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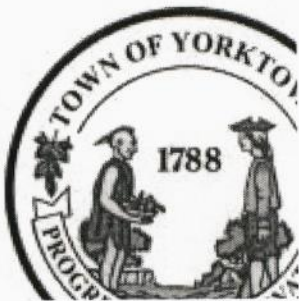
Subject: FW: Fluoridation of the water supply

Good Morning Jay,

Thank you for your comments. I would like to clarify that right now we are simply looking to change the law so that the town board can turn on or turn off the fluoride as necessary. The question of restarting at this time has not come up to a vote, but the majority of the town board has stated publicly that they are not inclined to do so based on the current information.

I made the decision on 9/26/24 to pause the use based on the Federal Law Suite against the EPA where fluoridating water was an "unreasonable risk" to children. My plan is to keep the fluoride out of the drinking water until the EPA complies with the courts. At that time, the sitting board of the town of Yorktown will need to make the decision as to fluoridate or not. We are also looking into ways to offer some types of fluoride supplements to those in need that would still like fluoride.

Ed Lachterman
Yorktown Town Supervisor



From: JAY KOLESAR [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, October 21, 2024 6:40 PM

To: Ed Lachterman <elachterman@yorktownny.org>

Subject: Fluoridation of the water supply

Yorktown Board,

My name is John (Jay) Kolesar and I am a 52 year resident of Yorktown. I ask that you please take the time to read my letter regarding the fluoridation of our water. First and foremost, I would like to thank those board members who have supported stopping the fluoridation of our water supply. Until recently I have not attended a board meeting but felt compelled to with the recent issues our town faces regarding the waste transfer station, the proposed townhouse developments and the fluoridation of our water. In this letter I will address only the fluoridation of our water supply.

I have heard many people speak for and against this issue but I would like it know to the board that I am adamantly against adding this chemical to our water supply. It is not the governments job to decide what we should be placing in our bodies. It is well know that a good percentage of Americans are deficient in vitamin D. Does that mean that we should add vitamin D to out water supply as well? No, of course not. It is up to the consumer to be their own advocate and determine what they need to keep themselves healthy. If someone believes that they are not getting enough fluoride in their system then they can go purchase fluoride drops and add them to their water. I heard one resident make a ridiculous argument that if you don't want the fluoride in the water then you should purchase an expensive reverse osmosis system. Absurd. Now, regarding the doctors and so called experts that spoke at the last board meeting, I will say this. Doctors are not your advocate. Sadly nowadays they are not taught to figure out what the actual source of your problem. They simply treat you symptoms through medication. So I and many others who have educated themselves do not trust in what these so called experts have to say. Case in point, they want to fix a problem that most people don't have by adding a drug (fluoride) to out water. And yes it is classified as a drug when used to prevent disease according to the FDA.

Thank you for your time,