

West Cornwall Wastewater Study Group
Town Hall, March 12, 2019, at 5 p.m.

Members Present: Don Bachman (DB), Priscilla Pavel (PP), Betsy Preston (BP), Lisa Simont (LS), and Joanne Wojtusiak (JW)

Also attending: ex officio member Gordon Ridgway (GR)

Absent: David Dolinsky (DD), Richard Griggs (RG), Ian Ingersoll (II), Todd Piker (TP)

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

JW requested that the minutes of the February 11, 2019, meeting be amended to reflect the fact that GR did not participate in the vote to seek a second opinion on Steve McDonald's (SM) plans; further, that Todd Piker's letter of March 9th be included in the minutes. [It is duly attached here.] LS moved to accept the minutes as amended; seconded by PP. Approval was unanimous.

SM noted that the number of residents choosing to use the proposed system would determine price per household. He reported that he and GR had visited the Bonney Brook facility in Cornwall Bridge to examine the system in place there. JW suggested that we look into other systems as well.

GW introduced the subject of the letter to be sent by the Board of Selectmen to West Cornwall residents who will be potential users of the system. BP read a draft of the letter. GR stated that the prices quoted in the letter were based on the prices for such service in 10 nearby towns. The average cost to hook up would be \$3500. Prices will vary depending on the number of residents who opt to hook up to the system. GR stated that the letter will go out by March 15th and that the deadline for responses will be April 1st.

JW suggested that a Town of Cornwall-wide meeting be scheduled in order to provide residents with complete information on the project.

LS suggested that the committee investigate ways in which residents might be assisted in meeting hookup costs should the project be approved.

DB moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm; seconded by BP.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Bachman
Secretary

attachment: see p. 2

From: Todd Piker [mailto:tpiker@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 09, 2019 12:11 PM
To: Gordon Ridgway <cwselectmen@optonline.net>; Betsy Preston <bpresct@hotmail.com>
Subject: Question about Selectmen Letter

Hi Gordon

referencing your letter from the Selectmen to the West Cornwall residents:

In light of your criticism of my ballot question for our Committee and the concern about specificity about a .5 mil rate increase (words taken verbatim from Steves comments to the committee last meeting) how is it you can include in a Public document the comments referencing the following?

Customer fee \$500 to \$1000 per year residential unit fee and \$3500 connection fee are anticipated.....

Seems you have done some quick math on your own. Please enlighten the Committee as to your thinking re: where/how you come by these numbers.

I'd advise we have certainty of these numbers as well before sending that letter. Look forward to your comments.

Best

Todd Piker

PS-Betsy: Please read this email into the Minutes