

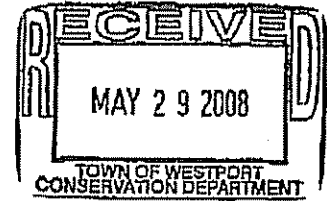
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Mr. Gordon F. Joseloff, First Selectman
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May 29, 2008

Re: The Public Water Supply and the Proposed Westport – Weston Family ‘Y’,
Sunny Lane, Westport.

Dear Mr. Joseloff:

The Aquarion Water Company has recently received calls urging our company to oppose the relocation of the Westport – Weston Family YMCA facility to Sunny Lane in Westport on the grounds that the public water supply and the public health would be at risk were this facility to be built. While our office has attempted to address and alleviate these concerns in previous correspondences to the Town, these recent calls indicate to us that we have apparently been unsuccessful to date in our efforts. The purpose of this letter is, therefore, to state Aquarion’s position as directly and as succinctly as possible.

Aquarion believes that if the Westport – Weston Family ‘Y’ facility were approved and constructed as proposed that it would not pose a significant risk to the public drinking water supply and would not jeopardize the health of our customers.

We base this conclusion on our research of existing scientific and technical literature, review of pertinent regulations and recommendations of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and the Connecticut Department of Public Health, and on our discussions with peer water utilities and professional consulting hydrogeologists.

In our previous correspondence, Aquarion asked that the Town exercise caution in its review of the YMCA proposal, noting that there are “currently unanswerable questions” regarding the possible affects to the water quality of Lee’s Pond and the Saugatuck River due to a hypothetical less-than optimally performing ‘alternative’ wastewater disposal system at this location, and the potential for such affects to impact the quality of the underlying public drinking water supply aquifer. Some opponents of this project have seized upon our request for a “prudent and circumspect” review of possible alternatives for the proposed wastewater disposal system and have used it as the basis for alarmist statements claiming that Westport’s water supply and the public health would be imperiled by the construction of this facility. The lack of definitive scientific research pertaining to these “decidedly speculative” concerns should not be construed as reason to conclude that a significant threat to the public health exists.

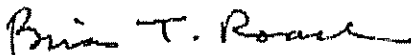
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While Aquarion and the public drinking water supply industry cannot predict what we will learn in the future regarding these presently speculative concerns, based on our aforementioned research, Aquarion's current understanding is that the proposed Westport -- Weston Family 'Y' facility would not pose a threat to the public drinking water supply or to the public health.

Westport residents that are served by Aquarion's public drinking water supply system will hopefully take some comfort in the knowledge that our company has made this determination only after careful study and review. Moreover, it should also be noted that the Westport Wellfield is but one part of Aquarion's much larger, wholly integrated Bridgeport Main System, which draws water from multiple, inter-connected groundwater and surface water supply sources. The water from each of these sources of supply is routinely analyzed for a wide range of contaminants, and is also filtered, disinfected or otherwise treated to ensure optimal quality before it reaches the consumer. Consequently, the public health concerns and occasionally dire predictions regarding the safety of the public drinking water supply that have been expressed by some opponents to the relocation of the Westport -- Weston Family 'Y' are unfounded and unwarranted.

I hope this letter has served to clarify the Aquarion Water Company's opinion regarding the potential for the proposed relocation of the Westport -- Weston Family 'Y' to adversely effect the public drinking water supply. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to call me at 203-452-3508.

Sincerely,



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