

Moretown Clean Water Committee

September 7, 2023

Present: Clark Amadon, Deb Carroll, Jack Byrne, Dave Westerman

Present by zoom: Rae Washburn, Jay Pilliod

Guest: Emily Hackett

Meeting began at 4:30

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

Discussion

- Per Emily, the next step [in the grant process] is the update from the archeologist as well as the “scope of work.”
 - We can’t dig any test pits until we have the archeologist weight in.
 - Poulin [Construction] can help us with the excavation. They’re currently working in the school parking lot.

- Clark provided an update on our discussions with VLT regarding the easement. VLT was pretty clear that they’re not interested in allowing us to dig a test pit (or ultimately use) that land. We’re looking for a creative way to work with VLT – given that we share similar goals.
 - Per Emily, South Hero ran into a similar situation with VLT and challenges regarding the easement. Clark will reach out to South Hero to ask about those interactions.

- Robert will be joining us at Morefest.

- At Morefest:
 - We’ll fill folks in on the process that we’re going through and where we are in that process. Jack and Clark are creating a graphic (a type of flow chart).
 - We’ll create opportunities for people to ask questions – either to answer at that time or later.
 - Dave Westerman is going to create a map of the Village District so folks can indicate where their septic systems and wells are on that map, as well as the approximate age of their systems.
 - Considering making a graph to ascertain how concerned people are about clean water and the cost of clean water in the Village.
 - Dave Westerman is trying to figure out what properties can possibly tie into a system, and how to illustrate that.
 - Noted that the disposal site does not have to be within the quarter-mile around the Village.

- There was some discussion about a lot across the river that may be town owned. The lot may not be suitable, but we’ll look into it (though Dave thinks it may be). Clark will check with Cherilyn to see who owns that property.

- Can we get numbers from Waitsfield – so that we can create scenarios for different types of homeowners – so they can weigh the cost of replacing a failing system vs. tying it into a community system?
- Our next meeting is on September 28.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Carroll