

Hills of Neskowin Owners Association
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Dear Mr. Williamson:

Thank you for your letter June 1 which repeats the views held by the board of the Neskowin Regional Sanitary Authority (NRSA) recited over these last several months.

As you point out the permanent tax levy passed in May 2005 is permanent and despite the clear language of the measure may be used for any legitimate purpose.

Taxes collected since the NRSA's long term debts were satisfied have been credited to reserve accounts. This together with the fact that no tax revenues have been budgeted for the coming year makes it obvious that tax revenues are not needed for operations. Should future operating revenues prove insufficient the appropriate course would be to adjust the user rate schedule rather than tax unserved properties.

We acknowledge that the NRSA's 'wish list' includes a Highway 101 extension. There is however no actionable plan for such a project. Moreover, as we have pointed out since the beginning of these discussions, the Hills of Neskowin has neither need nor desire for NRSA service equipped as we are with state of the art septic systems.

We suggest that it would have been more helpful to the NRSA and the many non-served residents within the NRSA boundaries to reconcile the statutes governing the apportionment of taxes (ORS 450.885) and the restriction of expense to those directly served (ORS 450.480).

The Hills of Neskowin Owners Association will now move ahead with our petition to the board of county commissioners for withdrawal from The NRSA.

Sincerely,

James R. Blasius
President

cc: Clark Balfour, Cable Huston LLC
NRSA

