



One Burke Village Infrastructure and Visioning and Economic Development Meeting

April 29, 2021

Online via Zoom

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On April 27, 2021 at 5:00 pm, a meeting was held via Zoom video conference to discuss the Burke Visioning and Economic Development Study and Water and Wastewater Study. The following individuals attended:

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Dan Flanagan	One Burke
Cathie Wheeler	One Burke
Todd Vendituoli	One Burke
Linda Lotti	One Burke
Des Hertz	One Burke
Kevin Mack	One Burke
Tammy Wagner	One Burke
Laura Malieswski	Burke Chamber of Commerce
Lynnette Claudon	VT DEC
Peter Fairweather	Fairweather Consulting
Greg Gossens	gbA
Andrea Day	Dufresne Group

Andrea Day has prepared the following summary of notes taken at the meeting. Please notify her if you have any corrections or additions to these minutes. Tasks to be completed as a result of this meeting are underlined.

- I. **Visioning/Economic Development Study – Fairweather Consulting**
 - a. Report on presentation to the Select Board
 - i. Mostly discussed the Universalist Church/Library project.
 - ii. Board felt it was an important project for the community and expressed support.
 - b. Next steps with Public Outreach

- i. Peter suggests another session with a presentation of the draft report.
 - ii. Outreach at the Strawberry Festival a possibility but project is scheduled to be mostly wrapped up by then.
 - c. Timeline for completing Visioning and Economic Development Report
 - i. Report will be wrapped up over the next month with the goal of completion by the end of May.
 - ii. Hard copy and electronic copies of the final report will be available. Hard copies can be provided to the Select Board and One Burke. Electronic copies can be made available on the Town website.
- II. The minutes from the March 23, 2021 meeting were approved.
- III. **Water & Wastewater Study**
 - a. Letters were sent out to the second set of residents for well testing. Waiting on responses. DG will start calling to follow up on the letters and get the testing scheduled.
 - b. FONSI update
 - i. FONSI drafted and needs to be presented at the Select Board meeting.
 - ii. Lynnette and Mike to coordinate on attendance at the next Select Board meeting.
 - c. UVM CAP update
 - i. Lynnette will provide a purchase order to UVM CAP to complete the archaeologic investigations. An on-site investigation of the West Burke site near the Town offices and preliminary investigations of the East Burke sites.
 - d. Funding opportunities
 - i. ARPA bill allotted funds with \$170 million going to water and wastewater of that \$30 million is targeted to Village Wastewater. The State is looking to spend \$10 million/year for three years on Village wastewater. How the funds will be distributed is yet to be determined. The legislature has not determined the details yet.

- ii. Lynnette keeps track of capital plans for communities across the state to understand wastewater infrastructure needs.
- iii. The allocation to Village wastewater is exciting considering the funding challenges faced at the beginning of this project. This funding is a great opportunity to move Village wastewater projects forward and may require Burke to act more quickly than they originally planned.
- iv. The alternatives presented in the Preliminary Engineering Report will have cost estimates and a section discussing the funding strategy.

IV. Strawberry Festival

- a. Scheduled for Friday June 25 from 4-7pm in the West Burke park
- b. 2 food trucks – BBQ and Pizza
- c. Looking for a band
- d. Selling strawberry shortcake
- e. Linda has reached out to the Church to see if they want to have a table
- f. An Executive Summary of the Visioning and Economic Development report can be made available at the Strawberry Festival.
- g. Expect to have more information on the wastewater disposal alternatives to present. A handout with information will be made available.
- h. Linda has reached out to other groups for involvement in the Strawberry Festival (KTA, One Burke Trails & Transportation group)

V. The Chamber is coordinating a meeting of the businesses in Burke for summer event planning on May 4 from 4:30-6pm.

VI. Next meeting scheduled for May 25th at 5pm.