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**RE: Sewer Connection Process.**

Dear Sewer District Homeowner :

The Pepperell Department of Public Works Sewer and Wastewater Division has completed all necessary Sewer main line work within your service area. Service laterals extending from the sewer main to the property line have been installed. In most cases the service lateral was placed at the optimum location for installation and service.

Homes located within new project areas, Lowell Road, Park Street, River Road, Jewett Street and Bennett Street are assessed a betterment. The betterment assessment is based on the number of bedrooms in the home and the total cost of the project area. Each project area has different factors that effect the assessments. Areas with higher lot density generally are assessed a lower fee than those with less density.

Property owners will be notified by the Assessors' Office and requested to choose the payment plan for the Betterment. Generally the options are lump sum, 5-years, 10-years, 15-years and 20-years. The Betterment (assessment) Tax will then be included in the annual property tax bill.

Homes subject to Sewer Benefit Assessments (one time charge), older service areas of town, will be charged this fee with the sewer connection. These fees vary depending on the location of the property. Sewer Benefit Assessments are not charged in areas assessed Sewer Betterments. Unlike betterments, a sewer Benefit assessment must be paid within one year of connecting to the sewer system. Each year the base Benefit Assessment increases as the result of interest on the original bonds and depreciation on the sewer.

Connection to the sewer will require the property owner to complete a sewer permit application and pay the appropriate permit application fee. The property owner is given the choice of selecting a licensed Drainlayer to make the connection. A list of the current Drainlayers is available from the Sewer and Wastewater Division.

At each connection Sewer Regulations require a cleanout fitting at the connection of the outside plumbing. This is used to inspect and clean lines without the need to access the inside plumbing. We have found over time that many inside plumbing fittings are in difficult to reach locations or in finished rooms.

Connections requiring longer distances will require additional cleanouts spaced at 100-foot intervals, or bends in the pipeline. No change in horizontal direction is made greater than 45 degrees. Sewer services in excess of 200 feet from the road will require a low pressure pump system.

Homes located within the low-pressure sewer service areas ( River Road, Jewett Street, Oakhill Street) will require the installation of a pump system and additional valves. The typical cost will vary depending on whether the pump is located inside the home or outside. Cost for the pump range from approximately \$2,300.00 for an interior pump to \$3,300.00 for the exterior model.

The Sewer Department does require a 24-hour notice to inspect the sewer connection. An inspection fee of \$150.00 will be charged for all sewer connections. Inspections will be scheduled during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

It is important to note that sewer connection permits are only valid for 90 Days and effective July 1, 2003 the cost of a permit will increase to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) which will include the inspection fees.

If you have any questions regarding this notification or the information attached, please feel free to call me at 978-433-9859.

Respectfully,

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