



Town of Allenstown
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April 28, 2014

Board of Selectmen

RE: Ferry St. railroad sewer line issue

This letter is in regards to the ongoing private sewer line issue serving four property owners adjacent to the railroad bed off of Ferry St.

The property owners are James Rodger, Robert St. Germain, Karen Leblanc and Sylvia Bartlett. The properties are; Map 112 Lot 219, Map 112, Lot 220, Map 112 Lot 222 and Map 112 Lot 223. The property owners were sent orders via certified letters on April 7, 2014 . The order related to these owners that the private sewer line servicing their properties did not meet design requirements and posed a health hazard to the public and also threatened to contaminate ground water. The order stated that they must put the sewer line in a proper sanitary condition within 30 days, pursuant to RSA 147:17-a.

The 30 day time period for responding to the order was May 8, 2014.

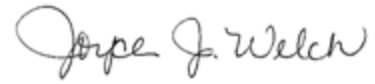
RSA 147:17-a , pertaining to private sewage systems, states the following:

- I. Faulty Private Sewage System. Whenever any private sewage system is in such disrepair as to constitute a source of danger to the health of the public, the health officer may order the owner to put the same in a proper sanitary condition.
- II. Failure to Repair. If the person is so ordered fails to rectify the problem, the municipal health officer may request the selectmen or mayor and council, if sufficient funds have been appropriated for this purpose, to put the system in a proper sanitary condition.

RSA 147:17-b Installments for Repair Cost. All expenses to the town or city for repairs made pursuant to the provisions of RSA 147:17-a, II shall constitute an assessment against the owner and shall create a lien upon the lands on account of which such repairs are made. The governing board shall have all the powers in making, assessing and enforcing such lien.

Since there has been no indication that the owners of these properties plan to put the private sewage line in a proper sanitary condition, as health officer, I am requesting the Board of Selectmen coordinate and fund the costs to address this problem as expeditiously as possible. I am requesting that the Board of Selectmen exercise the authority under the provisions of RSA 147:17-a to correct this problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce J. Welch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Joyce J. Welch
Health Officer
Town of Allenstown

Cc: Shaun Mulholland, Town Administrator
Dana Clement, Superintendent of Wastewater
Dana Pendergast, Deputy Health Officer