Wolcott Village Wastewater Committee Meeting

Wolcott Town Office and Zoom

May 7, 2024

In Person: Jim Ryan, Linda Martin, Allen Carpenter, Seth Jensen, Victoria Hellwig, Forest Anderson

On Zoom: Bruce Wheeler, Emily Hackett, Achouak Arfaoui, Peter Lazorchak, J.B. Hinds

1. **Introduction; Review and Approve last Committee meeting minutes**
   Reviewed previous April meeting summary. Linda motioned to approve, Allen second. Motion passes.

2. **Continued Discussion on the Distribution of Costs and Project Funding**
   J.B. of Birchline Planning reviewed the tax impact spreadsheet with the Committee. Different bond vote amounts and their impact on user fees were considered. Four rate options were explored, including differential rates for residential and commercial users. Two options were considered favorable and aligned with the draft policy the Committee agreed on for the future wastewater ordinance. "Option 4" was preferred by most and will help the Committee determine a potential range of costs to share in the June 4 informational session.

   Scenarios were considered based on future funding to come after the bond vote date has passed. A bond will not be needed if additional grants and funding come in. The Town submitted a full NBRC application last week, but won't receive a potential notice of award until late June. Emily encouraged continued pursuit of funding such as NBRC that is not tied to the same timeline as ARPA, to allow some more flexibility in the project timeline. A bond will not be needed if additional grants and funding come in.

3. **Outreach Update**

   There is only one more Committee meeting before the school vote on June 4 and the Town vote on June 11. On June 4, the Informational Session will be at 5:00pm and the School Vote at 6:00pm. The next meeting Committee meeting in May will be used to help solidify the presentation outline. Committee members continue

to work on outreach efforts, including regular Front Porch Forum posts and direct one-on-one outreach with neighbors. Folks should be reminded of option to vote for the town by absentee ballot. Tricia will follow up with Dan Noyes. Jim and Tori might do a segment on WLVB.