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Mr. Stephen Szalewicz
Chairman
Sharon Water & Sewer Commission
147 Calkinstown Road
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Dear Mr. Szalewicz:

Congratulations! Sharon Water & Sewer Commission has been chosen by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Drinking Water Section to receive the 2015 Small Community Public Health Drinking Water Merit Award. This award is given during National Drinking Water Week to recognize small community public water system, serving less than a 1,000 people, that has made outstanding contributions to the field of drinking water in the area of water operations and administration.

The DPH Drinking Water Section (DWS) helps protect public health by assuring the quality and adequacy of the state's more than 2,500 public water systems (PWSs) through administration of state and federal drinking water regulations. It is critical that a public water system provides their customer with an adequate supply of safe potable drinking water. This award is for recognition of the performance of a water system serving less than 1,000 individuals. Award recipients are recognized for working to address issues in a proactive manner, recognizing the need to maintain and improve the water quality and quantity of their water system, and upholding the public health of their consumers as their number one priority.

Sharon Water & Sewer Commission is receiving this award in recognition of the scope of works done to the water system through the commission who understood the need to reinvest the aging infrastructure, and to insure a safe and an adequate supply of potable water. We acknowledge the following projects, including but not limited to:

- Repair and restoration of the Calkinstown Dam and Reservoir to supply the system.
- Construction of the Dr. Malcolm Brown surface water treatment plant to comply with the surface water treatment rule to supply the system with 389 customers and a population of about 700 people.
- Reworked Calkinstown Reservoir raw water pump station including installation of two pressure regulating vaults.



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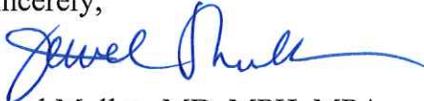
- Replacement and upgrade of antiquated water main.
- Construction of redundant water main loop to improve water quality in the distribution system.
- Replacement of water a service line owned by the commission.
- Installed an aerator in the Calkinstown Reservoir to assist in removing dissolved gases and oxidizing metals.
- Installed a raw water storage tank at the Calkinstown Reservoir to hold water from the Beardsley Pond Reservoir.
- Re-piped raw water lines from Beardsley Pond Reservoir to Calkinstown Reservoir.
- Upgraded the Whitford pump station.
- Dredged Calkinstown Reservoir to remove vegetation and algae to reduce taste and order in the system, replaced the intake valve structure, and upgraded the dam.
- Discovered and repaired a major leak in the system after numerous leak detections and reduced significantly the unaccounted for water from 25.5% in 2009 to 8% in 2011.

We look forward to presenting you with your award at a ceremony.

Should you have any questions, please contact Cindy Sek of the DPH Drinking Water Section at (860) 509- 7333 or via email at cindy.sek@ct.gov.

Thank you for all that you do to ensure the public health and safety of drinking water in Connecticut.

Sincerely,



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