

SEWER EXTENSION RESIDENT QUESTIONS

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. **I am Interested in knowing the total projected cost for connection to my property in addition to the cost for the sewer line on the street.**

Answer: That depends on several factors:

- i. Distance from the lateral stub left at the street line to the house connection point (typically between the house foundation and the septic tank).
- ii. Clearing requirements – are there trees in the way that need to be removed?
- iii. Landscaping features – stone walls, patios, etc.
- iv. Restoration requirements
- v. Ground conditions (easy digging or ledge / large rocks in the way)

Accordingly the only way to get a handle on the costs is to have a conversation with a contractor who does this type of work.

2. **Why is the assessment at the neighborhood lever rather than at a street level?**

Answer: We typically do projects like sewer extensions on a neighborhood basis – that's the way the projects are designed, bid and contracted. This is for several reasons, but the primary overarching one is economy of scale / cost. Because the properties within neighborhoods are typically all within the same zoning classification, they are reasonably close in terms of frontage, which allows for reasonable fairness to a linear assessment program.

3. **Will we have the opportunity to discuss, debate, and vote?**

Answer: The answer to this is essentially yes. The AWPCA typically conducts public information sessions for each extension project with the goal of informing residents of particulars and entertaining questions. The AWPCA want residents to be informed and are certainly sensitive to the concerns and interests of the residents. The AWPCA commonly solicits public opinion. However, under CT Law there is no obligation to request a binding vote from residents.

4. **Can you advise as to the total cost of the project?**

Answer: At this point there is no way to identify total cost for any of the projects. As noted in the "Fact Sheet", total costs cannot be determined until the projects are bid. Please note: field conditions often have an effect on cost. We do our best to minimize those so that actual costs come in very close to our estimates.

5. **If sewers are unlikely to be extended to our house, how will this influence the likelihood of tarmac replacement that is drastically needed?**

Answer: It won't. Unless the AWPCA suggests we continue to consider a sewer extension into a neighborhood within a 5-10 year window, (which has never happened), we would consider the extension project dead at this time. The DPW will react accordingly with their pavement management program.

6. **Does anyone know what options are typically available under homeowner insurance plans?**

Answer: I'm not sure what this question is asking, but it appears the person asking is soliciting input from residents.

CARRIAGE / CANDLEWOOD / HIGHWOOD AREA:

1. **Timber Lane seems to be a priority, wondering likelihood of getting sewers on Candlewood?**

Answer: Candlewood is part of the larger neighborhood area. It certainly is possible to bring sewers to Candlewood Lane, however it will require constructing sewers on Carriage Drive as well. The closest existing sewer is south of the intersection of Candlewood and Carriage. At this point, the AWPCA will have to decide where to focus the extensions.

STONY CORNERS AREA:

1. **What is the timeline for the remainder of Stony Corners Road?**

Answer: Undecided – The purpose of the surveys was to assist the AWPCA in determining sewer-extension priorities.

2. **What is the approximate date for Stony Corners? (duplicate question)**

Answer: See above

3. **What were the costs for the now completed section of Stony Corners?**

Answer: The northern completed portion of Stony Corners was part of the Winding Lane project. The costs that were assessed totaled approximately \$955,000. Residents were assessed \$17,670 each.

TIMBER LANE AREA:

1. **Do you have a timeline for Timber Lane? Is it going to be completed this year, or next, or > 2 years?**

Answer: Unknown - This area received the highest positive response. It is possible Timber Lane will be given priority by the AWPCA.