Wolcott Wastewater Committee

December 16, 2025

Wolcott Town Office School St. 5:00

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

On Zoom: Peter Lazorchak, Seth Jensen, Forest Anderson, Keith Cochran, Lynnette Claudon

- **Approve October and November meeting minutes (all)**

Linda made a motion to approve both October and November meeting minutes. Bradley seconded. All in favor, minutes approved.

- **Update from Stone (Peter):**
    - o Soil boring update
    - o Wetland permit and subcontractor
    - o Historic preservation permit
    - o Act 250 permit for school property
    - o Project Bid schedule

All soil borings were advanced, no updates on results. Wetland permit was submitted to the state, in queue for review. Lynnette will confirm that it was labeled correctly and being reviewed by appropriate staff.

Stone has been working with SHPO, Scott Dillon is ready to sign off on the project as one of the last pieces of EID. Dillon needs to see 90% plans, then can sign off on EID.

Act250 Permit amendment drafted, pulling together documents and should be ready soon. Will be straightforward since no substantial changes to permit.

Stone wrapping up hydrogeologic report to summarize all findings around the school, draft report should be available before the holidays. Stone will review results with DEC in January. Once that report is discussed/reviewed with DEC, Stone will package up full IDP permit application to submit to the state.

Progress has also been made on securing all the deeds for connections to the system. Less than 6 remaining. MSI and Burgess still under development.

Seth from LCPC provided an update on the conservations with MSI. Continued back and forth about what initial permitted capacity should be for Former Bucks building. Prospective tenant with ambitious ideas about potential growth, but still an estimate at this point. Discussed with J.B. of Birchline Planning, who helped develop ordinance. There is an option for addressing the uncertainties around the business growth plan that MSI is open to, under the ordinance – connect based on existing capacity from grandfathered permitted amount (1,500 gpd) + reserve which would provide up front funding for town reserve fund (an estimated 1,500-2000 gpd of add'l reserve capacity). MSI could hold reserve capacity for 5 years with ability to renew. If not, return at end of 5 years to become available for others in the Village. This would provide some assurance for the town and not hold up capacity that would not potentially be used by others. J.B. is in the process of looking at what the raw numbers might be for capacity and payment that would be associated with 5-year reserve.

The School Board still needs to review easement, likely at January Board meeting. Both Town and School attorneys have reviewed and approved. Any further details on relationship between Town and School could be MOU for management of system. Linda also provided an update that there will be a new principal at the school next fall.

The Bid Update will be discussed later in the meeting.

• **DEC Public hearing, date and warning. Same date as our January 20th Wastewater meeting? Can we include the 90% design presentation? FPF post?**

Public hearing potentially at January WW Committee meeting.

DEC and Stone will meet in person separately to review 90%.

It was agreed to reschedule the January WW Committee meeting to the 13th to accommodate Stone availability. Meeting will need to be warned properly by open meeting law and included as a hearing on the agenda. Notice for EID will be 30 days for public comment, noticed by DEC. The hearing noticed by Town should be held within that window.

• **Review latest on village landowner ROWs and partial releases- Tatro- multiple lots, P. Johnson, Douglas, others. Updated spreadsheet to share.**

P. Johnson returned easement to Town Attorney. Douglas signed. Fehr under development with Linda. M. Tatro has two outstanding deeds/tanks planned, new deed needed for additional lot but unclear where those stand. Whitneys, came to the public meeting to answer questions/sign deed but still haven't returned signed deed. Bordeau

has been contacted several times, left messages, no response. Alex from Stone is working with Grimes. Seth working with MSI.

Stubs for connections that are "no" could be an Add Alt for construction, after bids are received and costs are better understood. A reminder that 3 of the 5 properties that said no to connection, meet the opt out criteria in the ordinance. 2 properties that do not want to connect, do not meet that criteria.

Town Attorney could send a "last call" letter for folks to connect to the system. Can sign up until mid-January when permits are submitted. There is a small window after permits are submitted for any last-minute connections to return signed easements.

Bid schedule Update was provided by Stone. Permits need to be submitted and returned. The goal is to put out to bid March at this point. Depends on when IDR permit goes in. DEC will have 4 months to review from time of submission. Goal for construction schedule to work around school calendar year in June. Focus later on summer and fall for remainder of project area. Will need to discuss with contractor selected through bid process. Ideally contractor that is hired will have multiple crews working in multiple places at the same time. Stone can make recommendations on contractor that is selected, the Town does not have to go with the lowest bid. WID procurement procedures will be followed. Don will be construction engineer.

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

CDBG Grant Award was not granted to Wolcott WW project. A lot of funding went to housing projects in Barre. Johnson and Morrisville received funds. Funding still available for housing projects through this program.

VRWA pitched ideas for cyber security and controls for managing system. Could apply for funding to secure the system ops through web-based / remote controls. VRWA will be discussing during this legislative session. Secure by design vendors could be considered for W/WW systems. Funding available through DHS.

- **Next meeting date- January 20th**

Meeting rescheduled to January 13th.