

Present:

- In Person: Dave Westerman, Rae Washburn, Clark Amadon, Jack Byrne, Garret
- By Zoom: Emily Hackett, Jay Pilliod

Meeting called to order at 4:34PM

Update from test pit site visits

- Upper Valley Services site will not work due to slope and inadequate soil volume.
- Stevenson site was walked and stakes added.
- Two other sites were visited for a 1st look.
 - Town property off from South Hill Road. Site appears to be promising due to slope and soils. Site is about a mile from the village. It's accessible from South Hill. There's a chance piping could go up the hill through the forested sections rather than following roads. There would need to be one if not 2 pumps for this site. It was not flagged. Emily mentioned that this might be a site to use a "drip dispersal method. Need to bring up with the Selectboard.
 - The 2nd site looked at was a meadow next to the river and bordering Murphy Road owned by Bill and Mary Bozak. The soils and slope look good. The sites have had test pits done for possible residential homes. Otter Creek said that this data may be sufficient. Dave Westerman had an initial conversation with Bill and Mary. They are not interested in having this considered at this time. However, it might be worthwhile to have another check in with them.

Related to the question of finding a suitable site is the timeline to acquire property. The committee checked in with Emily Hackett. Emily said there may be some flexibility to acquire a site. The 12/31/2023 date can be adjusted.

Update re Public Meetings:

The committee also discussed when the public meetings would be held and what information would be shared. It's somewhat soon to set dates. Test pit data is necessary for Otter Creek develop a 60% complete report. A public meeting is required in the process. Emily reminded the group that she would be present to answer questions and share information.

There was also discussion about following up on other grants available for the project.

It's also necessary to re-visit the Village Designation map to make sure we know the exact boundaries.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 10.

Related discussion:

Emily mentioned that there's an issue with "floodways". It could be that some residents might be required to connect to a wastewater system if one is developed. Need to get more details on this.

Respectfully submitted, Clark Amadon