MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Mark E. Biberdorf, Town Manager

COPY TO: Heather Taylor, Assistant Town Manager

DATE: July 30, 2025

SUBJECT: Status of Revolving Funds Application to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Last month I talked to you about the availability of state revolving loan funds for water and sewer projects in Helene impacted areas. I attended a workshop about the release of these funds and submitted a preapplication to the funding agency. The proposed project would be for the extension of sewer lines to Westfield Road, North Hudson Lane, and Dogwood Terrace. The preapplication would be followed by a full application process to be determined by DEQ.

To help with the full application process for this funding and the administration of the project, I have engaged the services of Land of Sky. They are attending workshops on the full requirements for a project to be considered. They have also advised us that we will need to demonstrate that residents living in the target area in Fletcher have had or are having problems with their septic systems. This would help to justify the funding for moving them to a centralized wastewater system.

To help bolster our application for these funds we will be sending out the attached survey to residents who live in the target area. We will also be getting in touch with our Health Department to determine if septic systems would be difficult to re-permit in the target area if new ones had to be put in place.

If you should have any questions regarding this item prior to the Agenda Review meeting, please feel free to contact me.

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Attachment