

Town of Stafford Joint Meeting
Water Pollution Control Authority, Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Finance
Special Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2020
6:30 P.M. – Stafford Senior Center, Zoom and Call-In

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WPCA Members Present: Chairman Scott Bonett; Richard Dobson Jr; Mandy Fisher, Roger Thomas, and David Walsh

Board of Selectmen Members Present: First Selectman Mary Mitta, Selectman Rick Hartenstein, and Selectman John Locke

Board of Finance Members Present: Chairman Francis Moriarty; Steve Geryk; Matthew McKenney; Tony Pellegrino; Sal Titus; Board Alternates Richard Shuck and Conrado Ulloa

Also present were Lisa Baxter, Town CFO; Edward Muska, WPCA Attorney; Devon Cowperthwaite, Director of Public Works; Erin Kirchhoffer, Board of Finance Secretary and Eric Bundy, IT Coordinator

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The joint meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Quorums were established.

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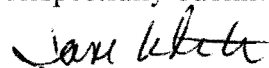
WPCA Chairman Scott Bonett welcomed all attendees and stated that everyone was brought together to discuss the proposed 700 feet of 12 inch sewer line installation at the location of the Route 319/190 roundabout. The focus of discussion would be is this extension of sewer in the best interest of the Town and how should this project be financed.

Selectman Hartenstein gave a brief presentation addressing concerns and questions the Board of Finance had regarding the installation of the sewer extension. An estimate of \$488,000 was given to install this sewer line after the roundabout construction was complete compared to \$188,000 to do the project now. Only a small part of this fee could be recouped through assessments and hookup fees. The assessment charge on a property cannot be greater than the increased property value due to the sewer line benefit. Assessments are reimbursed to financing authority. There are two (2) parcels that would benefit from this extension, 110 and 112 West Stafford Road. The extension would be consistent with Plan of Conservation and Development areas of growth potential for the Town of Stafford. The Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance and the Water Pollution Control Authority all concurred that this project was a good idea for the Town and the most economical time to do it would be to do it in conjunction with the construction of the roundabout. The approval of this project moving forward must be given to the contract or no later than December 28, 2020.

The financial responsibility was discussed amongst the Boards. WPCA Chairman Scott Bonett, on behalf of the WPCA, requested that the Board of Finance appropriate \$188,000 to do the sewer extension. Board of Finance Chairman Francis Moriarty requested that the Board of Selectmen and the Water Pollution Control Authority look at their budgets and come together in agreement over an amount that can be afforded by each Board to share in the financial burden of this project.

The joint meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane LaMorte".

Jane LaMorte
WPCA Recording Secretary

The video recording of the meeting is posted to the Town Website www.staffordct.org