome of the CSO study which may render that connection an impossibility for the Town to consider**, I continue to urge the School District to consider alternative remedies for the failed on site system at Marion Cross Elementary School.*

Given this, it seemed to make little sense to embark on the MOU that would lead to the separate study, at significant cost, that could prove moot based upon the findings of your CSO study. Thus, we decided to hold off on the MOU until you were able to complete your CSO Study and had made plans to do so, under the assumption, at the time, that your study would take up to a year (as Brannon wrote). Understanding now, that delays caused by the current situation are pushing out your study results, I was simply asking how long you thought the study might take to conclude, fully understanding that you would still require a study to be conducted to assess our request for a connection to the Marion Cross School and three existing businesses along Route 5. I can assure you that we have been investigating alternative options. That said, a general estimate on the timeframe for your CSO study and accompanying results would be great to know.

Please do correct me if I've made inaccurate assumptions, or you recommend another path forward to keep a potential connection to Hartford's wastewater system as one of our alternative options, with the understanding that we would wait for the completion of your CSO study before we work with you to sign an MOU to conduct a separate study to analyze the connection requested. As for information suggesting the benefits to Hartford rates and tax payers, please do let me know what specifics would be helpful. As we earlier noted, we'd be happy to discuss payment plans and costs to Norwich taxpayers to support such a connection that would prove mutually beneficial.

R,
Tom

On Tue, Oct 20, 2020 at 9:16 AM Hannah Tyler <h Tyler@hartford-vt.org> wrote:

Good morning Tom,

We do not have a time frame for completion of our CSO study due to delays created by the Covid-19 epidemic. The report requires significant coordination of multiple parties and agencies, interpretation of data, and prioritization and implementation strategies making the completion date difficult to determine.

I will reiterate that the completion of this State mandated study is only intended to provide the Town a better understanding of our infrastructure, asset management abilities, capacity, and long term capital planning needs with regards to combined sewer overflows only. Our contracted services with A+E do not include any additional services to the benefit of your previous informational request. At no time has the Town stated that we would consider this a replacement for the work that we have previously communicated we would require from you prior to further consideration of your request.

Subsequent to discussions with the Interim Town Manager, Lori Hirshfield, and Dan Fraser, we will consider the matter tabled as you have not signed the MOU crafted by the Town's Attorney nor presented with any information that suggests there is any benefit to the rate and tax payers of the Town of Hartford. Please investigate alternative options for failed septic mitigation that does not solely rely on a connection to the Hartford system as required by § 1-301 of the "State of Vermont, Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division Environmental Protection Rules, Chapter 1, Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Rules, Effective: April 12, 2019".

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