

ARTICLE 32

DUNBACK MEADOW SEWER EASEMENT (Citizen Petition)

The Hornig/Klimoff family asks Town Meeting to support Article 32 permitting us to connect our family home at 18 Bacon Street to the Town sewer running parallel to Bacon Street when it becomes necessary.

The property was purchased by Arthur and Sally Hornig in 1962. When the Bacon Street sewer was constructed in 1977, the design included a wye to permit a sewer connection for the property, but no easement was reserved over the area between the sewer line and Bacon Street. Since Arthur's death in 2018, the property has been occupied by his son Charles Hornig and Charles' wife Ingrid Klimoff.

Charles' and Ingrid's daughter Sarah Klimoff and her husband Zachary Griffiths wish to return to Lexington and live on the property with their 3 children in 4-5 years. The existing on-site sewage disposal system is inadequate to accommodate our extended family of 7.

While expanding the septic system is technically feasible, the regulations of the Board of Health express a strong preference for connection to the Town sewer system whenever possible (see §155-83 at <https://ecode360.com/10536782>). In keeping with those regulations, we are making an effort to acquire the necessary easement. The easement required would be approximately 20 feet long and 20 feet wide, spanning the gap between Bacon Street and the existing sewer easement shown on the plan below. The exact boundaries will be determined later to minimize environmental impacts based on discussions with the Conservation Commission, DPW, and our engineer if Town Meeting approves the connection.

The new easement area, existing sewer easement, and Bacon Street right-of-way contain wetland resource areas which will be temporarily altered by construction. The Conservation Commission has discussed this request and did not object if the sewer was designed to minimize environmental impacts. We will need to file a Notice of Intent and obtain an Order of Conditions from the Conservation Commission before construction can start.

We are working with Senator Friedman's office to determine the correct form of the petition to the General Court.

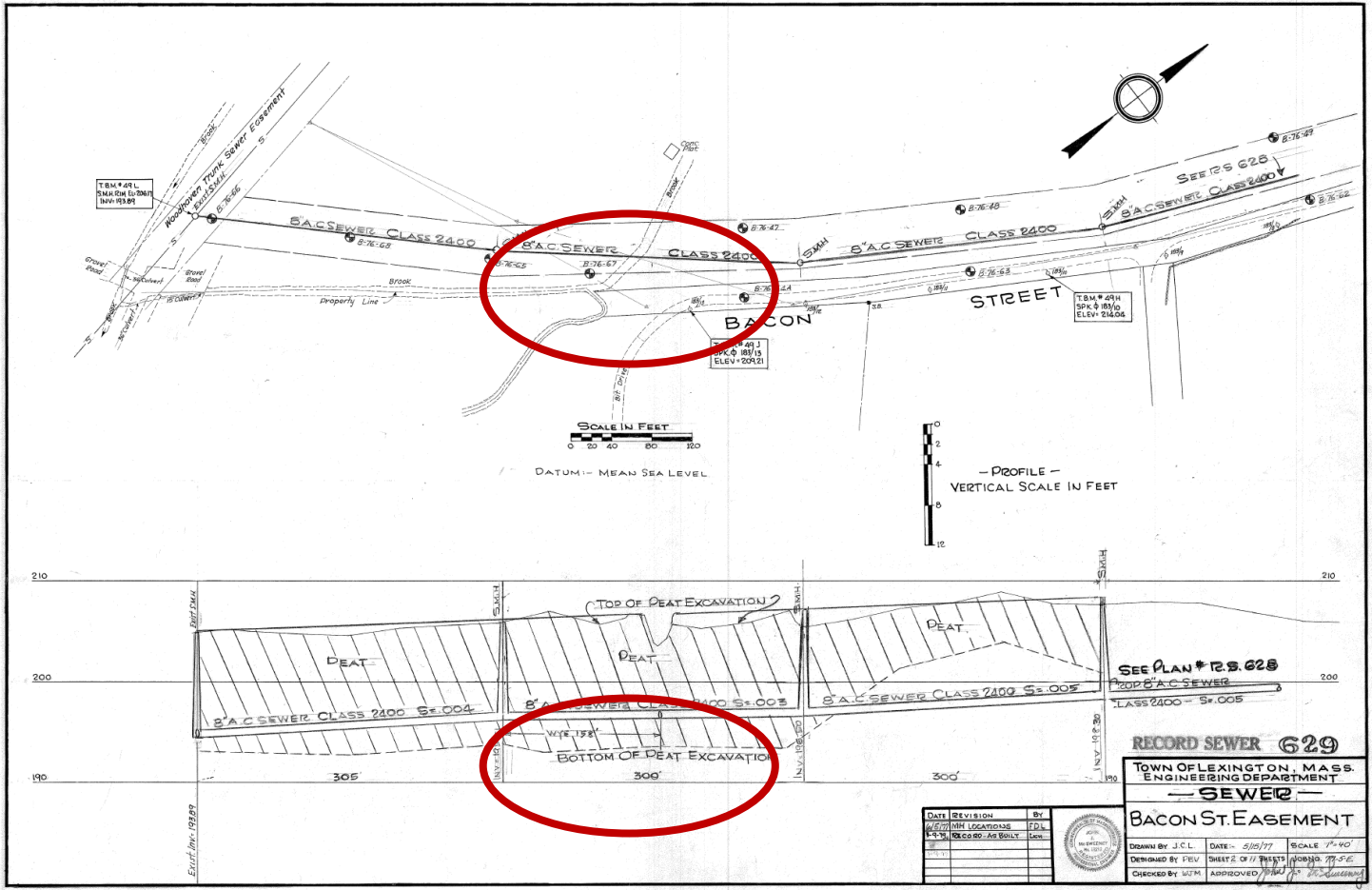
Thank you for your consideration.

Ingrid Klimoff

Charles Hornig

Sarah Klimoff

Zachary Griffiths



§155-83 Findings.

- A. The Town of Lexington has implemented a program to make the sewer system available to all building lots currently within the town;
- B. Rapid residential and industrial growth may affect groundwater that reaches drinking water supplies;
- C. The boundaries of the Town include productive aquifers, surface waters used as a drinking water supply and extensive wetlands that feed into the drinking water supplies of other towns (DEP-designated Zone II areas);
- D. The Town of Lexington includes many homes which are connected to cesspools or older, inefficient subsurface disposal systems;
- E. Inadequate treatment of sewage by septic systems may contribute to increased levels of nitrates, bacteria and viruses or hazardous chemicals that can contaminate water supplies; and
- F. The Town of Lexington, according to Massachusetts Geographic Information Services studies, exhibits high groundwater levels and sandy soils that limit the filtration capabilities of subsurface disposal systems.

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