

Moretown Clean Water Committee

January 18, 2024

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Present, in person: Clark Amadon, David Westerman, Deb Carroll

By zoom: Achouak Arfaoui, Emily Hacket, Robert Clark, Jack Bryne, Rae Washburn

Meeting called to order at 4:32PM

Dave made a motion to accept the minutes of January 8, Deb seconded, and they were unanimously accepted.

The 60% report is incomplete. Emily and Achouak will take this up with Robert at Otter Creek.

Other property owners, updates:

- David Westerman: Spoke with the owner of a property near the junction of 100 and 100B. Their property along 100 has potential due to the soils and the acreage. It's perfect, but they don't want to do it. It's also a bit far away as it's a mile from town. He isn't interested in test pits, either.
- Clark Amadon: Spoke with another nearby property owner, across the road from the first property, noted above, that is probably appropriate and the owner is willing. However, that property is currently in a Land Trust. The owner is asking an attorney to look at it to see if it might be possible. We're still hopeful that we can move forward with test pits. Clark will look into that.
- Robert Clark: There may be ways to work with the Land Trust to get this done, but the process is difficult. We want to talk with the land trust about how this project doesn't devalue the land in terms of the preferred use of the land. They can be more open to discussions if we can show that there are no other usable sites. It would be a good idea to do test pits now.

There are concerns about meeting the timelines for obtaining the federal monies.

We're currently committed to collecting as much of the data as we can at this time, regardless of whether the project moves forward at this time.

Clark will resubmit the Priority List Application, with changes made by Robert.

It's still premature to do the meeting required at the time of the 60% report.

Regarding cost estimates, Dave asked Robert to add clarity to his cost estimates. Per Robert, the number of variables create challenges.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 8. If it comes to pass that we are able to do test pits earlier than that, Clark will notify us.

Deb made a motion to adjourn, and Dave seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:32.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Carroll