

Sawmills rejects referendum

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A 9.8 million bond referendum to fund a public sewer system was rejected by Sawmills voters last night.

Unofficial results say 492 of the 701 votes rejected the measure.

Sewers have been a hot topic in Sawmills for the past decade. According to town manager Bob Frye, this is the third time it's come up in six years.

"The Council decided this time, that, since the costs were not going down, they continue to go up, they would put it out for public discussion, and that's how we came to have the sewer bond."

The bond would have paid capital costs for providing the sanitary sewer system- as well as paid for residents' mandatory hookups. Supporters of the bond hoped it would bring growth to Sawmills. The opposition did not agree with the mandatory hookups. It could be years before the sewer issue is again on the agenda.