**Wolcott Wastewater Committee – October 21, 2025**

**Wolcott Town Office School St. 5:00pm**

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

**On Zoom:** Peter Lazorchak, Lynnette Claudon, Achouak Arfaoui

- **Approve Minutes from last meeting (all)**
  Linda motioned to approve the August 19 meeting minutes, Bruce seconded. Minutes approved. Bruce motioned to approve the September 16 meeting minutes, Allen seconded. Approved.

- **The latest Wolcott School groundwater test results and summary of last week's School Board update (Peter)**
  Successfully advanced all 4 borings while students were not in school. Four monitoring wells were installed. Coarse sand was observed down to 60' which is good for wastewater treatment. No signs of water table which is also good for wastewater treatment. Bedrock is sloping away from the school well and disposal fields. Stone provided a summary of investigations completed over the past few years. Overall the School Board was satisfied that the well will be protected. A formal report will be prepared about this work. Additional protective language and testing requirements will be drafted for the IDR permit.

  Will follow up within the next week with Elliot and the School Board about the easement, should be straightforward since both the Town and School attorney have already reviewed. Stone will do everything in their power to ensure construction occurs at the fields while the school is out for summer vacation. This is important to the School principal. The force main and drip dispersal zones should be fairly quick to install. All portions of the project are likely completed under one General Contractor. A reminder that all easements need to be in place for the IDR permit.

- **Updates from Stone – design and permitting (Peter)**
  The EID will be provided to DEC the first week of November. Hearings likely in December. 90% Design drafts are ongoing. 100% designs will be completed over the winter.

Phase 1 Archaeology work completed. ARA still be revised. Wetlands permit application will be delivered to Stone in the next week or so. Then will be submitted to DEC.

A pre-built bridge for pedestrian crossings could be delivered for the project. Estimated small cost difference, about $30k but will confirm. School Street bridge prep work was completed. The contractor is working on abutments now.

- **Updates on Village landowner easements and partial releases** (Linda)
  Waiting for Mason to sign, may need to be hand delivered. M. Douglas has filled out paperwork. Post Office is location for Town Hall tank, question about Post Office hook up – where will their system be located? The Committee needs a copy of the status spreadsheet to determine other follow up outreach needed. A meeting will be scheduled dedicated to reviewing this spreadsheet – tally of yes', no's, survey needs, commercial allocations. Outreach planning needed to meet November deadline.

- **Discussion of requests for hook ups on Flat Iron Road and Tatro lots** (all)
  Previous discussions were reiterated. The current project funding does not accommodate these hook ups due to criteria of serving properties in the Village Center boundary, plus ¼ mile . CDBG funds or other funding sources may be used to accommodate these hook ups in the future.

- **Review updated spreadsheet of monthly maintenance system costs and incoming fees based on FEMA buyouts, opt-outs and those landowners requesting additional capacity** (Tori/Peter)
  Peter summarized a previous discussion about allocations and potential rates and fees for the system once constructed. The Town reserve capacity is around 6,000 as outlined in the wastewater ordinance, plus allocations for municipal buildings. Allocations for commercial properties including the Wolcott Store and MSI buildings were discussed further. Seth is discussing the final allocation desired by MSI for future tenants, if greater than 3,000gpd would have design implications for tank sizing. Will need a response ASAP to finalize design plans.

- **Grant funding update**
  CDBG-DR grant application was submitted. Applications will be reviewed in November and a decision is expected between November 20 and December 15.

- **Other**
  The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, Jim will be out of town. Jim will provide a draft agenda to the group so the meeting can still be held. One topic for that meeting will be discussion of the NEPA process and coordinating public hearings with the December Wastewater Committee meeting – Stone will confirm whether this is sufficient or if it needs to be at a Selectboard meeting.

**Next meeting – October 21**