**Wolcott Wastewater Committee – August 18, 2026**

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

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

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

**On Zoom:** Peter Lazorchak, Cynthia Parks, Bradley Horstman, Michael Miller

- **Dispersal Field – will it meet deadline for school starting**
  Construction is ongoing up at the dispersal fields. There have been some changes in construction techniques but still on schedule. Since there were more cobbles than expected in the soil, the soil was screened to pull the dispersal tubing through. All the tubing has been installed and is being tested. Thursday is the estimated install of the sod around the play area for the school. Stone has updated the school principal on the timeline and will check in with the school again at the end of the week.

- **What are the next couple of activities planned by NA Manosh**
  Manosh is focused on the dispersal fields. Then will work on running force main through the Town Forest. After that will be running the force main down School Street. They are awaiting notice and schedule for installation of large tanks, will pivot to install those when they arrive.

  Manosh will start building inspections (electrical/plumbing) over Fall/Winter when earthwork can't happen.

- **Discuss contractor add ons**
  Additional costs came with the change in construction techniques. The contractor also needed more top soil. The first change orders are coming in at about $140,000. Other savings have been realized from other budget line items such as not needed mound sand, Orenco parts cost less than estimated, and they did not need to relocate a force main.

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There are monthly construction meetings that are held with the project team 1x month. Stone discussed possibly meeting 1x week if needed, putting it on people's calendars but will cancel if not needed. 8/27 is next monthly meeting, those will continue as planned.

- **Sewer Commission – need for one more member**
  The Committee should invite new Sewer Commissioners to the next Committee meeting to review and discuss their roles and responsibilities. One more member is still needed, an RFP will need to be posted for an operator to be hired, and they will need to build a budget.

  The budget may need to consider line items like annual fees for lab results, the operator contract. Allen will gather examples of other Town sewer budgets for reference and Peter will gather the preliminary budget from the PER.

- **Town BBQ Table**
  Display updated timeline for construction, including estimated timeline for hooking up individual properties. Include ad for one more wastewater commissioner.

  Decorative manhole cover contest is ongoing. There have been 8 submissions. Will make "last call" for ideas to submit at BBQ and officially close contest in September. Final voting will be in October for up to two finalists. Can work on finalizing & submitting final designs for fabrication over the winter.

- **Approve July 14 2026 meeting minutes**

  Allen motioned to approve, Bruce seconded, Linda abstained. Minutes passed, motion to adjourn 5:27.

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