Wolcott Village Wastewater Committee Meeting

Wolcott Town Office or Zoom

March 18, 2025

In Person: Jim Ryan, Linda Martin, Bruce Wheeler, Tori Hellwig

On Zoom: Bradley Horstman, Allen Carpenter, Lynette Claudon, Peter Lazorchak

1. **Changes to the Agenda; Approve Last Meeting's Minutes**

   Linda motioned to approve the February 18 meeting minutes. Bruce seconded, approved. Approved.

2. **Update from Stone – design, landowner mailing results, and permitting. Updated project timeline and next steps. Are we on schedule to meet our grant obligations?**

   A property owner (Fehr) inquired about the timing of project construction and driveway work they're having done. Stone will reach out to discuss details.

   Connection letter responses were due back by March 7. 18 responses to the connection letter have been returned to date. Mostly yes', 4 are new since previous outreach. Stone and Committee members may reach out to folks that expressed interest during initial outreach. A second mailing is planning to go out on 4/1.

   Stone also met with MSI, Grenier Engineering, and a prospective tenant for the MSI building to discuss wastewater needs. At a minimum the property is expected to maintain existing flows.

   The ordinance was approved by the Selectboard and posted, should become official early May.

   For Design and Permitting, Stone is moving quickly towards 60% design plans. Will present plans at the 90% stage to the Selectboard again. Variances will be discussed in a meeting with DEC soon. Will work with Jeff Hoffer soon to collect remaining samples for surrounding water supply. Permits are moving forward, wetlands is being drafted and preliminary archaeology-related work. Only an Act 250 permit amendment is needed for the school.

For easements, Stone met with the Town attorney, provided 30% design plans and the attorney started drafting easements in batches. The attorney would like support from the Town with outreach and securing signatures from property owners to save time and money.

Need to confirm the status of School Street Bridge project bid process and construction start. Wastewater project coordination will be needed for the 2026 construction season. School Street will be closed March-September 2026.

Lynette mentioned that two grant amendments will be needed for funding from DEC, one for the source of funds and a second for timeline (end date of December 2026).

3. **Conservation easements – legal review and distribution schedule**
   Property easements discussed previously by Stone. There is a conservation easement on the Town Forest and Linda will confirm what process is needed to notify and work with the easement holder. An easement is also needed at the school, need to touch base with folks at the school about this soon.

4. **Grant funding update**
   Tori will confirm the status of the NBRC grant since it is federal. Shouldn't be an issue. LCPC is preparing an Animating Infrastructure Grant application for decorative manhole covers for the system.

5. **Outreach update**
   Posting on front porch forum. Jim will remind folks about connection letters in an upcoming post.

   A Q&A session might be organized to provide property owners in the service area with an opportunity to discuss the easement process, potential future uses at their property, and other questions. A draft of the easement should be available before organizing.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 15