

Stakeholder Concerns

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Sludge angers residents

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BOWDOINHAM — Talk to farmers or superintendents of "wastewater treatment facilities" and they'll tell you sludge is great stuff — a valuable soil additive that can add essential nutrients to enrich soil. But talk to several White Road homeowners near the Richmond town line here — who have been bombarding their town officials with complaints about the odor of sludge — and you'll get a different opinion.

One of these homeowners, Christine Wilson, said she was forced to become "an activist" this summer because of a "mench" so strong it woke her family up in the middle of the night July 15.

Wilson said she had to seal up her house in the middle of last week's heat wave, and that she felt like Is-

raelis who had to hole up in sealed rooms under the threat of Iraqi poison gas missile attacks during the recent Gulf War.

Wilson set up a toilet in her front yard, surrounded by signs, to protest the sludge spreading.

Fulton D. Oakes Jr., whose land the sludge is being spread upon, said he intends to continue the spreading but added that he is listening to neighbors' complaints. Oakes said he has an application on file with the federal Soil Conservation Service to install a new stream culvert that will allow dump trucks to dump the sludge at least 1,000 feet away from the nearest house.

Oakes added that there is a feeling among some people who move to rural areas that "they should not be subjected to agricultural processes in an agricultural area."

In neighboring Richmond, Town Manager Nancy J. Churchill said in the past she has received complaints about sludge smells, but the three farms — all located near town — that accept sludge from Bath, Gardiner and Richmond's own treatment plant have changed their operating procedures to keep the complaints to a minimum.

One of the biggest rules in Richmond, Churchill said, is no spreading of sludge on the week of the Fourth of July, when most people are outdoors for picnics.

In the past, Lisbon officials have also had to face complaints of homeowners living next to spreading areas, but Town Manager Michael L. Miller said he hasn't received a single complaint this year.

Lee Townley, superintendent of

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Signs painted in phosphorescent-colored paint were posted in Christine Wilson's front yard in Bowdoinham to protest the odor emanating from sewage plant sludge spread on a boys' field across the street. (Paul Cunningham photo)

\$16.6 Million Project With Revenue

Year	Total O&M Costs	Existing Bond Debt	Future CIP Debt	Digestion Bond *	Digestion O&M Savings	Total Budget with digestion
2010	3,425,300	\$ 1,266,239	\$ 55,000	\$ -	\$ -	4,746,539
2011	3,555,659	\$ 1,324,126	\$ 180,000	\$ -	\$ -	5,059,785
2012	3,691,585	\$ 1,245,015	\$ 285,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	5,321,600
2013	3,833,344	\$ 701,091	\$ 215,000	\$ 953,000	\$ (923,340)	4,779,094
2014	3,981,210	\$ 699,772	\$ 535,883	\$ 953,000	(\$951,040)	5,218,833
2015	4,135,497	\$ 698,469	\$ 625,883	\$ 953,000	(\$979,571)	5,433,277
2016	4,296,497	\$ 697,383	\$ 325,883	\$ 953,000	(\$1,008,959)	5,263,604
2017	4,464,543	\$ 695,914	\$ 325,883	\$ 953,000	(\$1,039,227)	5,400,112
2018	4,639,979	\$ 694,662	\$ 325,883	\$ 953,000	(\$1,070,404)	5,541,120
2019	4,823,169	\$ 501,054	\$ 825,021	\$ 953,000	(\$1,102,516)	5,999,727
2020	5,014,494	\$ 501,753	\$ 916,080	\$ 953,000	(\$1,135,592)	6,249,735
2021	5,214,356	\$ 502,469	\$ 916,080	\$ 953,000	(\$1,169,659)	6,416,246
2022	5,423,180	\$ 365,222	\$ 916,080	\$ 953,000	(\$1,204,749)	6,452,732
2023	5,641,412	\$ 365,441	\$ 916,080	\$ 953,000	(\$1,240,892)	6,635,041
2024	5,869,523	\$ 365,667	\$ 916,080	\$ 953,000	(\$1,278,119)	6,826,151
2025	6,108,009	\$ 365,901	\$ 916,080	\$ 953,000	(\$1,316,462)	7,026,528
2026	6,357,395	\$ 242,493	\$ 916,080	\$ 953,000	(\$1,355,956)	7,113,012
2027	6,618,230	\$ 242,740	\$ 916,080	\$ 953,000	(\$1,396,635)	7,333,416
2028	6,891,098	\$ 242,994	\$ 916,080	\$ 953,000	(\$1,438,534)	7,564,638
2029	7,176,610	\$ 164,328	\$ 916,080	\$ 953,000	(\$1,481,690)	7,728,329
2030	7,475,415	\$ 164,328	\$ 916,080	\$ 953,000	(\$1,526,140)	7,987,483
2031	7,788,195	\$ -	\$ 916,080	\$ 953,000	(\$1,571,925)	8,085,350
2032	8,115,668	\$ -	\$ 916,080	\$ 953,000	(\$1,619,082)	8,365,666
2033	8,458,596	\$ -	\$ 916,080	\$ -	(\$1,667,655)	7,707,021
2034	8,817,779	\$ -	\$ 840,197	\$ -	(\$1,717,684)	7,940,292
2035	9,194,063	\$ -	\$ 840,197	\$ -	(\$1,769,215)	8,265,045
2036	9,588,340	\$ -	\$ 840,197	\$ -	(\$1,822,291)	8,606,246
2037	10,001,554	\$ -	\$ 840,197	\$ -	(\$1,876,960)	8,964,791
2038	10,434,697	\$ -	\$ 840,197	\$ -	(\$1,933,269)	9,341,625

* The projected cost of the project is \$16.6 million.

The Digestion bond is based on a \$15.66 million 20-year bond with 2% interest,

taking into account 5% principal forgiveness from the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRLF).

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Potential Abutter Impacts



Upfront and Continuing Communications



- Multiple presentations with both city councils
- Planning board presentation
- L/A rotary club presentation
- Farmer Luncheon's
- Meetings with various Depts. Of DEP
- Fire department tours
- Employee Involvement
- 3 separate local press releases
- "Ground Breaking" insert with project info
- Monthly public meetings
- Compost customer interaction
- AD updates on website
- WCSH6 AD Coverage
- Tours
- Large screen and Kiosk

Questions?

