Minutes for Public Hearing

Members Present: Gregg Lafontaine (Chairman), Tony Tyler, David Hartley, Harry Anderson
                    Carol Morris-Scata (absent)

Others in attendance: Jason Nowosad (Field Agent), Catherine McCall (WPCA Administrator), Douglas
                    Drew Reid, Kenneth Lavoie, Gillian Lyon, Kelly Lawer, Joan Sinder, Joyce Clark, Salvatore Lonero, Delores
                    Hamilton

A. Call to Order
   The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Gregg Lafontaine.

B. Explanation of rules of the public hearing

   “This public hearing is to allow owners of the listed properties an opportunity to be heard
   regarding Orders to Connect to the Amston Lake Sewer system issued by the WPCA. The listed
   properties were identified as within the Lebanon Amston Sewer District and having failed to
   connect to the sewer district.

   Following this hearing the WPCA will meet to discuss testimony and decide on each property. Those
   properties confirmed as noncompliant will be sent formal orders to install a suitable
   service connection and connect by a specified date that is not less than 120 days from the date
   of the order.

   Property owners have a 21-day period to appeal the decision of the WPCA to superior court.

   We will proceed in the order addresses are listed on the warning for the public hearing.

   We ask that you give your name, relationship to the property, if you currently occupy the
   property, if others currently occupy the property, or the last time the property was occupied. After
   which you may provide the legally supported reasons your property should be excluded
   from this action.”

C. The following owners shall be heard regarding Orders to Connect to the Amston Lake
   Sewer System issued by the WPCA.

   84 Cove Road       Gillian A. Lyon – The owner was present and indicates that she currently
                      lives in the home alone. Her daughter and granddaughter also reside there on a temporary
                      basis. She moved there six (6) years ago. At the time of purchase, she was told it was all set to
                      go and ready for hookup but that was not the case. Ms. Lyon was advised to talk to Gregg
                      Woodruff to obtain information about applying for a grant. She said he gave her a hard time
about conflicting address information and when he finally came to the Cove Road house he indicated that he didn’t think she lived there. She learned that the grant was a loan and she couldn’t afford that. Ms. Lyon indicated that she makes payments to the town every month. She identified the hookup as an additional financial hardship that she could not afford. Ms. Lyon submitted paperwork outlining her story along with evidence of her income, bills, etc.

23 Deepwood Drive  Katherine Fowler – no representation in attendance.

144 Deepwood Drive  David and Joan Sender – Joan Sender present – executor of estate. One room structure used very seldom. Presently gets billed for usage. There is no hot water or shower, only a bathroom and kitchen sink and she does not feel that much water is used. She would like some information on who to contact about how to get hooked up. She is paying the sewer assessment even though the water is turned off from October to April. Mr. Lafontaine explained that a total hookup is approximately five thousand dollars. Ms. Sinder noted that she would welcome help from the town if available.

309 Deepwood Drive  Constance Ingersoll – no representation in attendance.

326 Deepwood Drive  William Schaffhauser Jr. – Not in attendance but called earlier and spoke with the J. Nowosad. Mr. Schaffhouser indicated that the home has not been occupied in years and is currently being used as storage. The house is not hooked up, but the homeowner said he is in the process of doing so. Nowosad noted that there is no permit for such - though there was an electrical permit and approved inspection ticket for that piece of it from some years back. The grinder pump is in place. J. Nowosad has not been in the home but from the outside would agree that it is possible it’s not inhabited.

390 Deepwood Drive  Kim Maiorano – no representation in attendance.

485 Deepwood Drive  Delores Hamilton – Owner present. Has spoken to various people in the town and State concerning this. She was told by Linda Orange that she cannot be forced to hook up. Ms. Hamilton stated that she cannot afford the hookup. She has been told by Hopyard and another septic service named Green that her system was working properly. She currently resides at residence alone. The home is two bedrooms and one bathroom. If there was any way she could pay, she would. Ms. Hamilton reiterated that she is not contributing to pollution. The septic system was installed in 1996. She asked if she could see the State guidelines requiring hookup and G. Lafontaine stated that he will have it posted on the town web site. WPCA will mail it to her as she doesn’t have access to a computer. Ms. Hamilton asked what the Board will do when the homeowner cannot afford the work? It was explained that the situation will be discussed, but that financial status cannot be the deciding factor.

72 Ledge Road  James and Thomaisne Radican – Correspondence received from Thomasine Radican – This will be discussed at Regular meeting.

25 Louise Road  Kathryn Lombardo – No representation in attendance. Mr. Nowosad indicated that it is uninhabitable.
59 Ryan Terrace  Lena and Salvatore Lonero – Salvatore Lonero present. He lives there alone year-round. There are three bedrooms and one bathroom. His understanding is that if there is a working septic system the State does not require hookup to the sewers. He also questioned if the sewer system is working properly and was assured it was. G. Lafontaine explained that there are reasons a property could be excluded but it would be for reasons such as no bathroom, and if a sewer is installed in the area the State mandates all homes be connected. Mr. Lonero stated that he doesn’t spend much time in the home as he is gone most of the day.

129 Ryan Terrace  Julie Lane – No representation in attendance.

151 Ryan Terrace  Douglas Drew Reid and Elaine Reid – Douglas Drew Reid present. Right now, the structure is just the shell of a house without bathrooms, electric, or plumbing.

88 West Island Beach Road  Kathleen Glanert – no representation in attendance

D. Adjournment

Motion made by Toni Tyler to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm. David Hartely seconded. Motion passed with none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine McCall, WPCA Administrator