

Wastewater Committee
Minutes of August 31, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 by Chairman Keiller. There were no additions to the agenda.

The committee reviewed the results of interviews with representatives from other towns that have availed themselves of state small community wastewater evaluation "advances". A summary of the findings is as follows:

1. There is money available. Recent advances from the state were in a range of \$15,000 to \$48,000 with some covering both water and wastewater and others only one.

2. Of the eight contacted towns, two have taken action as a result of the evaluations.

3. One (Pownal) took the process to completion building a complete sewage treatment facility primarily with numerous grants and a proportionately small bond for the town.

4. Each town derived valuable information from the studies even if they determined not to pursue a course of action or are continuing to evaluate the information from the study.

Engaging the community was noted in several studies and discussed by the committee in the context of next steps which include:

1. Al will contact Don Robisky regarding unintended consequences and potential liabilities of conducting a study of this nature. He will also check with Don regarding access to other town's RFPs and study details.

2. Win and Elvin will create a draft outline of an RFP to highlight talking points for a town meeting with residents of the village as well as those outside the village limits.

3. Once the draft is completed, village residents will receive written notice of the meeting and notices will be posted to invite all residents to attend.

4. The meeting will be informational and focus on gathering input/reactions to help the Committee fulfill its charge, e.g. should the town go forward with an evaluation of wastewater/water in the Village using state "advance". The committee should be prepared for discussion to move beyond the evaluation decision into potential solutions for existing conditions and ramifications to future development in the Village.

5. Al will modify the background and charge document for the committee and attach the draft highlights of a potential RFP for the next meeting: September 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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