

WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD & WASTEWATER/WATER COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2011

PUBLIC MEETING

Chairman Keiller called the meeting to order at 7:05. In attendance were Selectmen Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon and Bruce Boedtke. Committee members present were Al Keiller, Rudy Gross and Barbara Truex. Martha Harrison was also present.

Chairman Keiller explained the work of the committee to date beginning last summer and progressing to the hiring of Aldrich + Elliott Engineering to conduct a needs assessment and feasibility study under the guidelines of the advance awarded to the town by the State of VT.

Joe Duncan, project manager, and Kevin Camara, project engineer were introduced. They explained the state advance awarded by VDEC and they introduced Don Robisky who administers the advances and assists in guiding the evaluation of wastewater and water systems throughout the state.

Kevin explained the two phases of the study: Phase 1- Needs Assessment and Phase 2 - Feasibility Study (see attached presentation highlights). Throughout his presentation he answered questions from the audience discussing processes and methods used by his firm to assess a community's wastewater/water needs. He noted that concurrently, the resort is having its water/wastewater infrastructure evaluated and findings from that will be considered in our project.

West Windsor's study area currently encompasses the village between the two Mill Brook bridges, Seems Rd, Brook Rd to Pierce Hill Rd, and the Brownsville Hartland Rd to the cemetery with some additional area in the northwest quadrant of the area. It was noted that there can be flexibility in these boundaries if needed as the study progresses. This area was designed to include the school which is unable to have a kitchen for serving hot meals due to limited septic capacity. Questionnaires have been sent to property owners within this area. Kevin noted that several have been returned and data from them is being recorded. He emphasized that the identity of those responding will not be revealed in the study which will only use general data compiled from them. No specific information will go to the state as a result of responding to the survey. However, A+E will be able to identify the surveys and will be available to assist property owners if the property owner requests advice with remediation. The consultants noted that 35% funding is available for pollution abatement projects.

Among the other highlights of the study that were noted in answering questions from the audience: capacities are calculated based on number of bedrooms not current use; should issues be found in the areas of water/wastewater within the study area, several options will be looked at for remediation and cost/benefit analyses will be done for each option; potential buildout for the area will be estimated based on zoning, historical use, and potential commercial uses such as restaurants etc. Should the study eventually lead to a recommendation for some form of community system(s), the cost of the system(s), the method of financing, whether or not hook-up would be mandatory, and whether the burden of

payment would fall to the town as a whole or only those affected. This would be thoroughly vetted through public meetings prior to any decisions being made. (Don Robisky pointed out that all of that is far down the road at this point and emphasized that this study is solely to determine whether there is a water/wastewater problem in the study area and determine several possible alternatives. It represents about 1% of the process of bringing community systems to an area.)

Residents in attendance at the meeting were Hal Pyke, Jim Kenyon, Edson Pierce, Amy Yates and Mark Isenberg.

With no further questions for the consulting engineers, the selectmen or the committee, the presentation was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Truex