

Dear Supervisor Cammarata,

Here are the questions originating from last Monday's meeting. We understand that the answers will be based on the available data as of March 2024 and may change as the project progresses. As a neighborhood of community focused individuals, we anticipate working together in the best interests of the first sewer district in the Town of Kendall.

Question 1: When will you be hosting the Open House and how will you notify residents?

Answer: The Town is planning an Open House in May or June depending on permit approvals. The Town's Engineer (LaBella Associates) is currently working to obtain regulatory permits and approvals. We want to finalize the plans to ensure the most accurate information is shared with the public before we hold the Open House.

The Town will notify the public via Town of Kendall website, the Hamlin Herald, and via the Kendall Town Hall. Supervisor Cammarata has agreed to keep this group informed as well.

Question 2: Excluding cost and financing, what changes are there to the 2022 Public Town Hall Power Point Presentation and the Frequently Asked Questions handout? (many answers to the group's questions were found in these two documents)

Answer: While there have been changes, it is best to refer to existing published documents. This information comes from the project engineers, DEC, NY State, etc. As stated in answer # 1, as data becomes available it will continue to be made public

Question 3: How and when do we ask property specific questions?

Answer: Residents can ask property and project specific questions to the Town and LaBella at an Open House later this spring / summer.

In addition, LaBella and the Town will make wooden stakes for residents to mark the location of existing septic tank, and the preferred location of their grinder pump. A few weeks after stakes are available to homeowners LaBella will have personnel in the field to document the stake locations. The Town will provide additional information and guidance regarding the placement of the stakes at and prior to the Open House.

Question 4: When will connection specifications be available? (Some

homeowner's septics are on the lakeside and they would prefer the new system to be installed on the roadside)

Answer: See response to question number 3.

Question 5: Will the manhole cover be flush with the ground? Can it be covered with a layer of dirt, mulch, or stone?

Answer: The grinder pump cover will sit about 3 to 4 inches above the ground. To ensure adequate venting and easy access for maintenance, they may not be cover with dirt. You're welcome to add landscaping features like mulch and small plants around the cover for aesthetics. However, please keep in mind that the Town prioritizes easy access to the pump. If maintenance requires removing any landscaping, the Town won't be responsible for replacing or restoring those plants.

Representatives from E/One, the grinder pump manufacturer, will be at the Open House with a scaled model of a grinder pump for residents to see firsthand. They'll also be happy to answer any specific questions you have about how the grinder pumps work and their technical specifications.

Question 6: How much additional water is needed to run the system?

Answer: No additional water will be needed.

Question 7: How much does a grinder pump cost?

Answer: The grinder pump installation cost is included in the project.

Question 8: Is this still the breakdown for the use of the \$621/EDU?
(Taken from 2022 public meeting)

ANNUAL COSTS (PER EDU)

DEBT SERVICE	\$408'
Operation & Maintenance	\$104
Annual Disposal Costs	\$108
Total Annual Costs	\$621

Answer: Yes the chart is accurate as of March 2024

Question 9: To facilitate homeowner understanding of the debt service portion of the \$621/EDU please explain:

- NYS Funding (breakdowns of grants, loans, bonds)
- Bond Life of 30-38 years.

(This clarification request stems directly from this submitted statement: if NYS is funding 95% with the remaining 5%, or \$800,000, covered by 380-400 benefit users paying \$621 annually for 30-38 years, the math doesn't work. The range with these figures is \$7,079,400-\$9,439,200 for an \$800,000 expenditure.)

Answer: Following the 2017 and 2019 flooding, NYS awarded the Town of Kendall a \$9.5 million REDI Grant for the Kendall Sewer project. This grant was intended to cover 95% of project costs with the remaining 5% to be funded by the Town of Kendall.

(Follow this link to read the October 23, 2019 article in the Orleans Hub)
<https://orleanshub.com/orleans-redi-projects-total-17-million-with-9-million-sewer-project-in-kendall-the-biggest/>

The unforeseen effects of COVID resulted in project delays and increased the project cost to \$16.3m. Additionally, the scope of the project changed (refer to the same article). The Town of Kendall sought additional grants in an effort to keep the \$621 EDU the same.

In mid-March 2024 additional funding was obtained, increasing the REDI grant to \$12.9m. The \$12.9m REDI grant does not cover the full projected cost of \$16.3 million. The difference between the \$16.3 and the \$12.9 million will be financed through a municipal bond.

Here is a breakdown:

Projected project cost	\$16,300,000
REDI Grant	<u>-\$12,900,000</u>
Remaining cost	\$3,400,000
5% of \$12.9m grant	<u>+ \$645,000</u>
Amount to be financed	\$4,045,000
Via Municipal Bond	

Breakdown of EDU (reference the previous and the next chart)

Residential parcels	300	Vacant Parcels	81
Debt service	<u>x\$408</u>	50% of EDU	<u>x\$310</u>
	\$122,400 (annually)		\$25,110 (annually)

\$122,400 (Residential Parcels)
 \$25,110 (Vacant Parcels)
 \$147,510 (Collected Annually)
 _____ x30 years
 \$4,425,300 (to be paid back over 30yrs + interest).

Question 10: This chart was taken from the 2022 Public Town Hall Power Point Presentation. There are 300 residential users with a \$621 EDU for 30-38 years. What will the other classifications pay and what will be installed on these properties?

Classification / Use	Parcels
Residential	300
Commercial - Residential (Troutburg)	1
Commercial - Residential (Hamlin Camp)	1
Commercial - Multi Use (Bald Eagle Marina)	1
Hamlin Beach State Park	1
Residential vacant land	81

Answer: Each parcel is considered 1 EDU. Hamlin Beach State Park has different needs. Each residential vacant lot will pay 50% of the EDU.

Thank you for your assistance with these questions.

Regards,
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