Wolcott Wastewater Committee – September 9, 2026

Wolcott Town Office School St. 5:30

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

In Person: Linda Martin, Jim Ryan, Tori Hellwig, Forest Anderson, Cynthia Parks, Michael Paradee

On Zoom: Bruce Wheeler, Achouak Arfoauoi

- **Approve last month's minutes**.
  Linda motioned to approve, Jim seconded.

- **Introduction of the new Wastewater Commissioners – welcome and conversations of the new commission roles and responsibilities and how the commission will overlap with the Wastewater Committee in the coming months**
  No commissioners were present, so the Committee will table conversation for the next meeting. Some overall roles were discussed, including that the Town Treasurer will be responsible for billing. The new BOSC will need to monitor the contract operator performance. NEWIPCC tool could help with new commission and rate setting. Forest is available as a resource for new commission to help with kick off on 10/20 at 5pm, transition period, rate setting, and compliance calendar as examples where technical assistance can be provided. On site staff from Rochester and Warren could come speak with the new Board of Sewer Commissioners.

- **Threats to critical infrastructure (Forest)**
  Forest presented some recommendations on keeping cyber security at top of mind for Commission. There is "IT" security and "automation" (operational technology) security. Forest is available to review operational technology controls, and provide info on grants available to support controls on the IT side through the federal government. Forest could also review inclusions in the wastewater system operator contract, including a potential cyber policy and

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permissions. Bruce is familiar with PLCs and could discuss with Forest, with Bradley included in discussions. Forest will develop a 1-pager of services that he can provide and share with the new Commissioners.

Linda also asked about the physical security of the system. Bollards or large boulders could be installed near the control building and motion activated lighting.

- **Dispersal field construction update – soil issues, possible solutions, and minimizing impacts to the school and communication with the school.**
  The original plan was to complete this portion of the project by the start of school. Contractor is working on troubleshooting project with Stone, DEC. Oakson encountered issues with installation of lines and testing due to compaction in the soil. A work group is meeting regularly to troubleshoot and modify designs. Solutions were identified but the project is now behind schedule. More updates to come soon. There have been regular updates and meetings with the School Board to discuss the project. The Committee is grateful for patience and understanding of the School. Cindy has been a helpful resource as well. The Committee will share information on Front Porch Forum when there is a clear path forward.

- **NA Manosh construction on the forced main through the town forest and next steps in construction sequencing before winter shut down of construction.**
  Force main installation underway in Town Forest, will begin on School Street in coming weeks. Working towards connection to bridge before end of November. Outreach will begin to landowners in coming months.

- **Bridge construction wrap up and new plans for the forced main pipe installation under the bridge**
  Construction of the new school street bridge is wrapping up. A grand opening event will be held for the bridge in the morning on Saturday, October 3. Jax will be the first to ride in a car over the bridge in a bowtie.

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- **Other Business**
  Submission of ideas for manhole cover contest to close September 15. Last call for ideas. Voting will open on town website the first week in October and wrap up with in-person voting available at the Town General Elections.

- **Next Meeting**
  October 20.

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