

WEST CHARLOTTE VILLAGE WASTEWATER COMMITTEE

Approved MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2018

CHARLOTTE TOWN OFFICE, 159 FERRY ROAD

Members Present: Dave Marshall, Selectboard Liaison: Fritz Tegatz, Kate Lampton (absent), Jim Hyde, Peter Joslin, Christina Booher (absent),

Other active participants in the meeting; Mr. Stephen Brooks

All motions, proposals, and resolutions made, offered, and considered, and what disposition is made of same;

Addition to the Agenda – None

Main Agenda

Discussion of Capital expansion cost management

- Green Mountain Power vs. Report recommendations
- Leaning towards GMP approach
- Either way, both methods require first user to pay full costs upfront. GMP options eliminates the Town's management of the funds.

Stephen Brooks provided guidance on issues at hand of the Town and this Committee in managing this resource.

- Cautioned that there is no emergency. That there is a larger gravity of the responsibility to expand thoughts on how wastewater access will affect the Town.
- What is the mission statement?
- This will have a profound impact on the future.
- We will be deciding for the Owners if they will go into business.
- This is a scarce commodity.
- What do other communities do?
- Look at the value of the wastewater.
- We are not selling the resource, rates are adjustable.
- Options include:
 - Retain for municipal use
 - Sell
 - Rent
 - Gift
 - Gift with Conditions
- On page 14, add "and provide an economic return on the tax payer investment".

Committee thoughts:

- Wastewater availability increase property value which will increase property taxes.
- Build-out will be based on usage.
- As it relates to protecting first time installers of common infrastructure, the Committee reviewed the infrastructure cost recover approach used by Green Mountain Power.

- Look into “leasing” the resource.

Results of any votes, with a record of the individual vote of each member if a roll call is taken.

1. None

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