



TOWN OF RICHMOND

RICHMOND TOWN CENTER
203 Bridge Street, P.O. Box 285
Richmond, Vermont 05477



March 5, 2007

Rep. Gaye Symington
Rep. Denise Begins Barnard
Rep. Bill Frank
Senator Douglas Racine

RE: Orphan Stormwater Systems Program

Dear Madame Speaker, Reps. Barnard and Frank and Senator Racine:

I am writing in support of the state's orphan stormwater systems program. Richmond had 5 such permits "on the list" in 2006, and with the excellent assistance of ANR staff in Waterbury, there is now one permit resolved (determined to be exempt), three projects submitted for state funding support and one remaining that requires formation of a homeowners association.

The program was very beneficial to the municipal staff and that assistance allowed town taxpayers in the five neighborhoods, and their lawyers or real estate professionals, to have another conduit to the necessary information to work collectively on a resolution to clear this cloud on their title.

I would encourage you to consider modifying one aspect of the program which is to allow state grant funds to be awarded to private subdivisions without the condition that municipalities assume long-term maintenance.

Thank you for the assistance that has been provided to the town and I hope that you will continue this support as the remaining orphan permits pursue renewal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron".

Ronald Rodjenski
Richmond Town Administrator

cc: Jeff Wennberg D C Commissioner