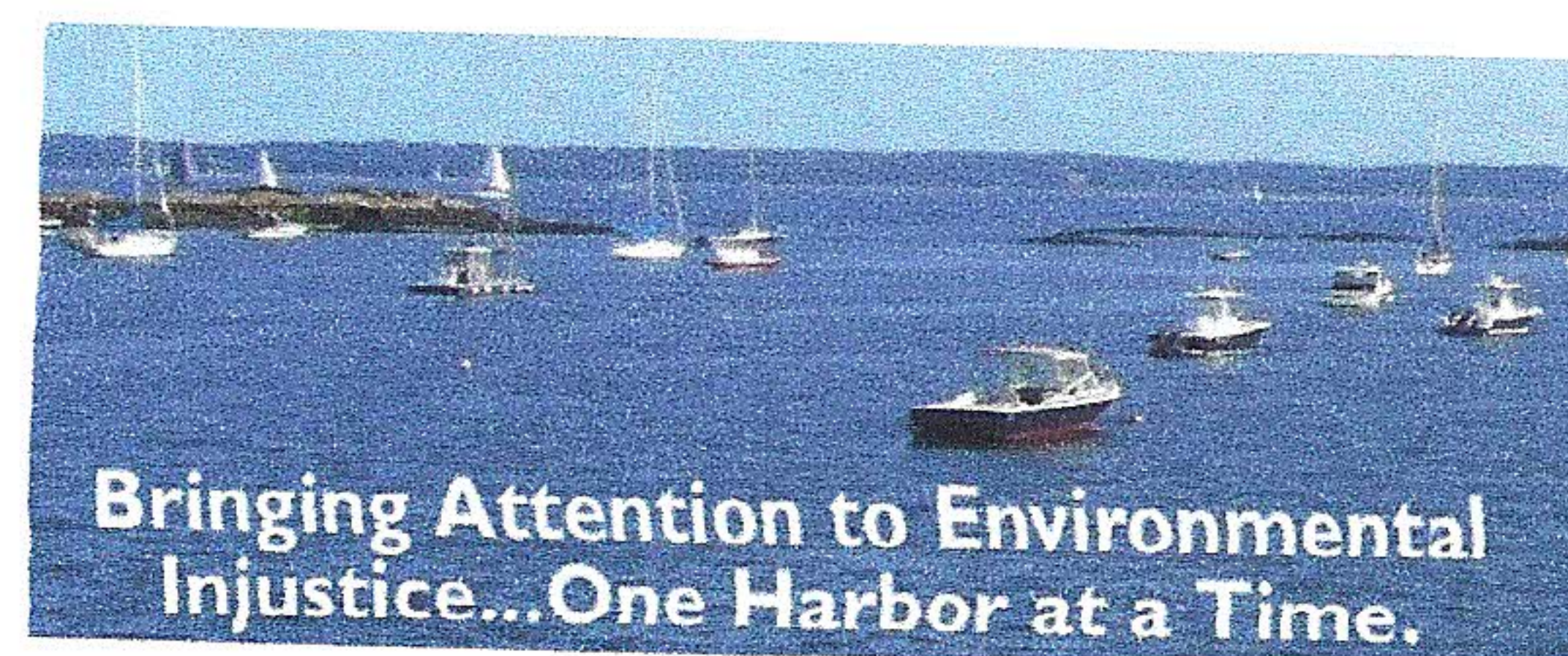


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Dear Mayor French and City Council Members,

I would like to respond to the questions from the last City Council meeting of May 11th 2011. Although you stated that the questions were from "The Community," I believe the questions addressed to me at the last meeting were a projection of your and some of the other council members. Regardless of where the questions originated, I am happy to answer them.

By the way the title to our new public awareness campaign is "One of the first lessons we teach our children is where to put their sewage. Why has the Rye City Council not learned that lesson?"

I'd like to preface my answers here by saying that unfortunately you Mayor French are now using your position as Mayor to attempt to incite Rye residents against us because this campaign effectively reflects on how you and this City Council are not doing your jobs. It is you, thru your inactions that have brought this particular vehicle to the residents, merchants and children of Rye. It is you that has failed to enforce the health and sanitary laws that protect the people. It is you, now lying to the people of Rye telling them that Hen Island is only used as seasonal campsites, is used infrequently and that it's water storage related mosquito infestation affects only Hen Island residents. It is you who is still refusing to enforce the laws now apparently due in part to a personal relationship with one of your fellow Meadow Place neighbors. And it is you that is not living up to the oath of office that you took when you became Mayor of the City of Rye.

I am sure that there are certain members of the community that are outraged by the new public awareness campaign. But I am equally certain that there are many more Rye citizens that are bewildered, unhappy and angered that this newly elected Council has again failed to enforce laws that were put in place to protect the health and safety of its residents as well as the environment and the waters of Long Island Sound.

Your first question was - **"What is the complaint?"**

I cannot even begin to believe that you would ask that question at this late stage but for the record "the complaint" is centered on the health and safety of the residents of Rye including Hen Island and those who use the waters of the Long Island Sound. We are not just concerned about human sewage; we are also concerned about the collection of bird feces infected water, collected from roof tops for domestic use in homes. And we are concerned about thousands of gallons of water storage that allows the breeding of millions of mosquitoes and contributes to arguably the largest concentrated mosquito infestation in Westchester County.

Your next question was - **"What action are we asking the Council to take?"**

We are asking the Council to require that Hen Island meet the Rye City laws and codes in the same manner as anyone else in Rye City would be required to. We would request that when laws are violated on Hen Island that violation notices be issued and court compliance be enforced just as it

