

One Burke

Village Infrastructure Committee

Online via Zoom and in person at the Burke Community Center

Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2023. Meeting started 5:00 PM

In attendance:

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Jerry Booth	Town of Burke, Selectboard
Joe Allard	Town of Burke, Selectboard
Mark Daigle	Town of Burke, Selectboard
Jim Sullivan	Town of Burke, Administrator
Mike Harris	Town of Burke, One Burke
Cathi Feeley	Town of Burke, Treasurer
Todd Vendituoli	One Burke Infrastructure Committee
Dan Flanagan	One Burke Infrastructure Committee
Coralie Curran	Burke property owner
Cathie Wheeler	One Burke Infrastructure Committee
Emily Hacket	VT DEC
Linda Lotti	One Burke Infrastructure Committee
Kevin Mack	One Burke Infrastructure Committee
Carol Bean	Burke property owner
Lynette Clauden	VT DEC
Kevin Blais	Burke property owner
Andrea Day	Dufresne Group
Peter Fairweather	Fairweather Consulting
Amy Macrellis	Stone Environmental

The July 18, 2023 minutes were approved as presented.

Water & Wastewater Study

East Burke report 90% submitted on 7/26/2023. East Burke report includes a recommendation for development of separate septic system from the Burke Mountain system. Additional hydrogeologic analysis is needed to determine the impacts to down gradient wells.

West Burke report 100% submitted on 7/26/2023, awaiting comments from DEC

Next Steps

The ARPA funds awarded over a year ago were earmarked to fund the services of Dufresne Engineering, Stone Environmental and Fairweather Consulting. The group advised them to submit bills for payment.

Cathie Wheeler asked the selectboard for their thoughts and views on if it makes sense to go forward now that the bond vote was defeated.

Mark Daigle – Definitely sees a need for some form of sewer and water system in the village.

Joe Allard – Would support a scaled down version with the possibility of adding on in the future.

Jerry Booth – Supports it in order to create a long term solution to revitalize the village and create local businesses and jobs. He expressed concerns about acquiring right of ways from property owners and how the operations and maintenance (O&M) costs would effect the town budget.

Discussion about the \$3.9 Million in ARPA funds and if they can be used to fund a scaled back version of the wastewater plan that was submitted for the bond vote that did not pass. Some of the ideas discussed:

- Complete the land acquisition – recommended that this should be a priority. ARPA funds can be used for this. Town attorney Clarke Atwell should prepare the paperwork for the transfer if Mike is still interested.
- Develop a scaled back option that will address connecting those properties that are in the most need. Amy and Andrea will research a phased system starting with 6,499 GPD and determine the water system needs. This would allow for 26+/- households. The gravel pit behind Mike's would allow for 30,000 GPD.
- Can the funds be used to design a system that can be constructed at later date? Lynnette does not think it would be approved unless the system is operational.
- Could the ARPA funds be used on a case by case basis to meet the needs of individual septic systems that are at the end of their useful life
- Amy and Lynnette recommended that the group look into how the town of Warren's overall wastewater management plan

Meeting adjourned 6:50 PM

Next meeting

Tuesday September 19, 2023 5:00 PM

Submitted by Daniel Flanagan