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March 27, 2007

Hon. Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Hon. Members of the Common Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

Re: Rolf's Drive, Greta Drive, Cel Bret, Briar Ridge Sanitary Sewer
March Agenda item No. 13

Dear Mayor and Council:

The referenced matter involves an earlier authorization by the Council for a survey to determine residents' interest in extending City sewer to areas identified by these roads. According to the letter from Councilmen Chianese and Rotello that survey was to be sent pending the receipt of preliminary designs by the City Engineering Department. It is our understanding, based on a contemporaneous response to that letter from the City Engineer's office, that the preliminary design(s) are not yet available.

At this point, it is unclear what specific action the (Council) petitioners are seeking, but a petition by residents of these roads will assist the process of surveying in establishing an indication of desire for the sewer extension and use of the assessment process for that purpose. Once the survey is completed, the Council may then proceed to approve the further steps in obtaining cost and scope of work information sufficient to thereafter set preliminary assessments in accordance with City ordinance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in the event you have additional questions.

Very truly yours,

Laszlo L. Pinter
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cc: Antonio Iadarola, Director of Public Works
Farid Khouri, City Engineer

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Honorable Mayor Mark D. Boughton
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155 Deer Hill Ave.
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Re: Rolf's Drive, Greta Drive, Cel Bret Drive and Briar Ridge Road
Sanitary Sewer Assessment Project

Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the Common Council:

Attached, please find a letter from Farid Khouri, P.E., City Engineer addressing the 30 Day Report from the March 6, 2007 Common Council Meeting.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Antonio Iadarola, P.E.
Director of Public Works

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Cc: Lazlo Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel

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**Re: Rolf's Drive, Greta Drive, Cel Bret Drive and Briar Ridge Road
Sanitary Sewer Assessment Project**

Dear Mr. Iadarola:

At their March 2007 monthly meeting, the Common Council requested that we provide a 30 day report on the above noted project. On October 3, 2000, the Common Council authorized a mail survey be sent to the residents who would benefit from a proposed sanitary sewer extension in the Rolf's Drive, Greta Drive, Cel Bret Drive and Briar Ridge Road area. This project is number 16 out of 39 projects on our assessment project list (please see enclosed list).

We are currently working on several previously committed projects, such as:

- 1) Carolyn Avenue area;
- 2) Cozy Hollow Road;
- 3) Hawthorne Terrace Phase II;
- 4) Old Farm Road;
- 5) Kenosia Avenue;
- 6) Wood Street/East Pembroke Road;
- 7) Tilden Road/Olive Street;
- 8) Cannondale Drive;
- 9) Wilkes Road;
- 10) Cornell Hills.

In addition, we currently have seven (7) proposals for preliminary engineering studies for assessment projects to award from one of our on-call engineering firms.

The preliminary engineering study would incorporate development of a conceptual plan, definition of the project limits and estimation of a preliminary estimate that includes all construction, engineering and contingencies. The estimate needs to be well thought out in order to provide the property owners with a sense of confidence that they are signing up for the project

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knowing the approximate expense that these benefits would cost them. Once we have a realistic estimate, then we put together a spreadsheet with all of the benefiting property owners to determine each property owner's proportionate share to use for the mail survey.

Our office has also received a proposal from CCA, LLC and Benjamin V. Doto, III, P.E., our on-call engineers, to perform the necessary Preliminary Engineering Study required in order to send out a mail survey to the residents affected by the project in question.

Due to the extensive current work load and limited dedicated staff assigned to these projects, we have not advanced this project forward. As soon as we complete the current projects, we will proceed with the projects that are coming up for preliminary engineering which include this one.

It is recommended that we meet in the near future to study the preliminary engineering proposals on hand, discuss priorities and determine the number of assessment projects that we can manage at one time based on our resources.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,



Farid L. Khouri, P.E.
City Engineer

Encl

COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS TO ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
(ASSESSMENT PROJECTS)

3/14/07

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<u>REFERRAL DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION / NATURE OF REQUEST</u>
October 4, 1994	Jackson Drive - sanitary sewer extension – public hearing held 1/6/04 Common Council authorized project to go to construction – Roald Haestad, Inc. completed final design; EIC approved 9/28/04; easements to Common Council and Corporation Counsel for acquisition. Bid opening October 20, 2005. Bid awarded to low bidder – M. Rondano, Inc. Contract signed. Construction work in progress. Paving complete. Working on punch list items including curbing and driveway aprons. Connections into system allowed. Complete surface restoration and any minor issues in Spring 2007.
February 6, 1996	Wilkes Road - road improvements / acceptance (preliminary assessments / public hearing). Engineering to prepare preliminary assessments for mail survey and public hearing. On-call engineering firm to give proposal to Engineering Dept for review. At 2/15/07 Board of Awards awarded project to SEA Consultants, Inc. for engineering services.
April 2, 1996	Indian Avenue - road improvements/acceptance (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent) No preliminary engineering design has been started to initiate the mail survey.
May 7, 1996	Short Street and Lombardi Street - sanitary sewer extension (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent) – add Concord Road per 7/18/96 request by Lance Brevard. No preliminary engineering design has been started to initiate the mail survey.
July 2, 1996	Carolyn Avenue Area - sanitary sewer extension. Mail survey sent out 10/24/03. Public hearing held January 12, 2004. 2/3/04 Common Council authorized project to go to construction. Roald Haestad, Inc. completed design. Easements acquired. Bid opening January 10, 2006. Contract awarded to low bidder – Underground Builders, Inc. Contract signed. Construction work in progress.
February 4, 1997	Kenosia Avenue (#54) - sanitary sewer extension (preliminary assessments - public hearing). Public Hearing held April 20, 1997. At May 5, 1998 Common Council meeting, project to go ahead when funds are available. Paul Estefan looking into FAA funding. Engineering design being done by CCA LLC. Preliminary construction plans in for Engineering Dept. review. Final design plans in for Engineering Dept. review. Project out to bid. Opened bids 2/1/07. Bid awarded to low bidder – M. Rondano, Inc. on 2/26/07. Contract signed March 7, 2007.

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April 1, 1997 & August 7, 1998

Tilden Road and Olive Street - sanitary sewer extension mail survey sent out. Public hearing held January 12, 2004. 2/3/04 Common Council authorized project to go to construction. Easement sent to Common Council March 2004 for acquisition. Easement acquisition being worked on by Corporation Counsel. Revised easement sent to Common Council May 8, 2006 for acquisition. Engineering design being done by CCA LLC. Consulting engineer preparing proposal to incorporate storm drainage through easement. Storm sewer portion of project awarded to CCA, LLC on 2/15/07. **Preliminary horizontal layout w/o storm drainage in Engineering Department. CCA, LLC to resubmit horizontal layout with storm drainage for review.**

July 1, 1997

East Pembroke Road / Wood Street - sanitary sewer extension (mail survey) Preliminary assessments prepared and mail survey sent out. Mail survey results due 8/26/05. Mail survey report forwarded to Common Council. Public hearing held November 14, 2005. Common Council committee of the whole voted to recommend to the Common Council that this project go forward. At December Common Council meeting, voted that this project go to construction. Consulting Engineer (CCA LLC) design beginning. Basic design in Engineering Dept. reviewed. Final plans to be submitted for review. **CCA, LLC to respond to Engineering Department comments, prepare contract for bidding.**

July 7, 1998

Route 37 (Kevin Drive) - sanitary sewer extension. No preliminary engineering design has been started.

September 1, 1998

Cornell Hills – sanitary sewer and water (mail survey) (3/5/02 – add Hunter Road to project). Mail survey sent out; information meeting held for residents on January 6, 2005; public hearing held February 17, 2005. At March 2, 2005 meeting, Common Council voted to go ahead with both the sanitary sewer and water projects. Roald Haestad Inc. hired to prepare plans, easements, etc. Preliminary designs have been reviewed by Engineering Department. **Easements will have to be prepared, sent to Common Council and acquired before project is bid. Easements being worked on by consultant.**

March 2, 1999

Boulevard Drive - sanitary sewer (mail survey)- mail survey sent out by Engineering Department 1/22/04. Public hearing held March 15, 2004. On April 6, 2004, Common Council authorized project to go to construction. Roald Haestad, Inc. working on plans and easements. **On hold due to design issues.**

July 6, 1999

Cedar Crest Drive and Lindencrest Drive – sanitary sewer extension (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent) **No preliminary engineering design has been started to initiate the mail survey.**

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- August 3, 1999 **Henso Drive and Stuart Drive – sanitary sewer** (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent) **No preliminary engineering design** has been started to initiate the mail survey.
- August 3, 1999 **Cozy Hollow Road – sanitary sewer (mail survey)** (included with Carolyn Avenue area) Mail survey sent out 10/24/03. Public hearing held - January 12, 2004. On 2/3/04 Common Council authorized project to go to construction. Roald Haestad, Inc. completed plans. January 10, 2006 bid opening. Contract awarded to low bidder – Underground Builders, Inc. Contract signed. **Work has begun.**
- September 8, 1999 **Hayestown Heights/Rose Lane – drainage** (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent) **No preliminary engineering design** has been started to initiate the mail survey.
- October 3, 2000 **Briar Ridge Road, Rolf's Drive, Greta Drive, Cel Bret Drive** sanitary sewer extension (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent) **No preliminary engineering design** has been started to initiate the mail survey.
- December 6, 2000 **Oak Lane and Haddy Lane – sanitary sewer extension** (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent) **No preliminary engineering design** has been started to initiate the mail survey.
- June 5, 2001 and November 4, 2004 **Alexander D – sanitary sewer extension –** (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent and public hearing to be held) **No preliminary engineering design** has been started to initiate the mail survey.
- August 7, 2001 **Royal Pine Drive, Fairway Drive, Country Way** Sanitary sewer (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent) **No preliminary engineering design** has been started to initiate the mail survey.
- October 2, 2001 & November 9, 2006 **Shannon Ridge Road, Fairlawn Avenue and Edgewood Street, Westville Avenue Extension** Sanitary sewer extension (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent and a public hearing to be held) **No preliminary engineering design** has been started to initiate the mail survey.
- October 2, 2001 **Old Farm Road – sanitary sewer extension (mail survey)** At 10/7/03 meeting, Common Council made this a priority project. Mail survey sent out and results report issued. Public hearing held on November 15, 2004. At 12/7/04 meeting, Common Council voted to go forward with only Section A (to construction). Construction plan being worked on by consulting engineer. Easements sent to Common Council and Corporation Counsel for acquisition. Easements acquired. Out to bid 08/25/06. Bid opening September 21, 2006. Bids opened and sent to consulting engineer for review and comments. Construction

contract awarded to Anthony Julian RR Construction Company. Contract documents to be signed. Contract signed. **Construction has begun.**

- April 2, 2002 **Mountainville Road, Mountain Road, Willow Lane, Berkshire Lane** – sanitary sewer extension (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent) **No preliminary engineering** design has been started to initiate the mail survey.
- August 6, 2002 & November 7, 2002 **Ivy Lane, Cedar Street and Sylvan Drive** – water main extension (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent) **No preliminary engineering** design has been started to initiate the mail survey.
- August 6, 2002 **Deepwood Drive** – sanitary sewer extension **No preliminary engineering** design has been started.
- August 6, 2002 **Lakeview Community (Jensen's)** – sanitary sewer extension (preliminary assessments for public hearing). **Roald Haestad, Inc. working on preliminary plans and cost estimate.**
- November 7, 2002 **Lakeview Community (Jensen's)** – water main extension (preliminary assessments for public hearing). **Roald Haestad, Inc. working on preliminary plans and cost estimate.**
- November 7, 2002 & April 1, 2003 **Hawthorne Terrace** – water system – at 11/6/03 meeting, Common Council authorized this project to proceed. Design completed by Roald Haestad, Inc. EIC approval acquired. Bid opening July 7, 2005. Water lines contract awarded and executed. Construction of water lines nearly complete. Pumping station and well improvements being designed to go out to bid. **Contract and plans for well drilling under review.**
- July 1, 2003 & September 3, 2003 **Juniper Ridge Drive** – sanitary sewer **No preliminary engineering** design has been started.
- June 2, 2004 **East Gate Road** – sanitary sewer **No preliminary engineering** design has been started.
- September 9, 2004 **Karen Road** – sanitary sewer – Common Council authorized mail survey contingent on positive reports from Planning Commission and Health Dept. **No preliminary engineering** design has been started to initiate the mail survey.
- November 4, 2004 **Candleview Ridge** – sanitary sewer – (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent and public hearing to be held) **No preliminary engineering** design has been started to initiate the mail survey.
- November 4, 2004 **Indian Springs water system** – (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent and public hearing to be held) – **Request proposal from Roald Haestad, Inc.**

December 7, 2004

Cannondale Drive – acceptance as a City street (mail survey and public hearing). Mail survey sent out. Survey report sent to Common Council. Public hearing held January 9, 2006. At 2/7/06 meeting, Common Council authorized this project to go forward to construction. City has hired consulting engineer (SEA) to design project. **New mail survey to be sent as a result of revised estimate.**

June 7, 2005

Southern Boulevard and Ryders Lane – sanitary sewer extension (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent) **No preliminary engineering design** has been started to initiate the mail survey.

June 7, 2005

South Cove Road – storm drainage (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent) **No preliminary engineering design** has been started to initiate the mail survey.

South Cove Road – road acceptance (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent) **No preliminary engineering design** has been started to initiate the mail survey.

July 6, 2005

Broad Street – sanitary sewer extension (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent) **No preliminary engineering design** has been started to initiate the mail survey.

July 6, 2005

Aqua Vista water system – (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent and public hearing to be held) **No preliminary engineering design** has been started to initiate the mail survey.

December 6, 2005

Hawley Road Extension – sanitary sewer (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent after constituents meeting) **No preliminary engineering design** has been started to initiate the mail survey.

January 4, 2006

Tamanny Trail, Tabor Road, Purchase Street – sanitary sewer (Common Council authorized mail survey to be sent after constituents meeting) **No preliminary engineering design** has been started to initiate the mail survey.