

**TOWN OF POMFRET**  
**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY - MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER PROJECT**  
**MONDAY, JULY 6, 2015 AT 7:00 PM**  
**POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Peter Mann. Also present: Chris Wester, VP Weston and Sampson Engineering, Doug Gillette, Bond Counsel, Day Pitney. Also present approximately 20 citizens and interested parties.

- I. Open Session** – Maureen Nicholson opened Hearing at 7:00 PM and introduced Chris Wester with Weston and Sampson Engineering.
- II. Presentation Regarding the Proposed Sanitary Sewer Project** – Christ Wester provided a presentation regarding the project. He provided a brief history of the project to date, the reasoning as to why the users would choose to pursue this, and various alternatives and alternate routes that were looked at. He also reviewed an outline of the projected costs. The total project estimate is 7.99 million that would be financed through bonding and some USDA grants. These funds would run through the Town but would be paid by the users via agreements with them.
- III. Comments and Questions from the Public** – Mike Baum asked if upgrades to the Air Line, as part of the planned route, is still planned as part of the project. That is still part of the plan. Questions were asked about depth of pipe, consideration to routing down Needles Eye Road, consideration of the State planned bridge project at Wappaquoi Brook and crossing the gas line. The pipe will go approximately 5 – 6 feet down, the Needles Eye route – as with any of the alternative roadway routes – is significantly more costly than running down the Air Line Trail. The design detail, as it goes into place, will answer the details concerning Wappaquoi and crossing the gas line. Jorge Martinez asked about a tie-in to PCS. The school will be able to tie-in when and if they need to. There were questions about the pump stations and their ability to handle grades and plans for back-up generators. There will be back-up generators and they will be designed to handle the grades. Doug Gillette, Bond Counsel with Day Pitney provided an outline of how the financing will work. Initial funding will be secured by the Town through temporary notes, the bonding will then pay those notes and fund the project along with some grant monies from USDA. User Agreements will be in place with the Town whereby the users will be responsible to pay this debt service. There were questions concerning options if one of the users failed financially and who was responsible for liability and repairs to the system. Language will be in agreements to protect the Town should one of the users fail, the contractors will provide liability insurance during construction and the users, through the Town, will provide coverage and repair monies once completed. A question was asked about the timeline of this project. USDA funding is anticipated in the Fall of this year. That would allow bids to go out in the Spring of 2016 with construction to begin later that year and continue into the 2017 construction year when the project is expected to be completed. The Board of Selectmen are expected tonight to schedule a Special Town Meeting for the Town to vote on this project.
- IV. Adjournment** –As there were no further questions or comments a motion was made to adjourn and duly seconded. Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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