

TO: Jeff Kobrock, City Manager & Gardiner City Council

FROM: Chuck Applebee Wastewater Superintendent

DATE: Mar. 29, 2005

Subject: Sewage Disposal Service Contact

FACTS & ISSUES

- Originally negotiated 1971 and amended in 1980
- During wet weather all three communities currently operate outside their agreed to volumes
- The current upgrade project when complete will increase wet weather capacity from 4.5 to 9 million gallons per day
- Randolph is designing a pump station to meet their needs for the next twenty years that will have the capacity to exceed their limits currently set by the existing agreement
- Randolph has several housing projects pending that will increase their wastewater generation
- Randolph has requested the agreement be modified at this time to accommodate Randolph's need to upgrade their pump station
- The existing agreement lacks a specific process for development that will increase wastewater usage by neighboring communities
- The existing agreement is outdated and lacks the criteria specific to wastewater operations today
- All three communities must agree with the proposed changes to the current agreement before the modification is accepted

PROPOSED PROCESS

- April 2005 City Manager and Wastewater Superintendent work with the City Solicitor to develop a draft agreement
- May 2005 Review by the Wastewater Advisory Committee
- June 2005 City Manager and Wastewater Superintendent work with the City Solicitor to review and incorporate Wastewater Advisory Comments
- June 2005 Wastewater Advisory reviews and recommends approval to the Three Communities
- July 2005 The Gardiner City Council, the Town of Randolph and the Town of Farmingdale respectively approve the new agreement

There is an estimated cost for the city solicitor of between \$1500 - \$ 2000 that would be paid for by the Wastewater Budget account 6012-0285 Common Expense budget line.

Council Action Requested: Authorize the Wastewater Advisory, the City Manager and the Wastewater Superintendent to enter into the process of updating the Three Town “Sewage Disposal Service Contract”