

West Cornwall Wastewater Study Group
Town Hall, November 19, 2019, at 5 p.m.

Members Present: Don Bachman (DB), David Dolinsky (DD), Richard Griggs (RG), Ian Ingersoll (II), Todd Piker (TP) Betsy Preston (BP), Lisa Simont (LS), and Joanne Wojtusiak (JW)

Member absent: Priscilla Pavel (PP)

Also attending: *ex officio* member Gordon Ridgway (GR), Steve MacDonald (SM)

TP called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

TP asked that the minutes from the October 8, 2019, meeting be accepted with no changes other than the date (which had been stated as October 4).

LS made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by BP. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no additions to the agenda. Written letters from Charles Cilona, Verne Henschel, and Geoff Spicer were noted.

Visitors Jack Jolls (from Weston & Samson in Rocky Hill) and Bill Andorola (from Weston & Samson Engineering) introduced themselves and spoke about filtering systems. Specific conversations can be viewed on the tape of the meeting.

TP submitted a meeting schedule for 2020—second Tuesdays of each month at 5 p.m. at the Town Hall. BP will run the February and March 2020 meetings in the absence of TP. BP made a motion to accept the schedule; seconded by DB. All were in favor.

SM reported that the environmental and engineering reports are complete. The application to the USDA will be completed by the end of 2019. Cost figures for the project have been bumped up to \$4,920,000, a number based on 12,000–13,000 gallons of fluid per day. The environmental report takes into consideration reasonable growth.

JW questioned whether the Selectmen are misreading the community's thoughts following the July 26th community meeting. She feels that the vote may have expressed more acceptance of the project than the town at large actually will feel going forward. TP stated that a town-wide vote will take place when we have more specifics on the cost burden to the town.

Mr. Andorola commented that operation costs (3 hours per day) would be \$6,000 per month, not including sledge hauling and electricity. The operator would need to be a Grade 3 employee.

The Board of Finance and the Town of Cornwall will need a capital investment estimate and an operational cost estimate before proceeding on the project.

GR mentioned that information on the project can be posted at the "Union" town space in the former pottery store in West Cornwall.

A motion to adjourn at 6:20 was made by LS; seconded by BP. All were in favor.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 10th, 5 p.m. at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Bachman
Secretary