

Moretown Clean Water Committee

November 9, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Present: Clark Amadon, Dave Westerman, Rae Washburn, Jay Pilliod (Zoom),

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

Public attendance: Garrett Bergy

The minutes of October 26th were moved by Rae and 2nd by Dave. Committee approved.

Emily Hackett confirmed that Moretown has acquired approval for the test pit sites. Dave asked about some descriptions of the South Hill site that may be inconsistent. However, that appears moot due to the State Archeological approval.

Per Emily, the grant was sent to Clark. He however has not seen it. He'll ask that it be sent again if he cannot retrieve it in his messages. Once he's seen it he'll send along to the committee, Tom Martin and Cherilyn Brown. Any comments or questions should be stated ASAP.

Clark shared that the Town Road Chief, Martin Cameron, has the dates for the test pit digs. Clark will keep the committee and Martin up to speed. The dates being saved are December 4-6. Martin will likely rent a mini-excavator to do the work.

Before the Communications Committee reported out David asked Emily if representatives from the State would be present for public meetings. Emily assured us that there will be State folks there for the presentations. Emily also suggested that having a moderator would be prudent.

The Committee then heard from the "Communications Committee", Garrett and David. Jack was absent today.

David led with a motion for the Committee to approve the development of a web site so as to share information with the public about the Clean Water Project. Rae 2nd.

Discussion evolved around using such a site to store documents, the minutes and agenda for committee meetings, have an FAQ section, having a blog to use to update the public. The Committee felt that this is the best way to keep the public informed and such a site would allow for quick and accurate updates. It also looks like Lo Alvarez is willing to help develop the site. One detail is when to launch the site. Consensus seems to be to have it ready when there is test pit data to share. The web site would be independent of the Town web site and available through a link at the town web site.

The motion to approve the development of the web site was approved.

Other means to connect with the town and village were discussed, too. One would be to send a letter to village residents and the other would be to make direct contact door to door.

The Communications Committee is meeting again before the next Clean Water Meeting. They will connect with Lo again re her interest in helping out.

Clark also shared that the bond vote for an in-ground system in Westford failed. There's hope they will try again. Might be a good idea to ask the chair of the Westford wastewater committee to join us at a future meeting.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the Moretown Clean Water Committee is meeting at 4:30 PM on Thursday November 30th at the Town Office and via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Clark Amadon

November 15, 2023