Wolcott Village Wastewater Committee Meeting

Wolcott Town Office and Zoom

June 18, 2024

In Person: Jim Ryan, Linda Martin, Allen Carpenter, Seth Jensen, Victoria Hellwig, Amy Macrellis, Bradley Horstman

On Zoom: Peter Lazorchak, Emily Hackett, Forest Anderson

1. **Introduction; Review and Approve last Committee meeting minutes**
   Reviewed previous May meeting summary. Linda motioned to approve, Allen second. Minutes approved.

2. **School Board and Bond Vote Recap**
   School Board vote passed by a wide margin, 88-20. It was a good presentation and there were thoughtful questions asked. Bond vote passed, 124-75. The Committee discussed the bond vote language and Front Porch Forum conversations about petitions for a revote.

3. **Grant Funding Update**
   The project is now awarded a total/max of $4million in State ARPA funding. The grant agreement will be amended in the next few weeks to reflect the additional $1.435 million that was awarded. The additional funding is great news for users, there will be no capital costs associated with the project, just O&M. The project is now assuming 30% contingency for construction costs (will also be in the grant amendment).

   Senator Sanders and Senator Welch nominated the project for $1.4million in Congressionally Directed Spending. The Northern Borders Regional Commission grant is still pending as well. More consideration needed for how to use any additional funding awarded. Could add pretreatment to the project, but would complicate project timeline at this point, and would need to rethink O&M costs.

4. **Engineering Update and Next Steps**
   Next step is to kickoff field work, ideally in July. Stone will pursue a topographic survey map and interviews. Stone is getting others under contract to support this work. Letters will need to be signed for Stone to work with property owners.

Anything in the right-of-way will be easily accessible. August/September expected for geoprobe work in conjunction with survey. Stone still waiting to complete test pits, would like to complete while school is out of session. Detailed design work expected into the Fall. Amy will continue to support IDR permit.

Stone provided an update on coordination with the School Street Bridge replacement coordination. Bridge abutment construction to start 2025. The Stone engineering team will work on stream crossing designs to support the VTrans project timeline. Linda also mentioned a culvert replacement on School Street for Stone to consider in designs. Linda will share with Stone.

5. **Wastewater Committee Next Steps**
   The Wastewater Committee will meet monthly moving forward, on the third Tuesday of each month. Next meeting would be July 16. Can cancel meetings if not needed. Community outreach will transition to progress updates and connecting about the project. Will be good for the Committee to keep a good thread of communication with folks in town. Tricia is moving and will no longer be serving on this group. The Committee should reach out to folks who might want to join and fill this gap.

   Next Meeting July 16 at 5pm