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RANDOLPH -- Town officials are nearing a deadline to make changes to sewers that would stop septic overflows into the Kennebec River during heavy rain.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Robert Davis said he recognizes the town needs to take action this summer to further reduce dumping sewage into the river during times of high water flow, especially with a 2009 Maine Department of Environmental Protection deadline coming up.

Already, a \$2 million sewer reconstruction project from 2001 to 2003 replaced nearly 10 percent of the town's leakiest sewer pipes along Kinderhook Street and surrounding roads. That helped reduce flows into the river from as much as 4 million gallons a year to approximately 30,000 gallons to 100,000 gallons per year, said Al Hodsdon, owner of A.E. Hodsdon, the Waterville engineering firm that designed the project.

During that work, Hodsdon said engineers found another tie-in between the town's storm-water system and sewers that apparently had been inadvertently left within the Hamlin School plumbing system.

That interconnection was separated last fall and should further reduce sewage water volumes, he said.

Still, the town has been forced to release sewage into the river several times over the past two years in what Davis refers to as a "combined sewage overflow," or CSO.

"We hoped (the pipe replacement project) would get us below the CSO danger point, and it didn't do it," Davis said. "We got close but we agreed to zero. It's possible. It's within our grasp."

Nine years ago, Davis said, town officials promised state environmental officials they would stop sewer overflows into the Kennebec River by 2009.



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Davis said the town has scheduled a special meeting April 15 to ask voter approval to borrow the money necessary to buy a modern submersible pump with increased capacity and safety, and to make changes to help homeowners separate water from sump pumps and foundation drains from the municipal sewer system.

He could not say yet exactly how much the project will cost.

"It's in the several-hundred-thousand-dollar range," Davis said.

The money would come from low-interest loans available from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, Davis said.

Grants might also be available, he said, but the application period would probably take too long to begin construction this summer in order to meet the 2009 deadline.

A public hearing on the sewer project is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. April 1 at the Town Office.

Hodsdon said the town is permitted to pump as much as 700 gallons per minute to the Gardiner waste-water treatment plant under its

agreement with Gardiner and Farmingdale.

But the current pump can only move 580 gallons per minute. That extra capacity would help reduce overflows during times of high rain, he said.

Davis said other underground sewer pipes continue to leak into the system, increasing flows during periods of high water. But he said replacing the pump and separating residential sump pump and cellar drains is a lower-cost alternative to try to eliminate sewage overflows into the river.


Plumbing inspections looking for illegal hookups have already begun, he said.

In other business, voters will also be asked to approve a minor zoning change extending the commercial zone behind the Randolph Take Out Market, at the intersection of Kinderhood and Windsor streets, to allow the store owners to construct a storage shed, Davis said.

That meeting also is 6:30 p.m. April 1 in the Town Office.

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