

April 22, 2024 No

Docket. 20240032-SU

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION AND INITIAL RATES AND CHARGES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE**

**To: Commission Clerk**

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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your Notice dated April 3, 2024. My wife and I are homesteaded Florida residents for the past thirty years. For the twenty-five years before moving to Florida, we lived in an ocean front town of 10,000 residents in Connecticut serviced by septic systems and where I was deeply involved in government. After fifty years of referendums to install sewers, one as recently as two years ago, the application and proposal were repeatedly denied because each time the Department of Environmental Protection and the applicant could not produce conclusive environmental impact studies supporting sewer installation and the residents did not want sewers. The town of 10,000 was completely built out. The soil throughout the town was sand and percolated fine. The 300 year old town also had Walmarts and two major shopping centers complete with restaurants.

Your Notice of Application requests a response to the proposal stating that: **“The objection must state the grounds for the objection with particularity.”** This is an impossible request for all property owners to respond because of the lack of the supporting evidence received from your office. How can owner intelligently respond to this application? Therefore, we request that the deadline for objections be extended until ninety days after property owners have received the environmental studies and responded intelligently stating the “grounds for the objection with particularity”.

**In closing, the first application for sewers was rejected by the residents after they had sufficient time to review the data provided with their attorney. This second application filed so close to the denial of the first appears to be an attempt to wear down the residents.** Because I personally know the applicant and his family, the sewer project is nothing more than an attempt to create an income stream in perpetuity for himself and his family. Please send me your supporting studies and reports used to support this application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Jensen

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert and Ruthie Jensen". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Robert Jensen".

P.S. Many times during storms, I personally observed massive amounts of raw sewage from our Englewood municipal sewer processing system being intentionally dumped into Lemon Bay causing rancid smells, dead fish, and floating diapers, etc.. How do you balance and cure this massive pollution problem against a sleepy island with no commercial development?

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