

Moretown Wastewater Committee Minutes

March 9, 2023

Meeting called to order at 4:30.

Meeting held via Zoom and in-person.

Committee members present: Clark Amadon, Rae Washburn, David Westerman

Guests: Donna Stackhouse, Andrea and Scott McManus, Peter Rinaldi, Anna Kotova, Floran Kotova, Rachel Corey, Angelo Napolitano

Public comment: Several residents were present from The Commons Condominiums. There were several questions about where the committee was in the planning process re the wastewater project. There were also questions re the potential location for a wastewater system and its impact on surrounding properties. Some questions were asked about tying into such a system in the future. The committee explained the current work on developing sites for a system, the status of the engineering study and the plan to offer public meetings and forums to discuss such a system. It was also explained by the committee that a possible site for an in-ground system might be at a property bordering The Commons, namely, Upper Valley Services on Dickerson Road.

Minutes from February 23 were tabled since a quorum was not present.

Siting for an in-ground system:

The committee members present discussed the status of inquires to property owners who have land that may be suitable for an in-ground system. Currently, one owner is willing to have test pits dug in the spring to make an assessment. One owner is taking time to consider the possibility. One has declined. The other site, being next to the current school septic system is also still being looked at. Property owners would be well served if they had a chance to discuss the test pit process and other details such as aesthetics with our engineering firm, Otter Creek.

Future public meeting:

The committee members present discussed timing for a public meeting. It was felt that waiting for data to come from the test pits would be useful for a meeting since it would help us understand what might be feasible for such a system. It was also discussed to send the wastewater questionnaire out to just the village residents in order to try and assess as much data from the village as possible. In the meantime the committee will keep residents informed via regular updates on Front Porch Forum.