

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Seabrook Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing in conjunction with their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall, 99 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, NH relative to the USDA-RD Grant to retrofit the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount up to \$2,400,000.00.

Town of Seabrook  
Board of Selectmen

## 7.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Town of Seabrook owns and operates a wastewater collection and treatment system that serves residential and commercial properties in the community. The proposed project includes much-needed improvements to three facilities within the sewer system:

- Seabrook Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Centennial Street Pump Station
- Blackwater River Bridge (Route 286) Outfall

The proposed WWTF improvements are necessary to increase reliability, address aging and deteriorated systems, and provide increased health and safety for staff. Additionally, the upgrades to the sludge handling system will result in significant reduction of operational costs and go a long way in improving energy efficiency of the facility.

Prior to upgrading the headworks ventilation and sludge dewatering system, a preliminary engineering assessment needs to be conducted to develop final design and engineering documents. These assessments are necessary to determine which replacement equipment is required.

The odor control system at Centennial Pump Station needs to be rehabilitated to prevent objectionable odors to the neighboring properties. The proposed improvements at this site include field inspection, smoke testing, and replacing the odor control media and the pump station ventilation equipment.

The section of WWTF outfall under Blackwater River Bridge (Route 286 Bridge) is severely corroded and needs to be replaced as soon as possible. This project is expected to be out for bidding in June 2021.

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## WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM RDAPPLY ADDENDUM

**Capacity** Describe the following capacities of the system:

- (a) Technical - system and components are properly sized, in compliance, and reliable;
- (b) Managerial - demonstrated awareness of state and federal regulations, programs, and rules - clear ownership of the system - prepared for emergencies; and
- (c) Financial - rates and charges adequate - appropriate financial books and records of auditing - adequate cash flow - recognize service life of system components.

**Bond Authorization (public body applicants only)** If bond authorization has been obtained for the proposed project, please attach a copy of the warning, article, and certified results of the bond vote. If authorization has not yet been obtained, describe the planned timeframe to be pursued.

**Private Non-Profit Applicants** A copy of the entity's articles of incorporation, bylaws, and meeting minutes should be attached certifying there was a proper vote consistent with the entity's organizational documents. Additionally, a copy of the Secretary of State's Certificate of Good Standing should be attached.

→ **Public Information Meeting** All applicants must hold at least one public information meeting. The public meeting must be held within 60 days of filing an application and not later than loan/grant approval. The meeting must give the citizenry an opportunity to become acquainted with the proposed project and to comment on such items as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project or any other issue identified by Rural Development. The applicant will be required at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to publish a notice of the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the service area, to post a public notice at the applicant's principal office, and to notify Rural Development. The applicant will provide Rural Development a copy of the published notice and minutes of the public meeting. If a municipal applicant is bonding for a portion of the project, the public meeting associated with obtaining bond approval will meet this requirement.

**Existing and Proposed Rate Structure** For an existing system, attach or describe your rate structure. Discuss if you plan to continue using the same type of structure or will change once the project is complete. Please note if any portion of utility costs (O&M, debt service, etc.) paid through property taxes. For a new system, describe your proposed rate structure.

**Applicant Representatives** Attach a list detailing the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and terms of office for each member of the governing body, local and bond counsels, and consulting engineer for the proposed project.

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**Accessibility** Describe how services are provided to individuals with disabilities. Do meeting places meet accessibility standards? If not, are alternate meeting sites available? Is a TDD or relay available for telephone calls? If necessary are translators available?

The above information was completed by:

Curtis Skaffon  
(Name)

  
(Signature)

Water/Sewer Superintendent  
(Title)

3/31/2021  
(Date)

\* The public information meeting will be held on Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> at The regular scheduled Board of Selectmen's Meeting