

WEST CHARLOTTE VILLAGE WASTEWATER COMMITTEE

Approved Draft 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.

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.

A discussion on the Burns Property leasing was undertaken. Points of the discussion included:

- The Town needs to be stewards of the land,
- Reviewed examples of value added benefits of sewer
- Need to be concerned with overloading upfront costs in a manner that will handicap access to the sewer resource to the point where the goals of the Town Plan will be adversely impacted.
- Need to encourage development in the Village area.

- Need to do what is best for the Town. Should not give this resource away. We can revisit costs if they appear to be too high.
- Need to educate potential beneficiaries of availability.
- Perhaps look at bonding of the future expansion of the disposal system.
- New tax revenues will be enjoyed from new development but most of it goes to the State.
- Quality of life could increase.
- Committee will seek information from appraisers on added value benefit of access to sewer.

Next Meeting set for October 29th; 5:30 PM.

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

1. None