

Moretown Wastewater Committee Minutes

April 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 4:30.

Meeting held via Zoom and in-person at The Moretown Town Office.

Committee members present: Clark Amadon, Rae Washburn, David Westerman, Jack Byrne and Jay Pilliod, Deb Carrol

Guests: Emily Hackett from the State Clean Water Revolving Fund (SCWRF).

Public comment: No public comments initially. Garrett Bergey came in later. He stated he was here to check on the progress of the committee and its work. He offered comments related to work on his property related to septic. Garrett also offered a comment that within his professional work he connects with the State Clean Water Revolving Fund Office and that projects do take time to work through that system.

Minutes from February 23 were tabled. Jack Byrne moved to accept minutes of the March 23 meeting. Rae Washburn 2nd. Committee approved.

Update from Emily Hackett :

No update from Emily re the ESA Part 1. Still working to get Otter Creek to reply to comments.

Dave asked Emily if there could be two land owners involved with one site. She thought this would be possible. Emily will check with Lynette.

Moretown Wastewater Survey:

Clark said there are 35 replies. It was tough to share the results. Plan is to review this again on April 20. Clark shared the survey with the Committee for them to review before 4/20.

Communication with town and village:

Jack is writing an update for the town, which is being posted on Front Porch Forum and sending to the Valley Reporter. A link to the survey is being included. The committee discussed altering the survey some to get more useful info from village residents. Committee might take these to village residents in person.

Siting of a wastewater system:

Discussion continued re siting a system. Now there are two sites confirmed for test pits, Upper Valley Services and the Town/Harwood District site behind the school. Next Thursday Robert Clark is meeting with Chris Stevenson to look over their property. Dave said he is willing to talk with Sharon Cutler again.

A few specifics came up re system. One design would include a pump/grinder at each residents septic system. The site(s) would be maintained with mowing. The size of a site would be influenced by the number of residents effluent going to the site. There would probably be a small shed/building nearby to house some system mechanicals. Another question was asked about vents being needed at a site. In addition could a forested site be considered?

The test pit timeline is looming. The Town is willing to dig the test pits and is expecting to be reimbursed. Emily said that before pits are excavated they would need an archeological overview. Additionally Otter Creek would contact the State to make sure they have representation at the test pit dig.

The Cutler property was tested in the early 1990's. It's unclear if that data is relevant and could be used in siting a field.

Other business:

Dave, Rae and Clark will be at the 4/13 site visit at the Stevensons.

The Committee agreed to meet next on Thursday April 20th at 4:30 PM.

The committee adjourned at 5:55 pm.