

Wastewater Committee Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2023

Members and others Present:

- In Person: Dave Westerman, Rae Washburn, Deb Carroll, Clark Amadon, Jack Byrne
- By Zoom: Emily Hackett of DEC, Robert Clark of Otter Creek, Jay Pilliod

Meeting called to order at 4:34PM

There being no public present, there was no public comment.

Update from Emily regarding grant writing:

- Things have slowed down this week due to statewide flooding. EH is hoping that by the end of next week, or the next.
- They need to know more about the project, e.g., scheduling of test pits. Needs a clear direction for the written part of the grant.
- Will send us the grant, without the technical part, in the next couple of weeks.

Discussion regarding test pits:

- Clark: The sticking point regarding test points is, at this time, getting landowner permissions signed. One landowner had questions/concerns regarding unknown utilities on the property and the associated liability if a utility is damaged. Per Clark, the risk in the selected test pit locations is relatively low. We need to speak with the town.
- Robert noted that to date he has still not been paid for the work that he has done.
 - Per Emily, the earlier invoices have not been coded correctly – there is a mismatch. Robert noted that he will fix the invoices and reissue, so that the town can pay Otter Creek and the town can get reimbursed.
- Robert has time scheduled for next Thursday to mark test pit locations. There will be no digging, probably, until late July, early August.
 - Rae, David, and Clark will meet next Thursday at Upper Valley Services at 8AM to visit and mark that site and other test sites.
 - There may be other alternatives to using the town's excavator and personnel (given recent weather events that are keeping the town personnel busy).
- David filled Robert in on some challenges with a future development project at the Upper Valley Services site.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 27.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Carroll