



TOWN OF WAYLAND

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABATEMENT OF BETTERMENT ASSESSMENT 2014 Wastewater Treatment Facility Replacement Project

General Information

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue identifies two valid grounds for an abatement of sewer betterment charges:

- The assessment is more than the enhanced value of the property attributable to the improvement;
- The assessment reflects a disproportionate allocation of the cost of the project in relation to the enhanced value of the property when compared to other benefited properties.

Further, DOR guidelines state that if the value or use of the property is enhanced by the improvement, it does not matter that the property owner did not request or may not use the improvement.

Betterment Assessments were apportioned to properties based on their assigned design flow as defined in Massachusetts Title V regulations at 310 CMR 15.203. A list showing the design flow and betterment assessment assigned to each property is available via a link on the WWMDC website. Per Department of Revenue guidelines and the advice of counsel, the WWMDC does not consider as valid cause for abatement any claim that other properties should be assessed a share of the betterment disproportionate to their assigned design flow.

Instructions

1. Complete the *Application for Abatement of Sewer Betterment Assessment*, and submit it with any supporting documentation to:

Wastewater Management District Commission
Wayland Town Building
41 Cochituate Road
Wayland, MA 01778

OR

via email to Wastewater@wayland.ma.us

Applications must be received by the Wastewater Management District Commission by February 5, 2015.

2. You will be notified by the Commission regarding a scheduled hearing date. You may waive your right to be present at the hearing. If you do, any decision by the Commission is not subject to rehearing.
3. If the Commission requests further information or documentation to support your abatement application, this must generally be provided within five business days following the request.
4. The Commission will normally decide on any abatement at the hearing. A written copy of the decision will be mailed to you generally within 10 business days after the hearing.