

From Harry Shepard to Tom Stevens, August 27, 2020

Hi Tom,

I wished to add my voice and input regarding the subject matter. I advise that from a Public Works perspective, the presumptions in this legislation regarding the capacity of municipal water and wastewater systems is very mistaken. Water and Wastewater system capacities are based in part on the municipalities Plan of Development, not legislative fiat. The impacts of this current bill to local land use planning and zoning will be enormous with significant negative residuals. In Waterbury, can you imagine ¼ acre lots along the route of the primary water supply from the village waterworks at the top of Sweet Road thru Waterbury Center and Village? This would turn the Town's Plan of Development on its head! In Stowe, our water and wastewater capacity would be inadequate by a factor of hundreds! Significant permit compliance issues and litigation would also result.

Housing and the cost of housing is a real challenge in VT however, this legislation is not a solution to this challenge. I recommend S237 not be supported out of your committee, without at least the changes recommended by VLCT attached.

If you would like to discuss this further, I am available at your convenience. My cell number is best 802-730-3773.

Sincerely, Harry

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