

Meadows of Beaver Creek
Property Owners Association
Milton, Delaware 19968

February 17, 2020

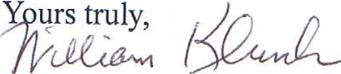
Keith Kooker, P.E.
DNREC Environment Finance
97 Commerce Way, Suite 106
Dover, DE 19904

Re: Artesian Water Company – Construction Application

Dear Mr Kooker:

We are contacting you on behalf of our 150-home Property Owners Association to request that the DNREC Secretary please order a public hearing to be held concerning Artesian Water Company's application to construct/install several thousand feet of pipeline near the Lewes-Georgetown Highway (Rt. 9). Per the DNREC announcement of the application the purpose of this construction is to allow "a future twelve (12) inch diameter Sussex County force to interconnect with the proposed Artesian piping on Park Avenue. This interconnection will allow Sussex County to utilize the *Artesian Beaver Creek wastewater treatment facility for some of their customers in this area.*" The concern of the homeowners in our community is that Sussex County, a public entity, will be using the treatment facility located immediately adjacent to the Meadows of Beaver Creek. We believe the residents of the Meadows of Beaver Creek are entitled to have answers on questions pertaining to the matter, such as: Why is county wastewater going to be transferred (pumped) to a private facility for processing? How much will the volume of waste treated at this facility increase? What will this mean, in practical terms, to residents of the Meadows of Beaver Creek, in regard to day-to-day activity at the facility? Has consideration been given to property values in the development as a result of taking in public sewage to a private facility in immediate proximity to our development?

We further believe that homeowners in the development are entitled to know the specifics of what is planned by the County, Artesian and DNREC. For this to be done without a hearing seems improper, given that this activity will have a direct impact on the property owners of this community.

Yours truly,


William Klunk, President
Board of Directors
Meadows of Beaver Creek Property Owners Association
18916 Riverwalk Drive
Milton, DE. 19968
540-797-1563

FW: public hearing on Artesian's application to construct pipeline near Rt 9

Kooker, Keith R. (DNREC) <Keith.Kooker@delaware.gov>

Mon 2/17/2020 2:05 PM

To: Newman, Theresa L (DNREC) <theresa.newman@delaware.gov>; Ashby, Bryan A. (DNREC) <Bryan.Ashby@delaware.gov>

Another request for public hearing on WPCC 3007/20.

From: Terry Blackford <therese.blackford@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 1:40 PM

To: Kooker, Keith R. (DNREC) <Keith.Kooker@delaware.gov>

Subject: public hearing on Artesian's application to construct pipeline near Rt 9

We are writing to request a public hearing on the application by Artesian to construct several thousand feet of pipe near Rt 9 in Sussex County, As we live at the Meadows of Beaver Creek in Milton, Delaware, we are adjacent to the treatment plant & are very concerned with the ramifications.

Therese & William Blackford
18869 Riverwalk Drive
Milton, DE 19968

FW: Public Hearing Request Regarding Artesian Piping Plan

Kooker, Keith R. (DNREC) <Keith.Kooker@delaware.gov>

Mon 2/17/2020 3:39 PM

To: Newman, Theresa L (DNREC) <theresa.newman@delaware.gov>; Ashby, Bryan A. (DNREC) <Bryan.Ashby@delaware.gov>

Third request for hearing.

From: Mary Jane Dicus <mdicus29@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:35 PM

To: Kooker, Keith R. (DNREC) <Keith.Kooker@delaware.gov>

Subject: Public Hearing Request Regarding Artesian Piping Plan

Good Afternoon,

We are residents of the Meadows of Beaver Creek development in Milton Delaware. It has recently come to our attention that Artesian has applied to construct several thousand feet of pipe near the Lewes Georgetown Highway in Sussex County. The purpose of this is to allow a future 12 inch diameter Sussex County force to interconnect with the proposed Artesian piping on Park Avenue. This interconnection will allow Sussex County to utilize the Artesian Beaver Creek wastewater treatment facility for some of their customers in this area. I take this to mean that the county will be using the treatment plant immediately adjacent to our development, Meadows of Beaver Creek (MOBC).

As home owners who recently purchased a new home in this development (July 2019), we have concerns regarding this project. First, we had no idea that this was being considered when we made the decision to move here to this development. Secondly, this is actually in MOBC's back yard. We would like to know why county sewage is being pumped to a private facility. Additionally, how will this increase the volume of waste being treated at this facility? How will this impact the quality of life for MOBC residents in terms of increased traffic at the facility, potential sewage leaks at the facility or in the pipeline, and in future property values of this community? Why is this location being selected? Why was this not shared with us when we made the decision to sign a contract to purchase here in December of 2018? I find it hard to believe that this is a recent discussion. We should have been made aware of this before now.

Because of these concerns, we are requesting that a public hearing be held regarding this issue. We will await your reply.

Mary Jane Dicus and Diane Goldian

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FW: DNREC Contact Info

Kooker, Keith R. (DNREC) <Keith.Kooker@delaware.gov>
Tue 2/18/2020 8:12 AM

To: Newman, Theresa L (DNREC) <theresa.newman@delaware.gov>; Ashby, Bryan A. (DNREC) <Bryan.Ashby@delaware.gov>
Request for public hearing no. 4.

From: Lane <pharmz@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 9:35 PM
To: Kooker, Keith R. (DNREC) <Keith.Kooker@delaware.gov>
Subject: Fwd: DNREC Contact Info

I would like to see a public input into artesian's application for pipe installation which would impact on the waste water processed in my neighborhood .
Sincerely .Lane Zangwill resident of Meadows of Beaver Creek

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeff Horn <jeffhorn72@gmail.com>
Date: February 17, 2020 at 11:46:07 AM EST
To: Jeff Horn <jeffhorn72@gmail.com>
Subject: DNREC Contact Info

Neighbors,

I have spoken with a couple of people at DNREC this morning. And while they were extremely polite, I got the sense that I was being patronized. However, I did learn that in order to request a public hearing the request must be submitted in writing, email is acceptable, to Keith Kooker at DNREC by February 23. His email address is keith.kooker@delaware.gov

The request should specify that one is writing to request a public hearing on *Artesian's application to construct several thousand feet of pipe near the Lewes-Georgetown Highway (Rt. 9) in Sussex County* The purpose of this is to allow a future twelve (12) inch diameter Sussex County force to interconnect with the proposed Artesian piping on Park Avenue. This interconnection will allow Sussex County to utilize the Artesian Beaver Creek wastewater treatment facility for some of their customers in this area. That is, **the county will be using the treatment plant located immediately adjacent to MBC.** Let Mr Kooker know that this facility is literally in MBC's back yard. Why is county sewage being pumped to a private facility? How much will this increase the volume of waste treated at this facility? What does it mean to residents of MBC in terms of activity at the facility, property values, etc?

I do not mean to be an alarmist, but I do believe that we are entitled to know the specifics of what is going on rather than simply waking up one day to find that the location of a COUNTY WASTE TREATMENT PLANT in our backyard has negatively impacted the price of our homes. If you feel similarly, please write to Mr. Kooker. And please encourage the POA's Board of Directors to inquire on this matter with Artesian and DNREC on behalf of the MBC community.

Regards,

Jeff

Wastewater Facilities Construction Permit Application: Artesian Water Company

Division of Water

Start Date: February 9, 2020

End Date: February 23, 2020

The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Water, hereby gives notice that a permit application has been received from:

Artesian Water Company proposes to construct approximately eleven thousand seven hundred and thirty-five linear feet (11,735 LF) of twelve (12) inch diameter force main from their existing twelve (12) inch diameter force main at the intersection of the Lewes-Georgetown Highway (Rt. 9) and Gravel Hill Road (Rt. 30), continuing west on Rt. 9 to the Steiner Road intersection, continuing south on Steiner Road approximately one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet to the railroad tracks, and then continuing approximately three thousand five hundred (3,500) feet along the railroad tracks to the Park Avenue intersection in Sussex County. The purpose of this force main extension is to allow a future twelve (12) inch diameter Sussex County force to interconnect with the proposed Artesian force main on Park Avenue. This interconnection will allow Sussex County to utilize the Artesian Beaver Creek wastewater treatment facility for some of their customers in this area.

Questions regarding the applications and plans for the above are available for inspection by contacting:

11/13/2020

Mail - Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC) - Outlook

Keith Kooker, P.E.
DNREC Environment Finance
Enterprise Business Park
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Dover, DE 19904
(302) 739-9941

A public hearing concerning the above application will NOT be held unless the Secretary of DNREC determines that a hearing is in the public interest or if a written meritorious request for a hearing is received on or before February 23, 2020. A request for a public hearing shall be deemed meritorious if it exhibits a familiarity with the application and provides a reasoned statement of the permit's probable impact.

FW: Request for Public Hearing

Kooker, Keith R. (DNREC) <Keith.Kooker@delaware.gov>

Mon 2/17/2020 12:03 PM

To: Newman, Theresa L (DNREC) <theresa.newman@delaware.gov>; Ashby, Bryan A. (DNREC) <Bryan.Ashby@delaware.gov>

FYI, for WPCC 3007/20.

From: Jeff Horn <jeffhorn72@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 11:58 AM

To: Kooker, Keith R. (DNREC) <Keith.Kooker@delaware.gov>

Subject: Request for Public Hearing

Dear Mr Kooker:

I am writing as I would very much like to request that the DNREC Secretary please call for a public hearing on *Artesian Water Company's application to construct several thousand feet of pipe near the Lewes-Georgetown Highway (Rt. 9) in Sussex County. The purpose of this is to allow a future twelve (12) inch diameter Sussex County force to interconnect with the proposed Artesian piping on Park Avenue. This interconnection will allow Sussex County to utilize the Artesian Beaver Creek wastewater treatment facility for some of their customers in this area.* That is, Sussex County will be using the treatment plant located immediately adjacent to the Meadows of Beaver Creek, where I reside. I would like to have answers on these and other questions pertaining to the matter: Why is county sewage/wastewater being pumped to a private facility? How much will this increase the volume of waste treated at this facility? What does it mean to residents of the Meadows of Beaver Creek, in terms of activity at the facility, our property values, etc?

I do not mean to be an alarmist, but I do believe that we are entitled to know the specifics of what is going on rather than simply waking up one day to find that the location of a county waste treatment plant located in our backyard, WITH NO PUBLIC HEARING has negatively impacted the price of our homes.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Horn
18852 Riverwalk Drive
Milton, DE 19968
917-885-4969

FW: Artesian Application

Kooker, Keith R. (DNREC) <Keith.Kooker@delaware.gov>

Tue 2/18/2020 11:14 AM

To: Newman, Theresa L (DNREC) <theresa.newman@delaware.gov>; Ashby, Bryan A. (DNREC) <Bryan.Ashby@delaware.gov>

Public hearing request no. 6.

From: Edwin Jacob <hank.jacob@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 9:42 AM

To: Kooker, Keith R. (DNREC) <Keith.Kooker@delaware.gov>

Subject: Artesian Application

This email is forward to you for the purpose of requesting a **public hearing on Artesian's application to construct several thousand feet of pipe near the Lewes-Georgetown Highway (Rt. 9) in Sussex County**. The purpose of this is to allow a future twelve (12) inch diameter Sussex County force to interconnect with the proposed Artesian piping on Park Avenue. This interconnection will allow Sussex County to utilize the Artesian Beaver Creek wastewater treatment facility for some of their customers in this area. As you should already be aware, purchasers of property in the Meadows of Beaver Creek subdivision were told by the ssles person that the treatment facility behind our community center and pool was exclusive to the residents of beaver creek and because of this, we were paying substantially more for sewer and water. Apparently this is not the case.

Thank you for scheduling a hearing.

Sent from my iPhone

FW: Wastewater Facilities Construction Permit Application: Artesian Water Company

Kooker, Keith R. (DNREC) <Keith.Kooker@delaware.gov>

Mon 2/24/2020 8:13 AM

To: Newman, Theresa L (DNREC) <theresa.newman@delaware.gov>; Ashby, Bryan A. (DNREC) <Bryan.Ashby@delaware.gov>

Hearing request no. 7 (WPCC 3007/20).

From: Joanne Karlson <joannekarlson@comcast.net>

Sent: Saturday, February 22, 2020 10:36 PM

To: Kooker, Keith R. (DNREC) <Keith.Kooker@delaware.gov>

Subject: Wastewater Facilities Construction Permit Application: Artesian Water Company

Dear Mr. Kooker:

We are writing to request a public hearing on Artesian's application to construct several thousand feet of pipe near the Lewes-Georgetown Highway (Rt. 9) in Sussex County. The purpose of this is to allow a future twelve (12) inch diameter Sussex County force to interconnect with the proposed Artesian piping on Park Avenue. This interconnection will allow Sussex County to utilize the Artesian Beaver Creek wastewater treatment facility for some of their customers in this area. That is, the county will be using the treatment plant located immediately adjacent to the Meadows of Beaver Creek development. This facility is directly in our back yard!

We have recently relocated to the Meadows of Beaver Creek in our retirement and want to understand what this means to us as residents in terms of activity at this facility and additional implications regarding property values, health issues, etc.

Please advise at your earliest convenience when such hearing is scheduled so we can plan to attend.

Thank you,

K. John and Joanne Karlson
18936 Riverwalk Drive
Milton, DE 19968

WPCC 3007/20 Hearing Request

Kooker, Keith R. (DNREC) <Keith.Kooker@delaware.gov>

Fri 2/28/2020 8:13 AM

To: Newman, Theresa L (DNREC) <theresa.newman@delaware.gov>; Ashby, Bryan A. (DNREC) <Bryan.Ashby@delaware.gov>

A late request for public hearing.

From: James Hynes <james_hynes29@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 9:49 PM

To: Kooker, Keith R. (DNREC) <Keith.Kooker@delaware.gov>

Subject: What are you thinking??

Dear Keith

Why is Artesian planning to pump county waste through the treatment plant in my back yard. A treatment plant that the resident here were mislead to believe was for this property. Why is this project being pushed through with out a public hearing? What are you thinking? The water problems are bad enough in this area with lax regulation, big chicken, clean delaware and Artesian all work together to destroy this area for profit.

Delaware promoted this area as a place to move and settle down, I left NY to come here, a place with the best public water. Now I'm surrounded by field being sprayed with waste, wells that are absorbing that waste and the smell of chicken plants.

A hearing in needed and necessary.

James Hynes