



Online Public Forum to Provide Sewer Update

The Littleton Electric Light and Water Departments will provide an update on the progress of the Sewer Working Group during an online public forum on Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.

LELWD is committed to providing regular updates on the progress of the Sewer Working Group, which is assessing areas of Littleton that could benefit from a sewer system. It is looking at areas with groundwater pollution from septic systems and limited economic development due to lack of sewer. It is also reviewing sewer technology options, future needs, treatment plant siting, possible regional solutions, and a financial analysis.

The community briefing will include discussion of two articles on the warrant for the October 17th Town Meeting. Article 11 would authorize borrowing up to \$2.5 million to design, permit and construct a 175,000 gallon per day sewer discharge site adjacent to the Littleton High School. The borrowing would be repaid through a \$1.5 million MassWorks grant and sewer rates. Article 12 is a repeat from last year, petitioning the Legislature to establish the Littleton Common Smart Sewer District. The Legislature has yet to act on the home rule petition passed this year, and if it does not by the end of 2020, a new petition will need to be filed.

The 12-member Sewer Working Group, appointed by the Board of Water Commissioners, includes officials from interested town departments and residents. The sewer group has used data from the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Board of Health. Working with engineering firm CDM Smith, the group plans to make a recommendation to Fall Town Meeting.

“We strongly encourage residents to take time to watch and participate by submitting questions. It is important for us to keep our consumers informed, especially as we head into the Fall Town meeting,” said Nick Lawler, general manager for LELWD.

During the program, officials will be reviewing last fall’s special town meeting outcome and what that means for the town, review the needs assessment that CDM Smith completed and discuss this fall’s Special Town Meeting and future steps.

The public will be able to watch the community briefing on Littleton Community Television on Comcast channel 8 and Verizon channel 38 on October 14th at 7 p.m.. Live streaming of the forum will also be available. Please register in advance for this webinar at www.lclwd.com. After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join.

Littleton's Special Town Meeting is planned for Saturday, October 17th at 9 a.m. on Alumni Field at Littleton Middle School, 55 Russell Street.

Residents may submit questions, to be answered during the broadcast, in advance or during the event by emailing info@lclwd.com.

Residents and consumers are encouraged to call with any questions at 978-540-2222. Regular updates are posted on the website, <https://www.lclwd.com/sewer-department/>, on LCLWD's Facebook page, and in the *Watts & Drops* newsletter.

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