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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Several residents have recently contacted me with growing concern over the increased frequency of detectable odors emanating from the Colonie landfill on the opposite side of the Mohawk River. I reside on Towpath Lane and have also noted on numerous occasions over the past month when the odor has been very strong and unpleasant.

During the past several weeks I have had numerous conversations with the operators of the landfill (Waste Connections) and with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Despite repeated assurances that various repairs were underway that would address this issue, we continue to have serious odor problems. DEC has taken the position that they have not received a significant number of complaints regarding this problem. I believe that DEC will be more likely to aggressively address this issue if they realize the number of people affected and have some additional information to assist them in solving the problem.

I am asking for your help to make DEC and Waste Connections aware of the frequency and unpleasantness of these odors. If you experience these odors, please call DEC Engineer Ted Robak at 357-2249 and advise him of the time you noticed the odor and if possible the type of odor (i.e. rotten eggs, compost etc.). Please also contact Don Hallock from Waste Connections at 951-9690 and provide him with the same information. Please feel free to call either number at any time of the day or night and leave a message if necessary.

Please also be assured that the Town is considering all of our options in regards to this issue, and will take additional action as necessary to protect our environment and the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Please feel free to call me at 235-8184 if you have any questions or have any information that you would like to share.

Thank you very much for your help with this matter.

Yours Truly,

Jack Lawler

Waterford Town Supervisor