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To: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

From: Treasurer John Duggan

Re: Update on Strategic Planning Goal 4
Inter-municipal sewer agreement

I am writing to give the Board an update on Goal 4 of the Strategic Planning Committee - Inter-municipal sewer agreement with the City of Brockton in the Manley Street area.

On Friday March 18th, 2016, committee members Dave Flynn, Wayne Parks, Rob Casper, Ann MacNaughton and myself met with State Representative Michelle DuBois for a tour of the Brockton Waste Water Treatment Plant. Also in attendance from West Bridgewater were Water Department employees Andrew Rosenfield and Ken Aviero.

This tour was fascinating and extremely informative and helped the committee members in assessing the needs of West Bridgewater in the area of waste water treatment for the Manley St. area. At the end of the tour, committee members were given the chance to ask questions of Veolia (the operator of the plant) and Dave Norton, Water/Sewer Administrator for the City of Brockton.

There was agreement that there is capacity for the Treatment Plant to take in additional sewerage and that there is a possibility for West Bridgewater to enter into an Inter-municipal agreement with Brockton for waste water treatment. However, the problem is that the City is still awaiting approval for the NPDES permit from DEP, which will determine exactly how many gallons a day in discharge that the Treatment Plant can process.

In going forward, committee members feel that they will need more direction from the Board of Selectmen on this goal. There are many complicated issues that need to be addressed and they feel that a Selectmen joining this group would be instrumental in getting this goal achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

John Duggan