Wolcott Wastewater Committee – June 23, 2026

Wolcott Town Office School St. 5:00

Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82942450965?pwd=lOVWv8dunvlSaZKWdBmRsb7xuycKAx.1

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

On Zoom: Peter Lazorchak, Seth Jensen, Tori Hellwig, Michael Miller, Keith Cochran

- **Approve last month's minutes**

  Linda motioned to approve, Bradley seconded. All in favor.

- **Construction bid selection – contractor selection, start date at school, pre-construction meeting, and construction phasing for 2026 season (start at the school and work down to School Street/multiple construction crews?)**
  The Indirect Discharge Permit was issued by VTDEC. The Selectboard will be discussing the bid package and recommendation for contracting the Wastewater project at their meeting tomorrow night, so cannot discuss the details publicly yet.

  At 5:14, Linda motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss the contract, inviting Seth, Tori, Cindy, and Peter to join. Allen seconded.

  At 5:39, Linda motioned to come out of executive session. Allen seconded.

  No action was taken.

  Once the contract is awarded, the next steps will involve performance bonds & insurance, the contractor will be issued a Notice to Proceed, contract will be signed and executed, a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled & held. The official start date will be in July.

- **Communication and approval of Wolcott School**

Stone updated the School Board about the project at their meeting last week. An MOU for long term operations was discussed again. A QA/QC plan will be due within 180 days of the IDP issuance, long term monitoring is a part of that plan. Stone will follow up again with the School Board after that point to discuss with the School Board. In discussions with the School, the soccer fields may not be as big of a factor as originally discussed. The primary consideration for the Wastewater project is that there be robust vegetation or mulch over the new dispersal zones.

- **Landowner notifications about construction**
  The goal for the project is to start construction up at the School fields and work down from there. Should start to notify landowners once work is planned in vicinity of homes.

  For the Town bridge construction project, the contractor provides weekly updates on Fridays of work completed and plans for the following week. Similar communication would be helpful for this project.

- **FPP update regarding all of the above**
  Post for construction phase would be best to wait until next week when there is going to be a lot of information to share on who was awarded the contract and when pre-construction meetings are scheduled. Biweekly posts with updates during the construction phase would be good.

- **Construction bid amount relative to our overall project budget and funding**
  This topic was postponed for discussion until there is a final bid awarded.

- **Recruitment of members of the new Wastewater Commission**
  The Committee could generate a brief summary for a post to solicit interest in serving on the Board of Sewer Commissioners. The target should be for the new Board members to start this Fall. There will be several tasks that need to be worked on this Fall, including hiring a contract operator for the system, reviewing the bylaws, setting rates. A contractor should be hired by the time the system is operational/flowing.

It may also help to distill the IDP requirements down into a summary for an RFP for contract operator. Operator will need to be certified and qualified to interpret & implement permit requirements.

- **Next meeting scheduled for 7/21**
  The next meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday, July 14.