

Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
June 19, 2007 – 6:00 PM  
Fire Safety Complex

**MINUTES**

- 1.0 First Selectman Joyce Okonuk called the public meeting to order at 6:03 PM. All Selectman present, approximately 30 in attendance.
- 2.0 The First Selectman provided introductions of Selectmen, Mona Ellum and other Wright-Pierce staff, and George Hicks of the DEP. John Braccio, VP of Wright-Pierce, gave a brief history of the project and presented a Power-Point overview of the study that was completed.

Mr. Braccio detailed extent of study, results and waste water management options. He described the technical feasibility, regulatory concerns, management issues and costs associated with each option.

Septic is contributing to the water decline; however, storm water run-off also contributes to the water quality. The DEP abatement deals with waste water issues, not storm water.

Some of the residents in the audience disagreed that septic is contributing (to the water decline) and wanted more proof/evidence of that recommendation.

Mona Ellum added that storm water controls *and* septic controls are *both* needed to protect the quality of the lake.

The overview maps showing lots that are “of concern” prompted much discussion.

Wright-Pierce presented recommendations:

- Proceed with low-pressure sewer system
- Form Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)
- Apply for funding with the State Clean Water Act
- Address land use issues with zoning commission
- Address storm water management plan impact concurrently

Eventually implement:

- Town Ordinance Review to control growth
- Final design of low-pressure sewer system
- Construction of low-pressure sewer system

One resident suggested that we look at storm water investigation first. He also agreed with the need to look at the land use review and suggests these two items be reviewed *first* through a comprehensive plan.

#### Going Forward

WPCA needs to be early focus. Mr. Braccio described possible funding sources through state and federal government. According to Mr. Hicks, small communities tend to rank higher on approval lists to receive funding.

#### Land Use Issues

Who connects, who has to connect, year-round versus seasonal, restriction on combining lots, etc.

A resident suggested getting together with Hebron, etc. to work together. Discussion followed.

3.0 Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk  
First Selectman