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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

TO: Raul Pino, MD, MPH
Commissioner
Department of Public Health

FROM: Benjamin Barnes, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management

DATE: October 24, 2016

SUBJECT: 2014 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP)
North Stonington Village Water Main Extension – Phase III

Dear Commissioner Pino:

Thank you for your letter dated September 8, 2016 regarding the proposed extension of water service to the North Stonington Community Grange. For purposes related to CGS Chapter 297a, this is considered to be a growth-related project located outside of a priority funding area. You have requested this exception under CGS Sec. 16a-35d(b), so that DPH may proceed with administering this grant award.

I understand that DPH staff has determined the proposed water main extension is consistent with State C&D Plan policies under CGS Sec. 16a-31(a), since the project is designed to respond to an existing need without serving as an attraction to more extensive development, and that the requested exception is limited to the Grange connection.

I concur with DPH's assessment that the proposed project is also consistent with North Stonington's 2013 Plan of Conservation and Development, and that it complies with the other statutory requirements for an exception. Therefore, I hereby issue this exception, in accordance with CGS Sec. 16a-35d(b), so that DPH may proceed with funding Phase III of the North Stonington Village Water Main Extension.

Please contact Bruce Wittchen (860-418-6323) if there are any questions with regard to this finding.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Barnes
Secretary of OPM