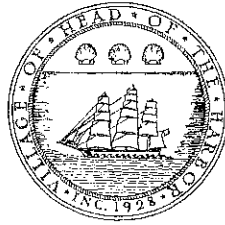


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Dear Editor:

A Threat to Stony Brook Harbor

The Village of Head of the Harbor and its residents, including Avalon Park and Preserve, BBGG Farms, and Harmony Vineyard constitute the watershed of the planned Gyrodyne Sewage Treatment Plant as discussed by Assemblyman Steve Englebright in your August 6th edition. We wish to echo his comments as well as the quoted comments of Professor Lawrence Swanson, a village resident and expert on Stony Brook Harbor.

Steve Englebright discussed the possible contamination of Stony Brook Harbor by a sewage treatment plant located a mile and a half from the Harbor in the Gyrodyne property.

Because of the topography of our community, the Gyrodyne property is at the same height as the top of Niagara Falls. It's obvious that if you tossed a bucket of sludge from the top of the Falls it would quickly wind up at the bottom. The same holds for dropping that same bucket of sludge on the Gyrodyne property, the sludge will eventually find its way in the ground to travel under the Village of Head of the Harbor down to Stony Brook Harbor.

Years ago all the wells in the Village used for drinking water were closed at the insistence of the EPA, and town water was piped in at the cost of our residents. Why? because a plume of toxic dry cleaning fluid from a business south of us in St. James followed the path down the hill to contaminate wells in Head of the Harbor. Contamination released from the planned Gyrodyne sewage plant will follow the same path.

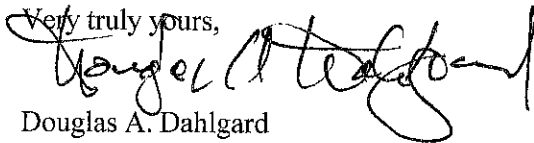
We have all read what happened in Bethpage from toxic aircraft cleaning fluids dumped by Grumman. Millions have been spent and millions more will have to be spent to litigate and clean up that mess.

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Grumman is still around to help pay for this. Gyrodyne will not be. Gyrodyne is being liquidated, and will disappear after the property is sold off. So down the road who will be around to provide the money to clean up any contamination of the watershed properties and Stony Brook Harbor?

Steve Englebright said what is needed is an objective report, an independent study, that analyzes the environmental risk of building a Sewage Treatment Plant on top of the Route 25A hill. We second that opinion.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas A. Dahlgard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Douglas A. Dahlgard
Mayor