

Board Meeting Features Suffolk Treatment Plant Representatives

At the East End Board Meeting on February 8th, 2005, representatives from the Riverhead and East Hampton sewage treatment plants gave detailed and informative presentations regarding the operation and policies of their respective facilities .

Up first was Michael Reichel, Superintendent of the Riverhead Sewer District who ran down the particulars of the Riverhead operation, stressing the point that the plant is actively seeking new business and now accepts sewage from anywhere in Suffolk County. Reichel explained that dump fees are somewhat higher at his plant than at Bergen Point because the facility receives no financial assistance from the county.



Michael Reichel

The Riverhead plant however, does not operate at capacity and therefore does not shut down early as does the County run facility. As a result, Riverhead can function as a viable alternative to Bergen Point with its short hours of operation. East End carters can also save time and fuel by using the Riverhead Plant.

Michael O'Brien, Dan Ryan and Fred Nero represented Severn/Trent, a U.K. based company that operates the treatment plant in East Hampton under contract to the town. A relatively small capacity facility, they only accept wastewater from East Hampton generators.

Mr. O'Brien was the main speaker during an informative Power Point presentation that outlined the procedures at their plant. After the presentation, the group fielded questions from the membership. One of those questions touched on the subject of commercial grease which the East Hampton plant does accept, although they do so reluctantly.



Michael O'Brien

Riverhead, on the other hand, will not accept the material and grease continues to be an unresolved problem in Suffolk County. This organization is continuing its efforts to raise public awareness about the problem but we seem to be a very lonely voice in the wilderness.