

West Windsor Wastewater Committee
Minutes: Meeting March 26, 2014
Story Memorial Hall

Call to Order. Al Keiller called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The first order of business was to appoint Al Keiller to Chair the meeting. Others in attendance were Committee members: Barbara Truex, Rudy Goss, Win Johnson, and Glenn Seward. There were no members of the general public present.

Approval of Minutes. There were no minutes to approve.

Status of resort system under Town ownership. Glenn brought the Committee up to date as to the status of the purchase of the resort sewer system on February 12 1014 and its initial operations. A Sewer Advisory Committee has been appointed, but the Town Select Board has ultimate responsibility. Some capital improvements are underway, and the "hotel road" section is being upgraded by those connected prior to the Town taking responsibility for it. Collection of old receivables is underway, with 21 liens being put in place so far.

Current status of planning for Village system. The preliminary engineering study completed by A&E in early 2013 is being used as the basis of moving forward. It has a total project cost of \$2,100,000. The plan now calls for the pump station to be put just inside the property line of the fire station. The fire department will benefit from the emergency generator to be put in place for the pump, as it will also serve the fire station.

Financing options and opportunities for the Village system. The Town has received a \$750,000 Commercial Development Disaster Relief grant from the State of Vermont. It must be used by the end of 2015. There is the possibility of receiving up to an additional \$170,000 under this grant depending on an income survey. There is also the possibility of receiving a Pollution Abatement Grant of \$465,000. Any funding not covered by grants would be borrowing from the Clean Water Bonding Fund (20 years, 2%). Thus this borrowing ranges from \$1,350,000 to \$715,000, and the final amount will likely not be known prior to the May 6 Town vote. The ballot will need to be worded to accommodate this contingency.

Work steps and timeline for bringing a proposal for a Village system before Town voters. A Town wide Australian ballot will be held on May 6. Informational meetings will be held at 6:30 PM Thursday, May 1 and 9:00 AM Saturday, May 3. Other organizations (school, Historical Society, etc.) will be contacted to offer additional meetings. A written summary making the case for the Village system, along with answers to Frequently Asked Questions (a list of questions was reviewed by the Committee), will be prepared by Glenn and Martha Harrison for use at the meetings. Nate Cleveland of the State Economic Development Agency will be invited to support the proposal at the informational meetings.

Other Business. None

Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45