

**Special Meeting  
Town of Preston  
February 8, 2016**

The Special meeting was called to order by Commissioner Douglas VanDerveer at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Commissioners Jerry Stallings, Robert Stacey, Nelson Anderson and Town Manager Stacey Pindell. Attendance: Walter Palmer, Katie Willis, *Star Democrat*; Dale Whitely, Superintendent, Steven Hildenbrand, Dawn Becker, Bob Lorenz, Kathleen Barry, Rosemarie Stacey, Chris Rogers, AECOM, Stephanie Dalton, Dave Dalton, Bill and Mimi Willis.

The meeting was called to discuss and vote upon a resolution for selection of an alternative for sewer upgrades to be proposed to Maryland Department of the Environment.

Chris Rogers of AECOM presented the alternatives and projected costs. They continue to refine the cost estimates. The cost estimates for alternatives five and six have risen since the last meeting.

The MDE grants which were applied for were for Alt. 1 and Alt. 4. The funding applications are received only once a year. The Commissioners can change which alternative after the applications are submitted.

AECOM will forward paperwork to the Manager to apply for additional funding from USDA. The total cost for Alternative 5 is \$5,562,000, with an annual cost of \$283,000.

All the alternatives require 1 ¼ person for manpower.

Dale expressed that the alternative 5 is more operator friendly. The cost of disposal of sludge was also discussed, this being one of the highest costs of some of the alternatives.

The Town of Galena has a similar sized facility, and they are going to have a new plant. Preston falls into the same income category as Galena, and Galena was able to get more than \$2 million in grants.

It will be nine months to a year before Preston's project is put out to bid, and about another year before construction would begin. Chris Rogers stated the Town will need to secure a bridge loan for engineering costs.

The Commissioners, Superintendent and Chris Rogers discussed the differences among the various alternatives.

Motion: Motion of Jerry, second of Nelson and a unanimous vote of those present, the Commissioners voted to select alternative No. 5, a timed aeration-BNR lagoon with Denite Filters and ENR Discharge, for the sewer upgrade project.

The Commissioners then presented and Jerry read Resolution 2016-02082016 to select alternative No. 5, a timed aeration-BNR Lagoon w/Denite Filters and ENR Discharge.

Jerry Stallings reported Delegate Adams presented legislation proposed to allow local municipalities to opt out of the sprinkler system requirement for new homes. Jerry may be testifying before the legislators in support of this change.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Steffy, Town Clerk