

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM B  
PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014

PRESENT: William Brennan, Rich Tomasetti, Eric Fanwick, Bill Follett

ABSENT: David Taylor, Eric Ostenberg

OTHERS: Sandy Dennies, CFO; Tom Thurkettle, Director of Public Works;  
Mike Ahern, Field Engineer; Pete Lucia, Manager Integrated Systems; and approximately 10  
members of the public

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Brennan called the Public Hearing (on the capital assessments for the property owners on the Wolfpit Road sewer), to order at 5 PM.

*Mr. Steve Marko of 204 Wolfpit Road* congratulated the contractors who put the sewer in and said that they did a great job. He asked how the assessments are determined.

Mr. Thurkettle answered his question by saying that it's based on three factors as outlined in the WPCA Rules and Regulations; the valuation of the property (\$27.50 per \$1,000 valuation), \$300.00 per acre and \$1,050. per user unit, (a residence is one unit).

*Ms. Yana Siegel of 4 Wolfpit Lane*

Ms. Siegel said that she had never received a copy of the assessment and asked when the revaluation was done. She was told it was done in October 2012. She asked why another assessment hadn't been done since then and was told that real estate assessments are done every five years.

*Ms. Julie Kominsky of 122 Wolfpit Road*

Ms. Kominsky said that she had a general question. She and her family moved to their home about three years ago after the sewer line was decided upon. They can't afford to hook up to the sewer as they are too far from the street. She feels they have no benefit from the sewer line and asked what their alternatives are? Mr. Brennan said that the sewer line for Miller Driscoll School had been in the planning stages for at least the past nine years and gave a brief history of its planning. Mr. Thurkettle explained that the sewer line is a benefit to her property and should her septic system fail she can hook up to the sewer line, which is less costly than installing a new septic system. Mr. Tomasetti added that when the Authority was investigating the possibility of putting in a sewer for the school they looked into the whole area and in doing so realized that the sewer line would benefit many property owners in that vicinity, many of whom had older septic systems that were failing. As a result, the majority of property owners felt it would be advantageous to have the sewer line. Mr. Thurkettle further explained that property owners have the right to appeal the assessment, to the Superior Court, within 21 days after it is filed with the Town Clerk's office.

*Ms. Mary Lisa Sullivan of 85 Wolfpit Road* asked if they could be granted a discount on the assessment for paying the total cost upfront? She was told that they would not. The State Statutes don't allow for discounting.

*Mr. Christopher Mah of 82 Horseshoe Road*

Mr. Mah asked that since the property assessments were done in October of 2012, shouldn't he be assessed for the old house that was on his property in 2012? Ms. Dennies said that was not possible as they have to do the assessment on the current value of your home.

*Mr. Franklin Dunn of 54 Horseshoe Road*

Mr. Dunn asked Mr. Brennan what the interest rate would be for those paying the assessment over time. He was told the interest rate would be 3%.

*Ms. Connie Dickerson of 58 Horseshoe Road*

Ms. Dickerson asked if the assessment or interest on the assessment was tax deductible and was told that it was not.

*Ms. Yana Siegel of 4 Wolfpit Lane*

Ms. Siegel asked if there were hardship applications that could be submitted to the Authority and was told there were not.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Brennan closed the Public Hearing at 5:35 PM

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **Call to Order**

Mr. Brennan called the Special Meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

#### **Establish the Capital Assessments for the Wolfpit Road Sewer Line.**

Mr. Brennan made a motion to approve the Capital Assessments for the property owners on the Wolfpit Road Sewer Line as listed in the Legal Notice, (on file). The Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Mr. Brennan said that each property owner would receive their schedule of annual payments in the mail.

A Motion was made by Mr. Brennan to approve a 20-year time period for the payment of the Capital Assessments, at a 3% interest rate over that time period. The Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Mariana Corrado  
Recording Secretary