

PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEP LAYMAN WAY PROJECTS

JUNE 29, 2023 @ 5:30 P.M.

YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING, 149 JORDAN SPRINGS ROAD

List of attendees on file.

County Manager Zinser begins the meeting and tells all that the purpose of the meeting is to inform them of the future process and for them to ask questions and solicit comments. Comments and questions may also be mailed to the DEP.

Wade Lippert is our civil engineer and will explain our projects.

County Manager Zinser continued that this is a focus meeting regarding the anticipated environmental impacts. He added that one can certainly submit any questions or concerns to the D.E.P.

Wade Lippert describes project. He explained that the original jail was built in 2003. Any additional disturbance triggers an amendment to the DEP. There will be 17-19 acres of disturbance to the site.

Wade Lippert explained the major site components and how we are addressing environmental concerns.

A 300 x 500 ft area will be the training pad for police or fire fighter training.

There is a burn tower where there will be simulated fires.

The road continues on and you see a loop. This will be the EVOC course for training emergency vehicles and then there is a canine training center.

Storm water management is a big part of the DEP permit.

The wet ponds will have some level of standing water in them at all time. These are not increasing the runoff from the site.

There are dry hydrants when training to use in the pond and also ice training in the one pond.

These buildings are served by municipal water (Alfred Water District). We are not proposing to drill any domestic water.

Septic disposal- both facilities will drain to an area in the middle and it will be a 10,000 gallon per day system.

Wade continued by explaining there is a pre- treatment unit for both of the buildings.

As part of the DEP process, there are several environmental reviews that we have to do. Rare plants species was one of the reviews so there was a Botanist that went out to the site. No rare plants were identified on the site.

Maine Inland Fish and Wildlife was on site and they have not identified any rare species on the site.

Archaeological research was also a requirement, and none were found.

Wade summarized by stating that this is a basic overview with the focus being on the environmental impacts of the site.

Wade explained that land use and zoning questions will be when we go through this with the Town.

He reminded all that any concerns need to be in writing to the D.E.P. which is in the letter /public notice that you, as an abutter, received.

Wade continued that the July 11th date will be pushed back a bit as we are still working on the septic design. He stated that it will be closer to the end of July before it goes to the DEP.

Questions/Comments

Sheila Paquin asked if any of the reports are available online?

Wade replied that information will go into the package to the DEP and it will go to the town as well. You will have the opportunity to see that then.

Ms. Paquin asked if there is any documentation of the effects that it will have on the abutters closest to you?

Wade explained that the DEP is looking more at the environmental concerns. Any setbacks, etc. will be determined by the Town of Alfred. Those concerns will be addressed at a future meeting with the town.

County Manager Zinser stated that we will put a copy of the application on to our website.

Audience member asked when will traffic be addressed? Will there be other areas of egress?

Wade explained that this project does trigger a traffic movement permit. Maine DOT will require us to prepare one. DOT will require a scoping meeting.

Tony Palminteri asked will there be a need for another entrance and exit?

Wade responded, no, we believe the current road is adequate but that is our traffic engineer's call and we have not been made aware yet.

Tony Palminteri asked if the DEP was aware of the plume under this building?

Wade replied that is not related to what we are doing.

A gentleman in the back replied that according to the water district the more they pump the more it pulls the nitrate to the wells.

Ms. Paquin asked if the Archeological study showed in the back corner lot near where the training field will be an old cemetery there.

Wade replied that is in an area that is not on this site.

County Manager Zinser stated that the State Historical Preservation does an independent review. Their officer sets the parameters.

If all goes well, when will the RFP go out, asked an audience member?

County Manager Zinser stated that we already have a construction manager and we are in the design/development phase. We are discussing all the way down to where the outlets are.

We anticipate being done with the secondary estimating process by late October and going out to bid sometime in November for awarding in December or January.

Landry-French is our prime contractor, explained the County Manager and they will go out to bid for subs.

County Manager informed all that the following companies are involved in the project: Lassell Architects, Oak Point, (civil side and coordinating on architectural) septic- Sebago Technics, Landry French is the contractor.

Wade Lippert added that the Geotechnical (test pits on site) were done by Miller Engineers.

Ms. Paquin stated that this is great for the area, but you will be serviced by municipal water. She stated that she would like to know more about the water along Route 4.

Wade shows grading and explained there is no run off to abutters. There are roadside ditches on both sides and catch basins also.

No dramatic changes in elevations, added Wade.

Minimizing the cutting of trees beyond where we need to. We tried to preserve the wooded property for abutters.

An audience member asked who at Landry- French we were working with. County Manager Zinser informed him that his name is Mason Rowell.

An audience member asked if the burn tower will be piped separately for run off?

County Manager Zinser said it is designed to run right back into the pond. We want to conserve as much run off as we can. Our goal is to not use municipal water for this, explained County Manager Zinser.

Wade added that even before the water goes into the pond, there is a sediment floor base that will collect any debris.

There won't be huge fires in there. Straw or pallets will be used that cause a small fire to simulate smoke.

County Manager Zinser explained that the public safety training tower will be for both police and training. He added that there will be no live shooting either.

An audience member asked where does the municipal water line stop?

County Manager Zinser explained that it services down Layman Way. We will tap into that.

The audience member asked if there were any intentions to offer that to residents?

County Manager Zinser replied that is a Water District issue.

Wade Lippert informed all that there is a very small square footage of wetlands (on the site) that doesn't trigger a permit.

County Manager Zinser stated that he is always available for any questions and to just give him a call anytime.

We will be undertaking another Federal Review. There is a Federal process. Information is being gathered and notification went to the newspaper last week.

County Manager Zinser stated that as far as the nitrate plume, he is unaware of what caused it years ago. County does do testing and in the past 12 years there has been 0.

The Hearing ended at 6:05 p.m.