

Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
Lebanon Town Hall
July 8, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

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Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk. Selectman Russ Blakeslee was present and Selectman John Bendoraitis was absent. Also present was Consultant John Braccio of Wright-Pierce and Town Planner Phil Chester.

John recapped the past few months' activity on the Amston Lake Wastewater Management project including the acceptance of the final draft report by the Selectman in November of 2008. The Board did amend the implementation schedule and it was submitted to the DEP with the final report in January 2008. The schedule will most likely be a moving target and will be amended as needed as the project moves forward—we're still waiting for State to approve the report.

The study recommended a low pressure system at each house. No recommendation was made as to which roads would be sewerred – although Deepwood is main road around the lake, having side roads included would have an environmental benefit and help defray the overall costs of the project. This aspect will need to be reviewed and decided by the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA). The WPCA will be the technical and regulatory body to oversee the sewer project and members will be responsible for locating funding sources and determining all aspects of the project. Membership may number 5-7 appointees, with Phil recommending a minimum of seven. Appointees should represent a good cross-section of the community including persons with experience in construction, plumbing, or legal just to name a few.

Next steps for the town would be the Selectmen drafting an Ordinance to present to Town Meeting to form the WPCA. The preliminary design would be done by engineers working with the WPCA. The State requires a Quality Based Selection (QBS) when choosing engineers in order to receive State funds. A liaison between the PZC and the WPCA or the actual appointment of a PZC member on the WPCA would provide good communication. Phil will contact the WINCOG staff to locate a copy of a WPCA Ordinance from one of our area towns to help facilitate the drafting of the Ordinance. The entire project is a water quality issue but includes a Planning & Zoning issue as well. The PZC needs to decide what they want to control or maintain on Amston Lake, especially with regard to seasonal versus year-round occupancy.

\$110 million was authorized by the Legislature this year through the State Clean Water Fund. These resources can provide a 20% grant and an 80% loan at 2% interest. Loan is guaranteed by the Federal government.

Selectmen and Wright-Pierce will meet again in one month and invite George Hicks of the DEP to join us.

Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Okonuk to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 AM. Vote: yes, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk
First Selectman

