

**Town of Londonderry, Vermont
Village Wastewater Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 7, 2023 – 9:00 AM
Neighborhood Connections, 5700 VT Rte. 100
Londonderry, VT**

Village Wastewater Committee (VWC) Members Present: Gail Mann (Committee Chair) Sharon Crossman, Gary Hedman.

Others in Attendance:

In Person:, Chrissy Haskins (Dufresne Group – Project Engineers), Sue Westa (WRC)

Online: Emily Hackett (EI - Environmental Engineer – VT DEC), Paul Hendler (Londonderry Resident)

1. Call meeting to order -

Gail called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM

2. Additions or deletions to the agenda:

The VWC had no other additions or deletions

3. Approval of Minutes:

No motion was ~~not~~ made to approve the minutes as the VWC has not yet had a chance to review. It was agreed that the minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

4. WW Site Selection/Evaluation Plan Updates and Next Steps:

South Village: •

Gail sent out a letter to the Library Board informing them that the parcel would not support sufficient wastewater capacity to make it a viable purchase.

No new information on South Village, Chrissy and Chris from DuFresne [Group](#) are beginning initial evaluation of alternative sites now that the Library property has been removed from consideration.

North Village: •

Outreach letters to alternative site property owners are going out in the mail today.

Gail discussed alternative sites and why DuFresne/VWC is just now starting to look at sites.

Emily commented on how other villages are at the same point, looking at alternative sites due to changes in project design. Towns that are further ahead were in the position of having town owned property set aside ahead of the grant funding. Gail raised the question of who would be taking responsibility for mailing out the outreach letters to alternative site property owners. WRC will help facilitate the mailing process. Gail asked Chrissy when additional south village alternative sites will be identified and evaluated. Gail asked how much time DuFresne is dedicating to the project. Emily commented on how overworked engineers and consultants are throughout the state. Gary mentioned that we can all be doing a better job of setting expectations and then discussed how directional drilling can allow us to cast a wider net for potential sites.

5. Public Outreach and Prioritization of Deliverables

Gail said that the facebook page is up and has been boosted to increase engagement. There was a discussion about comments being turned off on the facebook page. Gail encouraged everyone to go on and like the page / share it. Gary asked about what links have been posted on to the page (i.e. DEC, Warren, ANR). Gail mentioned that Edge Hill Road resident Kathy Mosenthol is ready and willing to host a gathering of neighbors. Gary asked and Chrissy confirmed that there are 7 edge hill properties that are designated as within the priority area. Conversation then led to discussion of potential dates for public meetings in May and June, and discussion of outreach to the Fire Departments. That led to a discussion of engaging the business owners along as a separate outreach effort. The DuFresne Group will be providing an updated site plan for Pingree Park showing the proposed locations for test pits that would be necessary to evaluate the potential wastewater capacity of the parcel. Chrissy expects to have the site plan over to the VWC in the next week or so.

6. New Business and Considerations

No new business or considerations were noted.

7. Pubic Invitation to Speak (5 minute limit per person)

Paul Hendler asked about collection systems. Chrissy responded that the collection systems are underground, with separate power connections. Paul then asked about the ¼ mile buffer for the designated village, Emily answered that connections outside of the ¼ mile buffer would not be eligible for the ARPA funding. Any connections outside of the buffer can only be funded by the Town or by a loan. Chrissy mentioned that systems being considered include liquid only, which would require a separate pump on each parcel.

Gail moved to adjourn.

8. Adjourn:

All approved to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM

The next regular meetings of the VWC will be **the first Friday of every month at 9:00 AM**
and **the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Gubb
Secretary, Village Wastewater Committee

Approved _____.

Village Wastewater Committee
Gail Mann, Chair

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