

Village of Maybrook  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Project  
Public Participation Plan Meeting ■ March 27, 2024

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Attorney Naughton: Ok, like I said Welcome and for those of you who don't know me though I think everybody on does, this is being recorded. I'm Kelly Naughton, I'm the attorney for the Village of Maybrook. I'm here with Sean Hoffman who is the Village Engineer, and we are here to talk to you about the Public Participation Plan. Wait until you see this fancy power point slide. So, to start, New York Public Participation Plan. What is it? The Village has prepared a PPP, Public Participation Plan, that we talked about at several meetings and that's to comply with a new DEC policy regarding environmental justice and permitting. I am sure people have heard brief discussions about environmental justice, but I'll get to that in a second. The purpose is to direct those environmental justice concerns and ensure public participation in a DEC Environmental Review process by the affected community, which is you guys, and this is in connection with one of the DEC's permits as we'll get to. There is a quote as to what Environmental Justice is – that comes straight from the DEC. I won't read it to you since everybody can see it. The purpose of the Public Participation Plan, the objective of this PPP is to make sure that the Village residents, to inform the Village residents that the Village has applied for renewal of its SPDES permit. Sean can discuss later what a SPDES permit is and I'm not sure Sean, if I'm correct by saying the requested permit limit will be increased. Is that accurate?

Engineer Hoffman: No, what actually changes is the Village's confined schedule in 2018 the SPDES permit was revised to require effluent disinfection. As you know and recall...

Attorney Naughton: Don't jump ahead!

Engineer Hoffman: I'm sorry. Essentially in order to have that effluent disinfection inspection the DEC included a compliance schedule and the SPDES permit that was subsequently revised due to COVID.

Attorney Naughton: So I think it was initially thought that they we were going to be increasing the permit limit, but we are not anymore so we do have a written Public Participation Plan and it describes the proposed process for the public outreach and information on this project that the Village put together to help understand better this application for the SPDES permit. So environmental justice, this purple area is what the DEC has noted as the environmental justice area and 978 Homestead, that is the location of your sewer treatment plant. You are clearly within the environmental justice area. This is ½ mile radius surrounding the project site so part of the public participation plan selected stakeholders and they were all notified of this meeting, they were all sent fact sheets and could attend and could provide comments regarding the Public Participation Plan and the project. And now see this is supposed to be the big reveal with the curtain ok, the Maybrook Wastewater Treatment Plant. As I just said the wastewater treatment plant is located at 978 Homestead Avenue, that's right along Route 208 and it is across from the intersection with Aristotle Drive. As Sean jumped ahead and mentioned it was November 1st of 2018 that the Village requested a renewal of its SPDES permit. That is our SPDES permit number right there, and that is a picture of a part of the wastewater treatment plant there the existing outfall system is

– as it says, it consists Outfall 001 which discharges into a tributary of the Otterkill. That, in the yellow, is the wastewater treatment plant ,and you can see the outfall location. So, the Effluent Disinfection that Sean raised – as part of this modification we, the Village, are required to commence the operation of seasonal effluent disinfection by May 1, 2023. As Sean said we were requesting a modification to the compliance schedule so we did ask for an extension period from the DEC so that the Village had time to implement the upgrade, start construction, go out to bid all the processes that have been discussed again at the several months of the Village Board meetings. Hopefully the aim is to again have that constructed and completed very soon. As Sean has noted that the system will comply with the final effluent limitations for Fecal Coliform and Total Residual Chlorine. Those are the requirements of the DEC. What does that mean for the Village’s wastewater treatment plant? To accommodate the increased flow, the requirements to install effluent disinfection, the wastewater treatment plant will be reconfigured from the existing conditions, and a structure is going to be added that will house ultraviolet lamp modules, support racks and related miscellaneous controls. That is the general presentation to fill everybody in on what the Village has been doing for the past several months, and Sean I don’t know if you have anything to add to that. I tried not to go into too much engineering.

Engineer Hoffman: The only thing I have to add is that the DEC has been working with the Village in terms of the schedule. They are willing to consider an extension or they are considering an extension from the 2023 date that Kelly showed. I will be sending the DEC a new schedule as soon as we sign contracts, which I hope will be within a week or so. Kelly, I will be sending you those bonds to review before we sign the contracts and once that happens then we will move forward. I’ve already gotten permission from the contractors so they are pretty eager to begin.

Attorney Naughton: It shows that we are right on schedule to try and get this done and accomplished.

Mayor Leahy: Sean, can you just do me a favor and just go through the grants that we received for this project also?

Engineer Hoffman: Yes. We received a WQIT grant. I do not recall at the top of my head the total amount of that grant but it was around \$300,000, in that ballpark. I do not recall the exact amount. That will cover a portion of the full construction project.

Mayor Leahy: Thank you.

Attorney Naughton: Does anybody else have any questions or comments? You can unmute yourself, talk, raise your hand. Whatever works.

Engineer Hoffman: I have a question. Where’s Tina going?

Valentina Johnson: To Church.

Mayor Leahy: I just want to make one last comment. I want to thank Sean and Kelly for their work on this. I mean this is a lot to put together but it’s informative and it will be on the website

so if residents want to find out what's going on they can see it for themselves, so I thank both of you for your hard work in getting this done.

KMN Thank you. Thank you everybody.

Engineer Hoffman: It was mostly Kelly. By mostly, I mean all Kelly.

Attorney Naughton: It was those transitions that sold it. I appreciate everybody showing up. I know that it's hard to fit in stuff like this, but I think it's really important, and the DEC was requiring in and we want to make sure that the public has an opportunity to see and understand everything that the Village is doing because a lot of times people don't notice things like a sewer treatment plant. They just go home and they expect things to work, but this is again more work that the Village puts in, so hopefully people will check it out on the website and let us know if there is any questions.

Mayor Leahy: Very nice. Thank you.