

Wolcott Wastewater Committee- Meeting minutes February 11, 2019

Attendees: Eric Furs, Linda Martin, Bruce Wheeler, Jim Ryan, Dom Laporte, Allison Hayes, and Lynnette Claudon (VT DEC)

Meeting Summary: Lynnette gave the group some background information about the federal grant to undertake wastewater planning. Wolcott and Burke were awarded federal grant funding to develop wastewater planning for their villages. The grant will cover the hiring of a part time coordinator of the project, well monitoring, public meeting facilitation, village surveys, and report development. It is a 3 year grant program and we are approximately 6 months into the project. Committee meetings will occur monthly over the length of the project.

Lynette facilitated a white board exercise identifying potential groups to consider related to this committee's work, including the two churches in the village, the school, town government, rental units, daycare and/or potential senior housing, Lamoille Regional Planning Commission, potential site landowners, state representatives, village landowners, and other town residents.

The group decided to table the selecting of a committee chair since Jim Mahoney and Eric were absent (Eric arrived late), and Dom and Allison have not yet committed to serving on the committee. Jim Ryan volunteered to be committee scribe. Linda made a motion and it was seconded by Bruce.

The committee was given a homework assignment to review the draft Project Charter and make any comments soon. The final charter will be signed by the Wolcott Select board chair, the Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner, and Department of Housing and Community Development Commissioner.

The committee requested that the Select board officially recognize and authorize the Wastewater Committee. Lynnette mentioned that Wolcott is at an advantage since both the Select board chair and Town Clerk are serving on the committee.

There was some discussion of how the committee can communicate in relation to the Open Meeting Rules. It was mentioned that if more than 2 committee members communicated it could fall under these rules. It was decided it would be best to save group discussions for regularly scheduled and noticed public meetings.

Upcoming dates: there is a pre-bid meeting to hire a coordinator on 2/14. A proposal due date of 2/21 and coordinator proposals will be opened on 3/1.

Eric, Lynette and Linda volunteered to work on some committee display materials for town meeting.

Next committee meeting scheduled for Monday 3/11.