

Moretown Wastewater Committee

January 12, 2023

Draft Minutes

Mtg called to order at 4:34. Meeting held by Zoom only.

- Otter Creek present: Robert Clark, Eric DePhillips,
- Wastewater Committee members present: Rae Washburn, David Westerman, Jay Pilliod, Jack Byrne, Deborah Carroll, Clark Amadon
- No public present today.

RC: It takes a minimum of 18 months for a project such as this. The need to obtain the land and have a successful bond vote is what will likely add additional time to this project. There was also concern expressed about the rising cost of such infrastructure.

CA: Noted that we did spend some time talking about sites and want to speak with him about moving forward with property owners. Asked to cover the 30% report. Tonight's agenda includes sites, property owner contact, and moving forward with Robert.

DW: discussed concerns regarding locations considered.

- There is an official geology map (shared) which looks at what is present in the valley regarding the locations being considered. DW described what we're looking at on the map. Per RC, the map that he used and DW's map correlate.
- Asked RC about the footprint of the project(s).

If we had a single facility for the number of people that would be served in the village, what size footprint would we need?

- RC: You can provide different levels of treatment to change the footprint. He'd look at what design options would work best to provide the most capacity on that particular site.
- The level/depth of ground water has to be considered.
- We could need 4-5 acres, roughly, for about 20,000 gallons of wastewater (septic tank effluent), depending on other factors. It could also need up to 10 acres.

The first study is to look at what options are there.

We need to begin connecting with landowners who might be willing to work with us.

Robert's progress since our last meeting:

- They looked at soil maps and has not changed his recommendations regarding lots we should look at.
- They drafted a customer outreach letter. We need to reach out to as many potential participants as possible.
- Before they do any digging they need to environmental and historic "due diligence."

Recommends we do an informational survey. RC will put together questions for us.

- Survey could include a question regarding voluntary testing of the well in the village.

We'll have information regarding the cost prior to any vote.

Wants to do a public presentation once we know what our options are.

Next steps:

- RC will send us a draft of the landowner letter that we can modify
- Outreach plan table to identify sites and landowners
- He will revisit the permit data base regarding failed system – to make sure we have the most current information.
- Will send us a list of questions that could go into the survey. He'll create the initial list of questions.

The Committee needs to mark up the maps, provided by RC, so that we can begin reaching out to landowners who have lots that could be potential sites. RC will send those maps to Clark.

DW made a motion for Clark to be the primary contact with Otter Creek, and conduit for documents. Seconded by Jack. All present (Jay missing) voted yes.

Next meeting is on Thursday, January 26, at 4:30, at the Town Office.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01.