

Wastewater Committee Meeting Notes

May 18, 2023

Present: Clark Amadon, Jay Pillard, Deb Carroll

NOTE: We did not have a quorum this evening, but the meeting was mostly informational and not decisions were required.

Public: Garret Bergey – expressed interest in the possible timeline

Clark provided an update, some regarding the outcome of the recent meeting with Otter Creek and the State:

Regarding archeology – the archeologist will come out after Robert stakes the sites to give the us/him the okay to break ground and proceed with the test pits.

- Noted that the price of the project has changed.
 - We're looking to the State to help us determine whether the costs are appropriate.
- Test pits will likely occur during the second week of June.
 - Town will use its own excavator, but will be reimbursed.
 - Otter Creek will make sure that the representatives from the State are available on the site.
 - Otter Creek will get it staked out, work with Dig Safe, etc.
 - Although it's not necessary, we intend to have a member of the Wastewater Committee on site during the dig.
- The State now has everything that it needs from Otter Creek.
 - That happened prior to the meeting with Otter Creek and the State

Other updates related to money:

- ACCD has a community recovery and revitalization grant that can pay for physical things – not for engineering design.
 - Clark will look into this and will apply for us.
- Northern Borders
 - We missed the deadline, but we will apply next year.
- Regarding Waitsfield's process, they are getting a "congressional earmark" in the amount of \$10 million.

- Clark will contact Peter Welch's office about this.

Emily Hackett from the State Revolving Fund is currently working on the grant application, though this is not crucial to the preliminary engineering work.

To dos:

- Get landowners signatures for the test pits.
 - Otter Creek has their own letter that they like to use for this – we're waiting for them to provide.
- Line up the excavator.
 - Clark will be speaking with Martin about this – making sure that it's available.
- Submit the (forgivable) loan application (which will pay for the preliminary work).

Next meeting is June 1, 2023, 4:30PM

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Carroll