

At Town Meeting this year (2012), the Selectboard will hear the report of the West Village Wastewater Committee. Prior to Town Meeting, **on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Town Hall**, the public will have an opportunity to review the report, maps and finding with the committee.

At the 2009 Town Meeting, Charlotte voters approved the following advisory question: Will the Selectboard explore the construction of a public or community facility or facilities for the purpose of providing wastewater disposal for residential and commercial use in West Charlotte Village? At the 2010 Town Meeting the West Village Wastewater Committee presented an update and conducted a brief written survey.

The committee conducted three surveys and learned:

- The surveyed public supports allowing connections to the existing system
- Those surveyed most strongly supported connections for adaptive reuse of existing structures and to address failed septic systems
- Those connecting to the system should pay their share of the costs of the existing system and the costs of their connection
- There are land owners interested in connecting to the existing wastewater system along Ferry Road between Route 7 and Greenbush Road

The committee reviewed previous studies, land records and reports and:

- Estimated the future septic needs of the town buildings for the next 40 years
- Determined the current capacity of the existing municipal wastewater system can be increased from 4,999 gallons per day to 6,499 gpd relatively easily and at low cost
- Outlined a draft Master Plan for the Selectboard to consider should the Town decide to allow connections to the existing system

The next steps in the process include the presentation of the findings and recommendations of the West Village Wastewater Committee at Town Meeting and the town's decision whether or not to allow private connections to the existing wastewater system.