

**WATER POLLUTION & CONTROL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015 AT 6:30 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

In Attendance: WPCA Members: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Peter Mann. Also Present: Approximately 30 citizens and interested parties.

I. Public Hearing

- a. To hold a public hearing regarding the advisability of construction, installation and equipping of sanitary sewer facilities along Pomfret Street / State Route 44 from the Pomfret School property to the Loos & Co., Inc. property, and then along Airline North State Park Trail from the trail's intersection with Pomfret Street / State Route 44 northeast along the trail to a connection at the inlet to the Town of Putnam's sanitary sewerage treatment plant, and related improvements and appurtenances** – M. Nicholson opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM. William Sortie with Weston and Sampson provided a brief presentation regarding the project. He provided information regarding the project history, service areas, alternatives explored, and various routes considered. The Air Line Trail route was chosen due to the upgrades already completed at the Putnam Plant, it provides direct access to Putnam, and is more cost effective as it is less work along State roadways. The total cost of the project is 7.99 million that will be paid through USDA loans and grants by the users of the system. USDA requires that funding run through a municipality. Questions followed which included: How long will the project take to complete. What happens if the USDA funding does not come through? Why does the Town need to be involved and can private citizens tie-in? The project will take over a year to complete. If funding does not come through the project won't happen, however it is not anticipated that will happen. The USDA requires that money runs through the Town. The system is a closed main and not open to residential use. Bob Blackmer stated that this is almost the same project that took place in Woodstock to service Woodstock Academy. He felt it was in the public's best interest as it eliminates some of the large, antiquated systems. It was asked if other businesses could access something similar, if Pomfret Community School could benefit from this system, and would use of the USDA funding possibly jeopardize future needs of the Town that would require USDA funds. B Jessurun stated that as a business owner in Town he investigated the benefits. The costs to tie-in to the system are too high for any but the largest businesses. It would be more economical for any smaller business to replace an aging system. Pomfret Community School will have the ability to tie-in at a future date should the need arise. Future needs of the Town that may require USDA funding will not be jeopardized. One man asked for confirmation that his taxes will not be affected by this project and what is Weston and Sampson's record of accuracy for cost estimates. It will not have an effect on taxes in Pomfret, the cost will be paid

by the entities that use the system. Weston and Sampson have a strong record of accuracy basing projections on a 5 year data base. One woman asked about ongoing maintenance of the system. The users will pay money into what is called a Sinking Fund that will be used to cover maintenance items. The approvals for use of the Air Line Trail was asked about. Meetings were held with DEEP who have been working on trail upgrades for some time. In exchange for the easement some clearing and grading will be done. The end result should be improvements to this difficult section of trail.

There were no further questions and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:02 PM.

II. Open Water Pollution & Control Authority Meeting – Regular meeting opened at 7:03 PM by M. Nicholson.

b. Approve Minutes of July 6, 2015 – M. Nicholson moved to approve the Meeting and Public Hearing minutes of July 6, 2015. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.

III. Current Business

c. To consider and act on a resolution recommending the sanitary sewer facilities project referred to in agenda item I.a. – M. Nicholson moved to approve the Resolution recommending the sanitary sewer facilities project as presented. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.

IV. Adjournment – Motion made and duly seconded to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____