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Thomas K. Lynch, Assistant Town Manager

To: Steve Brown, President of the Red Lily Pond Project Association, Inc..

From: Tom Lynch, Assistant Town Manager

Re: Craigville Village Association response

Date: October 22, 2008

Both the Town Manager's Office and Town Council members have heard from residents of the Craigville Village area regarding the completion of the sewer system. The town has long recognized the importance of sewering in this area and appreciates the support of village residents in this important public project. The Red Lily Pond area is included in our sewer expansion project.

On October 16, 2008 the Town Council held a workshop on the wastewater/sewer implementation plan. One can view this workshop on the town's website <u>wasterwater sewer implementation workshop</u> and also see <u>Talk of the Town segments</u> and <u>Talk of the Town second segment prior to workshop</u> which covered this important topic and preceded the workshop.

Your voice of support is helpful to us as we proceed. There are several action steps which must be taken by the Town including gaining community support for the sewer project. Our Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan has been accepted by the state and thus qualifies Barnstable for State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans. This is a state financing program that offers low and no interest loans for eligible capital projects. The Town Council has some choices on how to proceed with financing the sewer expansion projects and on which eligibility category within the SRF program best serves our communities needs. For us to proceed with sewer expansion, the Town Council must approve capital improvement funds for construction for those project already under design, and design and construction funds for future projects. This has been and will continue to be a lengthy process.

Your involvement will be critical in our success to secure the needed capital funds needed to reach the goals of protecting our sensitive environment. Steve Brown, President of the Red Lily Pond Project Association, testified at the October 16<sup>th</sup> hearing and is willing to have updates on this issue posted to the website. Please know your voice has been heard and your support will be necessary throughout this process.

Thank you for taking the time to contact the Town regarding this matter.