

# WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



The Wastewater Department saw some changes in 2024. Steve Millett retired in September. We thank him for his 10 years of service to the Town of Farmington. Now every day is Saturday - enjoy your retirement. I was hired as the new Superintendent and two months later we hired Dave Durrell.

This year was busy with manhole repairs and rebuilds, scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, as well as some emergency equipment repairs. We had more electronic breakdowns than in previous years. Most of our systems have back-ups and the contractors that we use are very quick to respond. Kudos to them. The plant was last rebuilt 33 years ago and the concrete and steel are still in good shape. As long as the moving parts of the plant can be repaired, rebuilt or replaced, we can operate well into the future. There is a sizable reserve account in case of a major breakdown. In today's economy that would get chewed up like a Ritz cracker, so we need to remain diligent with funding.

We have a big job coming up this spring to replace the 36-inch sluice gate valve in the chlorine contact tank. We also have a list of manholes that need to be rebuilt, along with additional ones when the Public Works and the Maine Department of Transportation do work on the roads.

The crew here is excellent, and they all have mechanical and construction experience. This is essential to keep this plant operating correctly. I tip my hat to you guys. Thank you.

Just a reminder, the only manmade (made in a factory) thing that should be flushed down the toilet is toilet paper. We regularly pull pumps apart to remove all sorts of foreign material. Sometimes we find money in the bar screen, so you can keep flushing the money... and toilet paper. Thank you in advance. I look forward to serving the people of Farmington in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Hartigan  
Superintendent