Wolcott Wastewater Committee – July 14, 2026

Wolcott Town Office School St. 5:00

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

In Person: Jim Ryan, Allen Carpenter, Cynthia Parks, Tori Hellwig

On Zoom: Peter Lazorchak, Linda Martin, Bradley Horstman

- **Approve last month's minutes**

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

- **Pre-construction meeting summary – mobilization, construction start date, construction sequencing, and Manosh communications with Village**
  Last Tuesday was the contract signing/preconstruction meeting. Discussed construction & sequencing. Later in the week Stone also attended a meeting with Manosh and Oakson regarding the disposal system. Yesterday Stone also attended a meeting with the School Principal and Facilities Manager.

  The week of 7/13 Manosh is mobilizing, installing silt fencing and laying out the disposal fields. Alex in on site for this. Will move quickly to install the drip lines and have fully covered by August 15. Will plan to install the entire field (all 6 zones), rather than sections, before school starts. When school is back in session, in September, will focus on the control building and tanks. The school principal is on board with this approach.

  Then Manosh will move down through the Town Forest and School Street for the force main. The final projected date for work this season is November 20. Some properties may connect to the system by the Fall.

  There is only ~1.5 weeks between the disposal field being installed and school back in session. The school indicated that they will only need green space directly around the play structure and will work with facilities to open additional play area away from the construction zone. Stone is proposing to

implement an Add Alt from the bidding process by paying to sod around the play area (rather than just seed). Based on the square footage of sod and pricing from the bid estimate, the area that needs sod should only cost around $15k. Sod will need about 2 weeks to establish so could be installed sooner, Manosh can accommodate this schedule. Sod will also need to be watered.

The Wastewater Committee motioned to recommend sodding the area closest to the play structure as a change order or small purchase, depending on which mechanism adheres to the Town Purchasing policy.

Overall project sequencing is still being fleshed out. Sourcing of STEP tanks is still TBD based on manufacturing and availability. Large tanks *may* be available early September, but may also have a longer lead time than anticipated.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners will need to be in place and system operator hired before properties can hook up to the system. Stone will recommend hook ups next spring after thaw. Vegetation on disposal fields also needs to be established.

- **FPP update regarding all of the above. Should we go a press release for the Hardwick Gazette and News & Citizen?**
  Front Porch Forum post will be sent out this week to announce that construction will be starting. Separate post will also be posted to recruit new members for the Board of Sewer Commissioners (wastewater commission). A press release will be drafted for posting in the Hardwick Gazette and News & Citizen. An 8′ x 4′ sign will be posted in the Village for the duration of the project as well.

- **Recruitment of members of the new Wastewater Commission, FPF post and part of above press release?**
  Allen will serve as the representative from the Wolcott Selectboard, along with another Selectboard member. Two more people have expressed interest. The Committee will continue to reach out to help fill all positions.

- **Other business**

- **Next meeting date**

  Next regular meeting date is August 18.