



TOWN OF EASTON
MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Select Board

July 2, 2019

Dear Property Owner,

At the May 18, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, the Town of Easton voted to approve the design, permitting and construction of sewers in the general area of Foundry Street between Robert Drive and Depot Street, including various side and cross streets. This area is referred to as the Five Corners Sewer Needs Area. Phase I was constructed in 2016, which included a sewer force main located along Eastman Street extending from Robert Drive to the Town of Mansfield. At the May 21, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, the Town of Easton voted to appropriate funds for Five Corners Sewer Needs Area Phase II to complete the remaining sewer construction in this Needs Area.

In the four years since that original vote, the Select Board, acting as the Sewer Commissioners of Easton, have held numerous public meetings and workshops to further identify specific parcels to be included in the Five Corners Sewer Needs Area.

Since the last financial updates in October 2018 and February 2019, a construction contract was entered into by the Select Board and the District Improvement Financing (DIF) Program was approved at Annual Town Meeting, both of which had a positive impact on the Sewer Betterment Estimates. Construction began in late May and construction updates can be found on the DPW project website www.fivecornerssewer.com. In addition, the betterment methodology has been refined based on resident feedback and calculated betterment estimates for each parcel within the Needs Area are included in this packet. The previous estimated cost of \$28,000 to \$32,000 per each SBU has been reduced to **\$22,500 to \$25,000 per each SBU**. Enclosed with this letter is the Sewer Betterment Units (SBU) calculation and cost for the parcel you own, which may include multiple SBUs.

The Select Board, acting as Sewer Commissioners, will host a betterment workshop on Monday July 22, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Frothingham Hall, 15 Barrows Street in Easton. The purpose of the meeting is to present the updated project schedule and betterment forecasts to the Select Board.

We encourage all property owners within the Needs Area to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend or have any questions, please contact the Assistant Town Administrator, Michael Blanchard. Michael can be reached at 508-230-0513 or mblanchard@easton.ma.us. **Please note, if you believe the enclosed information used to calculate your betterment is inaccurate, you will have until September 30, 2019 to contest the information so that the Town may consider a revised betterment.**

For your information, we have posted the Five Corners Needs Area Recommended Map (as attached); previous workshop & public meeting presentations; as well as other related information on our website. Please visit https://www.easton.ma.us/sewer/five_corners.php to access this information.

Sincerely,

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Town Administrator