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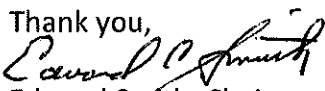
RE: Leasing or Sale of Water

Dear Commissioner Ojala:

I'm writing to follow up on the conversation we had about selling or leasing water at our meeting of January 24, 2019. On behalf of the West Barnstable Fire District Prudential Committee we would ask that the Water Commissioners formally contact the surrounding water districts and ask if they have any interest, currently or the foreseeable future, in accessing our district's water either by purchase, lease or some other agreement.

We think it would be a good idea to learn if this is an option. Our sense is that revenue from the lease or sale of water might be a good way to offset the need to raise taxes in the future for the operation of fire and EMS services.

We look forward to hearing what you find out. It will be interesting to know what our neighboring communities think and what their plans are for providing more water to their customers, and how we might fit in.

Thank you,  
  
Edward Smith, Chair  
Prudential Committee  
West Barnstable Fire District