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Josh,  
Here is a brief overview of this issue.  
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### Hen Island

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, in response to a complaint from an island property owner, Matt Smith and Ron Gallo conducted an inspection of this island that is located in the City of Rye, c. 300 feet off shore, accessible only by boat and that has no power.

There are 33 homes built as seasonal residences that most likely were constructed illegally, without building permits. None of the wastewater disposal systems have been approved by WCHD. A meeting has been scheduled at the County Police HQ next Tuesday morning.

#### Recommendations:

Refer this matter to the Rye Building Dept. as the lead authority. Since it is likely that several of these unpermitted structures will be condemned, it is preferable to let the City of Rye eliminate the uninhabitable residences from consideration before we determine what the sewage and water options are. Some possibilities follow:

- Property owners retain services of a P.E. and submit as built, or reconstruction plans for septic system approval.
- Extend the sewer main under the LI Sound.
- Develop a system of low pressure sewers to convey sewage to a community subsurface disposal system.
- Convey all sewage to a holding bay and dispose of it periodically by a pump-out operation similar to that on ships.

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