

Moretown Clean Water Committee

Draft minutes, 1/4/24

Attendees:

Clark Amadon, Deborah Carroll, David Westerman, Jay Pilliod, Rae Washburn, Jack Byrne, Garrett Bergey, Emily Hackett, Achouak Arfaoui, Robert Clark.

Meeting held by zoom.

Meeting called to order at 4:34PM

Public comment: no public comment this evening.

Discussion on 60% Report.

Robert and the committee discussed the report, which in broad terms showed that the sites examined for a disposal site are short on capacity. If built on either the Bozak property or Stevenson a system would only be able to serve a portion of the residences in the designated village center. Jack Byrne also noted that appendix O is missing from the report. That appendix should show important information.

Robert suggested that the committee reach out to property owners who are outside the radius considered thus far. That would be the Defreest and the Maynard properties. The soil maps for these look promising.

The 60% report did not provide cost projections for the sites investigated thus far. The committee was expecting more information about this. Robert indicated that these sites lacked capacity for disposal and therefore no cost projections were done within the report. Otter Creek is working on a powerpoint that explains the 60% report and that Robert would share that with Clark, who can then send it to the committee.

Robert asked the Committee to let him know if a 60% Report public forum would be held before Town Meeting Day and to let him know that decision.

After Robert left the meeting the committee continued its discussion. These centered on the Defreest and Maynard properties, the nature and design of on-site disposal systems and the 60% report.

Emily mentioned there were elements crucial to the 60% report that were missing. She also mentioned that Otter Creek had not submitted the 60% report to her office as is required. Elements missing from the report were more detail and cost projections for disposal sites and costs for transmission of the effluent from the village center to the disposal sites.

The committee also heard more about alternative disposal technologies like spray application. We also were reminded that this preliminary engineering report was looking to serve the homes and businesses within the Designated Village Center only. Emily and Achouak also reminded the committee that building a system for those most in need could be a viable 1st step. However, the cost for a more limited system might have cost liabilities. Garrett mentioned reminded us that we should also be taking a long view with this process. Our timeline thus far has been very ambitious.

The committee continues to have very serious concerns re what looks like considerable costs of a system especially as properties further from the village center are examined.

The alternative sites have some potential. The committee decided to contact Defreest and Maynards. Dave Westerman will review the soil maps again before we reach out. Dave volunteered to connect with the Maynards and Clark to contact Defreest.

Hopefully Dave and Clark can report out on conversations with the property owners at the next meeting.

The committee is not planning to have the 60% report public forum until after Town Meeting Day.

The next meeting of the committee is for Thursday January 18th at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Amadon