

Moretown Clean Water Committee

October 11, 2023

Meeting Minutes

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Present: Clark Amadon, Dave Westerman, Jay Pilliod (Zoom), Deb Carroll (Zoom)

Also present: Emily Hackett & Achouak Arfaoui ... (both on Zoom)

Emily Hackett discussed the status of the archeological review and test pits. The State has 30 days to reply.

Per Emily, the grant is almost ready for submission. When it's ready, it come from Renae Miller (one of their grant writers) and will go to the Chair of the Selectboard, and it will be copied to Clark for the Committee. We all need to read it. It will need to be signed electronically. Emily will give us a heads up when that gets sent.

Per Emily, the "priority list application" is due in January 2024 (sooner than we thought). Clark indicated that this is not a very onerous process.

There was a discussion about the slowness of this process, and frustration expressed.

David suggested that we create a list of the properties that could be served by this project, and is wondering if we should do some outreach to them, including people who currently "on the edge" of the service area. Clark will ask Cherilynn for a spreadsheet/list of properties that fall within the possible service area.

- Should we schedule a meeting with just the possible users – per Emily's suggestion?
- David suggested we create a working file of bullets that we can share with possible users. Below are some resources to consider.
 - Emily suggested that we check the Westford website because it may help us to create our own website/information page. [Town Center Wastewater Initiative – WESTFORD, VERMONT \(westfordvt.us\)](https://www.westfordvt.us/town-center-wastewater-initiative) Their project is similar in size to our project, and their webpage has a lot of information that we may find helpful.
 - Committee Assignment: All members should review this webpage.
 - There is a list of villages with projects available – Intended Use Projects? (IUP) – Emily will send Clark the link to that list. <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/water-financing/srf/intended-use-plans>
 - Here's the link to the guide to village wastewater development, for the committee to review: https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/village_ww/WastewaterWorkbook.pdf
 - Emily shared the link to their website: [Village Wastewater Solutions Initiative | Department of Environmental Conservation \(vermont.gov\)](https://www.villagewastewatersolutions.com)

We'll discuss what community outreach we want to do at the next meeting.

Homework assignments for the committee:

- Review at Westford Website. <https://westfordvt.us/westford-town-center-community-wastewater-project/>.
- Review these two documents below regarding community wastewater systems:
- http://waitsfieldvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/wastewater_solutions_for_vermont_communities_2008.pdf.
- https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/village_ww/WastewaterWorkbook.pdf
- **Be prepared to discuss your two takeaways from these document and thoughts on what we'd like to include in our outreach to Village and town residents.**

Key takeaway: this is a marathon, not a sprint.

The next meeting is on Thursday, October 26, at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Carroll