

**Beacon Falls Water Pollution Control Authority  
10 Maple Avenue  
Beacon Falls, CT06403**



**BEACON FALLS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
Special Meeting  
February 1, 2017  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

**Call to Order**

WPCA member Rob Pruzinsky called the special meeting to order at 10:33 AM. A quorum was not present so the special meeting was changed to a workshop.

Present: Rob Pruzinsky, Walter Opuszynski & Steve Cherhoniak from Beacon Falls WPCF, First Selectman Chris Bielik, BOF Chairman Joe Rodorigo, Finance Manager Tom Broesler, and Dave Prickett of DPC

**Open Discussion of Planning Improvements for Waste Water Treatment Plant**

D. Prickett distributed handouts on probable project costs of upgrades to the Beacon Falls WPCF and a regional wastewater management alternative plus a map of a potential pipe route from Beacon Falls WPCF to Seymour WPCF.

D. Pickett explained the background of exploring several options for the waste water treatment plant. He noted that the WPCA members reviewed the Wastewater Treatment Plant report at their January 17, 2017 meeting. He added that that plan addressed all anticipated requirements for the next 20 years.

D. Prickett referenced the plan recommended by Woodward & Curran in March 2015 which was at the cost of \$16M, the current cost of that project would be \$17M according to D. Prickett.

D. Prickett stated what would be required for regionalization including buy in fees, cost ranges, but no specifics concerning a connection to Seymour. He added that pipes can't be scaled down so any project would need to start with the right size.

D. Prickett presented a 3-phase approach for upgrades to the Beacon Falls WPCF. Phases 1 and 2 would serve immediate and near-term needs and cost approximately \$2M each.

He explained that Phase 3 would include construction of new tanks. He strongly suggested the town seek grant money and any alternate funding sources such as RSDA and SRF.

J. Rodorigo noted that at a Board of Selectmen Special Meeting on January 13, 2017 the BOS made a motion to request the Board of Finance take under consideration using up to \$500,000 from the general fund for upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant. He added that the WPCA would need to agree.

C. Bielik noted that the town may get a better rate through bonding than through SRF.  
T. Broesler stated that 2% is a good rate now.

D. Prickett suggested being selective on the project's "shopping list" and check off what was feasible. He said he will work with the WPCF staff to prioritize projects.

W. Opuszynski asked if the town received fees for sewer hook ups from Chatfield Farms.  
T. Broesler replied yes, a fee was charged for each hook up and it was the same with Pond Spring Village.

J. Rodorigo asked if the \$4,000 sewer hookup fee was reasonable. D. Prickett replied that it was not high for Connecticut and it was less expensive than installing a septic system. He gave the example of a new sewer pipe installed on in a street; all the neighbors would share the cost of that pipe plus a connection fee and inspection fee per residence. He suggested the fees be periodically reviewed.

J. Rodorigo noted that the Town of Seymour charges \$5,400 for sewer hookup and inspection fees.

R. Pruzinsky said that he will update WPCA Chairman Jeff Smith on this proposal. D. Prickett will update Town Engineer Jim Galligan. It will also be on the next WPCA meeting agenda.

W. Opuszynski commented that soda ash delivery will be difficult with the solar arrays in place and hoses can't be used. Discussion on the soda ash delivery was tabled.

The workshop ended at 11:19 AM by mutual agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Melville  
for  
Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Water Pollution Control Authority