------ Original Message ------Subject: FHMIA: Your comments requested on Heights/Maravista sewering plan From: <info@fhmia.org> Date: Sat, December 14, 2013 6:57 pm To: "FHMIA Website" <info@fhmia.org>

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On December 4th, the Cape Cod Commission held a joint meeting with the Mass. Environmental Protection Agency to discuss Falmouth's Waste Water Management Plan including sewering the lower Heights and Maravista. Although the this meeting was a public forum, it was not widely advertised and no people from the target community attended.

The CCC and MEPA would like to receive your comments before January 3, 2014.

To watch the meeting at your leisure, especially if you live in the target sewering area, click on:

http://www.fctv.org/v3/vod/cape-cod-commission-public-hearing-south-shore-cwmp-december-4-2013

Ron Zweig (<u>rdzweig@gmail.com</u>) member of the Falmouth Water Quality Management Committee, offered the following to our members: "One thing possibly for your neighbors to keep in mind and to plan for, if the project goes forward, is that, although the planning has been done to the degree possible to insure there will be no increase in property taxes to repay the cost of sewer construction, it is likely that a betterment will be applied to each home/business served -- amount not determined yet. There will also be a sewer bill to cover operating costs and a connection charge to be paid by the home/business owners, probably averaging around \$5,000 each per current estimates. These costs might be similar to septic system upgrade and maintenance needs over time."

Comments should be mailed to:

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