Wolcott Wastewater Committee - June 17, 2025

Wolcott Town Office School St. 5:00

In Person: Jim Ryan, Linda Martin, Bradley Horstman, Allen Carpenter

On Zoom: Peter Lazorchak, Tori Hellwig, Keith Cochran

- **Approve last month's minutes (all)**

  Bradley motioned to approve the minutes from May, Allen seconded – all in favor.

- **Update from Stone- design and permitting. Updated project timeline and next steps. (Peter)**

  Updated base map being incorporated to 60% designs and working to wrap up specs to go with 60% plans. Developing the final engineering services agreement, planning to have a brief meeting with Lynette this week. If all looks good sending something to Town for review.

  Amy was out last week to resample water at the school, will be out again this week to meet with geologist doing down bore hole testing next week. Hydrogeologist & Stone concluded that additional borings are needed in the disposal field area. Depth and thickness between sand and fill layer to bedrock unknown, need for the info to provide school. Reached out to drillers, setting up additional bore holes late July/early August. Results would come shortly after. Goal to have before August school board meeting. Work needs to be completed for the state Indirect Discharge Permit, and for the School Board, to confirm that the school well is protected from any negative impacts from this project.

  Archaeology is moving forward with Phase 1 investigations of properties, will be out on sites this week. Amy pulling together all the pieces to the EID. At 60% phase, 60% design reviewed by DEC in July, August pulling together 90% plans and applications for DEC. Wetlands & wildlife biologist finalizing report on RTE species and bats evaluation. One more site visit through the forest to confirm some details. Some tree cutting could happen this winter/spring for the force main if needed to avoid impacts to bats.

- **Updates on Opt-Out landowner tallies and responses (Peter/All)**

  Ongoing conversations with Village residents. Town Clerk received opt out letters recently. One opt out confirmed after follow up letter mailed recently. One property needs to clarify whether they meet opt out criteria based on wellhead protection. Would be helpful for Stone to be able to meet on the site and get GPS coordinates, or have property owner provide GPS coordinates to Stone so Stone can confirm.

  For folks still with no responses, Jim and Bradley will do some more direct outreach. Should be to property owner of Teale lot, Douglas; no contact for Williams' but Williams' if possible. Confirm what some other properties want, confirm with Grimes whether just stubs or stubs and tanks. Also Wheeler & Tatro. Stub with no tanks would be free, stub with tanks would need to begin paying. Then would still need to pay for connections from tank to house (anything after construction). Stone will draft letter clarifying these details and confirm what these property owners want.

- **Landowner easement- deed research, bank permissions, and landowner mailings (Linda)**

  - Reviewed draft timeline and next steps from last meeting. Cover letter to be sent by Town Attorney including example letter of discharge/release to allow the easement to be on lien. Power of attorney form also included if they would like the town attorney to represent them in conversations with their lender. Also includes form for tax return. WW Committee will set aside meeting date for property owners to come and ask questions and have Belinda available to notarize.

  - Landowner easements will be mailed all at once, followed by the group meeting including Attorney one evening to work with property owners. Goal to host at August 19 meeting. 5-6pm regular meeting, open at 6pm for public to come and ask questions, get paperwork notarized.

    Each property needs to have map showing where the easement is. Stone will continue working on that. Draft easement with school reviewed by school and town attorneys. Next step is to bring to School Board at August meeting.

A reminder that an easement included for construction phase and long term maintenance phase. Notice would be provided to access house. Any questions can be directed to David and Linda.

- **School Board Meeting postponement and groundwater test results** (Peter)

Discussed above.

- **Grant funding update-** (Tori and Linda)

Project nominated again for CDS by Senator Welch. Decorative manhole covering design grant application submitted. End of August notification. CWSRF disbursement received by Town.

- **Outreach update**

Connection letters & easements current focus. Planning for next WW meeting as opportunity for Q&A with attorney. FPF posting in advance of August meeting, including where design is at.

Selectboard Wolcott BBQ – Aug 22 . Let Linda know if project wants table at BBQ.

- Other items

Next Meeting: July 15