

TOWN OF BALLSTON

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Dear Property Owner:

The Town of Ballston is holding a Special Election regarding the creation of the Ballston Lake Sewer District.

The Special Election will be held in the Town of Ballston Town Hall located at 323 Charlton Road, Ballston Spa, New York on October 14, 2015 between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 8:00 p.m.

The proposition to be voted on is as follows:

PROPOSITION

Shall Town Board Resolution 15-114, unanimously approved by the Town of Ballston Town Board on August 11, 2015, authorizing the creation of the Ballston Lake Sewer District which encompasses a sewer collection system in the Towns of Ballston and Clifton Park in accordance with a Map, Plan and Report approved by the Town Board on July 9, 2015, with properties benefitted by the system generally located around Ballston Lake as well as the Buell Heights neighborhood and the Main Street area of Ballston Lake, at an estimated and maximum cost of \$10,203,729.00, and which project is to be financed through the issuance of a bond by the Town of Ballston to secure a 30-year leveraged loan from the New York State Clean Water State Revolving Fund, with properties to be assessed costs on a benefit basis, with the estimated cost of the district to the typical property, a single family home, being \$907.00 per year, and which sewer district is further subject to the review and approval of the Office of the New York State Comptroller, be approved?

YES

NO

For your information, enclosed please find a FAQ sheet regarding voting at the Special Election

Sincerely,



Carol Shemo
Town Clerk

Town of Ballston Special Election for the Ballston Lake Sewer District

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is allowed to vote on the referendum for the Special District?

A: New York State Law states that all "owners of taxable real property [located] in the proposed district as shown in the latest completed assessment roll" are entitled to vote on the referendum.

Q: If I acquired property in the proposed district since the last completed assessment roll, may I still vote?

A: Yes, but you would need to provide proof as a prerequisite to voting, such as a deed.

Q: Do I have to be a resident of the Town of Ballston to vote?

A: No. New York Law requires that voters own property within the proposed district. A property owner is not prohibited from voting simply because he is not a resident of the Town of Ballston.

Q: I am one of several owners of a single parcel of property. May each of us vote?

A: Yes. When multiple individuals own a single parcel of property, each owner is entitled to one vote.

Q: If I own several parcels of property, how many votes do I get?

A: One. New York State Law only allows one vote per person or entity, even if that person or entity owns several parcels of property within the proposed district.

Q: If I am listed on the Map, Plan and Report for the Ballston Lake Sewer District but I do not have EDUs assigned or have half an EDU assigned may I still vote?

A: Yes. You are in the proposed district and all the persons on the deed have one vote.

Q: Can corporations, partnerships, LLCs and other entities vote?

A: Yes. Entities such as corporations, partnership, LLCs and other entities are permitted to vote.

Q: How many votes are corporations, partnerships, and LLCs are entitled to?

A: These Entities are entitled to one vote. Any such entity must authorize an individual to vote on the entity's behalf, and the entity must do so by resolution to be submitted at the time of voting.

Q: How many votes is a Trust entitled to?

A: If the Trust is the current owner of the property as reflected on the latest deed, then the Trust is entitled to one vote. The Trustee, upon submission of a valid Trust document which designates the Trustee as having the necessary authority to act on behalf of the Trust, is entitled to cast the ballot. (Note: If the Trust document requires the action of two or more co-trustees to act on behalf of the Trust then both co-trustees must be present to cast the single vote.)

Q: Where can I find the information that identifies the persons on my deed?

A: The Saratoga County Clerk's Office can provide this information for your property. You can access this information online at the Saratoga County Clerk's webpage, www.saratogacountyny.gov/departments/saratoga-county-clerk under on line records.