

Annual Inspection by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

On November 5, 2018, Department of Environmental Conservation staff did an annual inspection at the Town of Windsor's West Windsor Sewer District treatment plant. In its response, the Town pointed out the wastewater treatment system was given very stringent limits by the State, and the plant is meeting those stringent limits most of the time.

The permit violations that were noted were:

Total Nitrogen 3 out of 12 months

Total Ammonia 1 out of 12 months

Total Phosphorous 3 out of 12 months

Fecal Coliform 1 out of 12 months

In the past we hired a consultant to help the operators meet limits. The operators increased the use of chemicals. As you are aware, in the quarterly newsletters there have been articles advising users to check detergents for phosphorous and encouraging them to use phosphorous free detergents. The Town purchased and had installed two new X-pellers at a cost of \$3,759. These new meters should help lower the reported values for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorous and give better solids inventory control.

The Town is reviewing options for the removal of and disposal of the sludge in the reed beds. The Town is aware that vehicles must be properly permitted and understands that the challenge may be locating a place to take the sludge.

At the inspection it was noted that some walkways at the plant have settled. The Town believes the settling was caused by so much moisture from the large amount of rain we have had. The Town will be obtaining quotes for the work that needs to be done on some walkways.

Broome County Sheriff's Working Weekender Program

For several years the Broome County Sheriff's Working Weekender Program has been mowing the grass at the plant. Their work continues to save thousands of dollars that would have been spent hiring a contractor to do the work. We are very appreciative of this work provided by the Broome County Sheriff's program.

Payment of Sewer Fees

The June 1st bill must be paid no later than July 7, 2019 (postmarks accepted) in order to avoid a penalty.

May 17, 2019