

Moretown Wastewater Committee Notes

April 20, 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, Jay Pilliod. Jay left the meeting about 5:20 PM.

Guests: Emily Hackett from the State Clean Water Revolving Fund (SCWRF), Robert Clarke Otter Creek Engineering.

Update from Emily Hackett.

Emily explained some of the additions and changes for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan request. Some of the additions are on hold. The Committee is waiting for additional information from Otter Creek. Otter Creek is also checking with Emily re details that need to be worked out with the SCWRF Office.

The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing the how to move forward with the test pits. Dave mentioned that Upper Valley Services is ready to move forward.

The Committee, Emily and Robert talked about the issue of getting the State Office of Historic Preservation (SHPO) help with an archeology sign off for the test pit areas. The short answer is that SHPO is very short staffed. Making arrangements for a site visit is challenging. Engineering firms can also hire independent consulting archeologists to do work but they are also stretched thin at this time.

We asked if the Town could pass on being reimbursed and just go ahead and dig the test pits. Emily and Robert said that would be risky. Doing so without SHPO overbite could ultimately further delay the project.

The project is now in a state of limbo since the bulk of the work and issue to be settled rest with the SCWRF and Otter Creek.

Clark suggested that for the next meeting on May 4th that the committee meet on its own and that Clark will talk with Emily and Robert ahead of time and report back to the committee.

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

The committee adjourned at 5:55 pm.