

October 18, 2007

John Sullivan, Chair  
Westfield Public Works  
City Hall  
59 Court Street  
Westfield, MA 01085

Reference: Road Salt Impact on Barnes Aquifer

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I am writing you on behalf of the Barnes Aquifer Protection Advisory Committee (BAPAC) to inquire about the Department of Public Works efforts to mitigate the impacts of winter road salting practices on the Barnes Aquifer during the coming winter season. BAPAC is also in receipt of a letter sent to you by Joan Corell of 126 Western Circle regarding the condition of her well as a result of road salting practices.

As you are aware, BAPAC member Robert Newton of Smith College presented the results of his study on the impact of wells from road salting practices along Routes 10 and 2020 in Westfield and Southampton to the Westfield City Council at their December 21, 2006 meeting. The City Council referred this matter to the Board of Public Works for follow up. As the winter season approaches, BAPAC hopes that the Public Works Department has given this issue some consideration and has developed practices for reduced salt application.

Enclosed is a DVD and handbook distributed by the Baystate Roads Program and utilized as part of MassHighway's snow and ice program for reduced road salting statewide. I hope you will find this information useful. BAPAC highly recommends contact the Baystate Roads Program and or Paul Brown, Director of Snow and Ice operations for MassHighway, for further guidance about best management practices.

Last, BAPAC would like to request your attendance at one of our upcoming meetings to discuss the issues discussed herein. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 3:30 PM at the Hampton Ponds State Park in Westfield. Please contact BAPAC Facilitator Anne Capra at (413) 781-6045 to about whether or not you will be able to join us.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Czerwiec, Vice-Chair

Enclosures

cc: Charles Darling, Westfield Water Department  
Charles Medeiros, Acting Mayor of Westfield  
Daniel Reardon, Westfield Health Department  
Barbara Swords, Westfield City Councilor  
Ed Cauley, Southampton Highway Department  
John Corell, 126 Western Circle, Westfield, MA