

In July of 2019 the Rockland Sewer Department and the Town of Rockland contracted with Wright-Pierce Engineering to conduct a *“thorough assessment of the Wastewater Treatment Facility, its current condition and the remaining useful life of the asset(s) contained within”*. They (WP) were selected out of three bidders on the project with the added benefit of having never been at the facility, so they were approaching the project with a fresh set of eyes and no preconceived thoughts.

They reviewed all of our equipment, previous plant data, reports, studies and assessments conducted since 2006. Many detailed plant tours were conducted with members of the Department and our operating staff from Suez Engineering. Wright-Pierce brought people in from several fields of expertise to review the data and equipment including structural, electrical, mechanical and chemical engineering specialists.

Over the course of the investigation several team meetings were held to review and clear up any questions there may have been. The result is a well written, accurate and detailed report based on their expert observations and reviews.

This report does not include anything outside of the Summer Street plant such as the thirteen pump stations or the 55 miles of underground sewer lines, its focus was strictly on the plant and its current capabilities.

It is important to point out that any potential upgrade to the facility will not increase our capacity. Our capacity is restricted by our NPDES permit and Frenches Stream. Additional capacity can only come from removing Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) from the older sewer lines and that will be addressed in the next phase of the project beginning in July of 2021, the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), the results should be ready by March of 2022. An upgrade will allow us to replace 60 year old equipment that is no longer made, improve our efficiency and to effectively treat our current flow.

A presentation to the Board of Selectmen will be made on June 15, 7 PM at their regular scheduled meeting. If there is sufficient interest, a Public presentation will be made in July where questions of Wright-Pierce may be asked. **Please after reading this report do not jump to conclusions, ask questions!**

**Chuck Heshion, Chairman Rockland Board of Sewer Commissioners**

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