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BOF Minutes Addendum August 24, 2005

Pg. 2 - Public Forum - add Jane Boston inquired if the finance board was aware that East Hampton needed to upgrade their sewer system, in part to accept the sewage from Marlborough. Based on the recent Earth Tech waste water facility plan for the joint East Hampton/Colchester sewer system, they need to spend approximately \$1.8 million to upgrade their entire system. East Hampton sent a letter to Marlborough requesting that we pay \$2 million. She expressed concern that we're being asked to contribute an amount that far exceeds our fair share. There are seven towns that send/will send sewage through the East Hampton facility - with East Hampton and Colchester being the largest users of the system. Marlborough's projected flow is less than 8% of the total. We should not be expected to pay more than a proportional share to repair their system. She asked the BOF to please consider this when they review any of the financials for the sewer project. This is tax payer money and they should pay close attention to the negotiations with East Hampton.

2nd to last page - add Jane Boston indicated that Peter Hughes is an incredibly hard working individual. He's involved in every major project the town is undertaking. If he's going to have more power, it would be great to know more about where he stands on the key issues in town. During the 2003 election, the residents knew info about the BOS candidates running for election - their party affiliation, what platform they were running on, their stance on key issues in town such as growth and development, etc. After Nancy Bader indicated that no power would be delegated to Peter Hughes, Jane Boston indicated that Mr. Hughes' power is inherent in his day to day responsibilities. Most of the Town's boards and commissions rely heavily on his advice and expertise before making important decisions. He interprets contracts, provides opinions and guidance, etc.

Jane also indicated that based on many of the residents' comments this evening that there appears to be a pattern of communication issues with the BOS that left opportunity for improvement. She cited other examples: several residents sitting for hours through a BOS meeting on 7/12 where no update was provided on the sewer project, even though the BOS knew that's why they had attended. Comments made by the residents during the public forum part of the meeting were cut off from the public access government Channel 17 broadcast of the meeting. The station indicated they didn't edit the tape. She also indicated that the BOS are nowhere to be seen at the monthly WPCA meetings where each month between 15 - 25 residents attend to express their concerns over aspects of the sewer project (placement of the sewage pump station). It's left to town hall employees Peter Hughes and Tom Giola to address the residents' concerns. Although Nancy Bader indicated that the BOS doesn't have any authority over the sewer project, Jane indicated that's not the case - the BOS does have authority to name the chairman and vice chairman of the WPCA each year and can terminate board members as well. They should be involved in one of the largest projects in town.