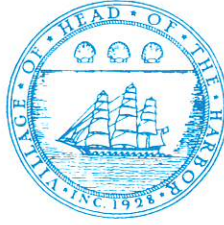


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RE: Gyrodyne Development

Dear Mr. Brown:

As Mayor of the Village of Head of the Harbor, I am expressing to the members of the County Sewer Agency the concerns of our residents regarding dangers to Stony Brook Harbor and to our ground water. Our concerns are focused around the STP that is included in Gyrodyne's development plan.

The Village of Head of the Harbor (the Village) is directly bordered to the south by the planned Gyrodyne development. The Village is bounded on its north side by Stony Brook Harbor (the Harbor). In short, the Village is located between Gyrodyne and Stony Brook Harbor. The distance from Gyrodyne to the Harbor is only a mile and a half. The land slopes downward from the Gyrodyne property to the Harbor. Wells in the Village have been contaminated in the past by chemicals from the Rte-25A area.

Across 25A from Gyrodyne are primarily a working farm and a portion of a park and nature preserve that was previously a farm.

It is our understanding that the Suffolk County Sewer Agency is discussing or will be discussing the proposed Gyrodyne sewage treatment plant and we wish to know what the Agency is contemplating by these discussions. To our knowledge, the proposed sewage treatment plant is to be a private plant and not owned by the County. However, we also are aware that Gyrodyne is liquidating its assets and once completed the Gyrodyne Corporation will no longer operate. The sewage treatment plant will then have to be operated by some other organization.

We are told that the County recognizes that Stony Brook Harbor is an especially sensitive and critical embayment and that Stony Brook Harbor has been given a high priority for active management to lower the present nitrogen levels.

We are concerned that the proposed uses of the STP may increase the nitrogen level of Stony Brook Harbor.

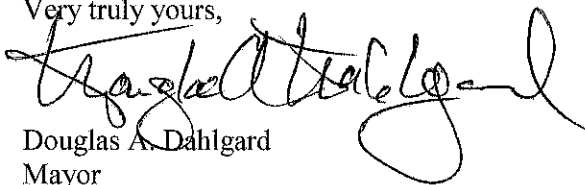
The Town of Smithtown has expressed interest in using the Gyrodyne sewage treatment plant to process sewage from a portion of St. James, initially the Lake Avenue area. Transporting sewage by pipe -line from St. James to the Gyrodyne plant brings the sewage miles closer in a matter of hours, to Stony Brook Harbor, as opposed to the years it currently takes using existing septic systems. Also, any newer technology that will be used by the Gyrodyne sewage treatment plant will be offset by the increase in load from the added St. James waste. We note that the draft EIS submitted by Gyrodyne doesn't include the added regionalization impact on the outflow of effluent from the plant.

In addition to the added load from St. James, the Gyrodyne STP will receive waste from one or more proposed nursing homes. Current technology STP's do not remove many medical wastes. Being so close and uphill from the Harbor, the Gyrodyne location for a nursing home is problematic from a water quality standpoint.

Further, we would appreciate a guarantee that none of the waste generated by Stony Brook University or the Medical Center will find its way to the Gyrodyne STP. Also that the location of the Gyrodyne STP should be moved as far south as possible to increase the distance to the Harbor.

Please understand we have very limited knowledge about your Agency's scope of responsibilities and we have sent this letter for the sole reason that our Village government and its residents have a fiduciary responsibility to protect our water quality as well as to protect Stony Brook Harbor. Thank you for hearing our concerns and we are hopeful that you will act on them.

Very truly yours,



Douglas A. Dahlgard  
Mayor

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