

One Key Computer Security Problem That Puts Wayland at Risk

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Dear Wayland Board of Selectmen members:

No action has apparently been taken by the Board, so I am going to send another confidential letter to you with details on one major computer security issue that affects the Wayland Town and School networks, putting all of Wayland's data at risk

This critical computer security problem is linked to the cybercrime attacks on the Wayland Finance Office last January that nearly cost Wayland taxpayers \$4 million.

The solution is recommended worldwide:

- Elysium, McCann, McGladrey, the US Department of Education, NSA, DHS and every leading computer security association recommend installing the fix.
- This problem and solution are included in the SANS list of Top 20 Critical Security Controls, an international standard.

This problem is so significant and well-known, with an obvious solution. It is a mystery that the fix was not installed years ago, which would have blocked the attack on the Wayland Finance Office. I am even more concerned that the solution was not installed following the attack last January.

I hope you will work with the Wayland Finance Committee to take action now. If you choose to kick this can down the road till the Annual Town Meeting next year, you will simply create more risk for Wayland residents, employees, teachers, students and taxpayers.

Why wait?

Please let me know if you have any questions.



Mark Hays

Confidential Computer Security Information

This public letter does not include details regarding the major security problem, which would be helpful to hackers. Please include a copy in your next meeting packet, to be posted on the Wayland Web site.

CC: Wayland Finance Committee, School Committee, Dr. Paul Stein, Nan Balmer