

Director McCarthy replied that this is an environmental issue. He noted that the Town has spent significant money studying the Parsons Creek area. High bacteria counts have been chased all over that area, without a solid answer. Many times, that is exactly what would lead someone to believe a sewer system is needed, because it is not one problem area. It's the fact that the whole area is developed on small lots and high porosity. The septic systems are draining into the ground very quickly and many times showing up in the ocean or Parsons Creek. He continued that a sewer system is certainly an expensive proposition and should many times be the last alternative. The best things that can be done are already being done; such as, the pump-out ordinance, watching how the systems are being built and inspections of the systems. More and more high-performing systems are being installed, so it may get better over time. However, the Town needs to keep an eye on whether they are reaching that "tipping" point.