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Brockton, MA – Brockton lawmakers Rep. Geraldine Creedon, Rep. Michael Brady, the aide for Rep. Christine Canavan, the aide for State Sen. Thomas Kennedy, Brockton at-large councilor Thomas Brophy, Brockton residents Kate Archard and Brockton business owner Ed Byers met with Richard K. Sullivan Jr., Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, on Tuesday at the Statehouse in Boston on September 13th. The group requested that the Department of Environmental Protection install meteorological air monitoring equipment at the two elementary schools, and the wastewater treatment facility located in Brockton's Southside due to the already overburdened nature of the community.

Rep. Michael Brady stated in his opening remarks that Mayor Linda Balzotti, all but one Brockton City Councilor, the State Representatives, and the neighboring communities to Brockton were resoundingly against the power plant proposed by Advanced Power.

Brady then gave the floor to resident Ed Byers. Byers spoke about the burning of sludge at the wastewater treatment facility, the incorporation of new chemicals required to burn the sludge, the 30-year age of the stack and the self-regulatory nature of the blank and false reports that were passed by the facility to the Department of Environmental Protection and then filed.

Secretary Sullivan expressed genuine concern and asked the panel what the city of Brockton was doing about the false reports being passed by wastewater treatment facility. Sullivan also noted that there are newer and better technologies to deal with the waste than the current method being used and detailed some of those technologies and methods.

At-large City Councilor Thomas Brophy said simply that the city was reviewing these issues.

Mayor Balzotti was invited to the meeting to address these issues but did not attend.

Resident Kate Archard then spoke about the overburdened nature of the city of Brockton. Archard noted the one-day readings of PM 2.5 of 31.0 taken on the grounds of the Gilmore Academy, and the sulfur dioxide emissions of 30.54 tons per month from the Thatcher Street landfill.

Rep. Geraldine Creedon also made a comment at the meeting that it would be a travesty if the state forces the sale of water to Advanced Power from the desalinization plant. Creedon noted that residents of Brockton put up their credit and good faith to build the desalinization plant due to a need for water. These are the very same residents who are now against this proposed project.

Sullivan closed the meeting and graciously offered to get information to the group about the current meteorological meter at the post office and expressed hope that he would be able to install the new meters that the group was asking for the will provide real time results on these levels of emissions.

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