



One Burke
Village Infrastructure and
Visioning and Economic Development
Meeting
July 21, 2021

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Online via Zoom and in-person at Burke Community Center

On July 20, 2021 at 5:00 pm, a meeting was held at the Burke Community Center and 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>
Cathie Wheeler	One Burke
Todd Vendituoli	One Burke
Linda Lotti	One Burke
Des Hertz	One Burke
Dawn Felsing	Burke Resident
Justin Rathburn	Burke Resident
Ashley Phelps	Burke Resident
Coralie Curran	Burke Property Owner
Laura Malieswski	Burke Chamber of Commerce
Mike Harris	Town of Burke
Lynnette Claudon	State of Vermont
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. The minutes from the June 15, 2021 meeting were approved.
- II. Ashley and Justin were welcomed.
 - a. Des to share the community visit report with Ashley and Justin.
- III. **Visioning/Economic Development Study – Fairweather Consulting**
 - a. Distribution of Final Report
 - i. One Burke board discussion

- ii. October community gathering at the school
 - 1. Present the report at the meeting
 - iii. Make the report available electronically on the website and Facebook page, the Chamber website, and Front Porch Forum. Make copies available at local businesses (i.e. Mike's, Café Lotti, post offices) and Town Offices.
 - iv. Reach out to the Caledonian-Record to make the availability of the report known.
- b. Old Red Store update – Mello's
- i. Mike shared visioning/economic development report with them.
 - ii. Working on purchase of burned house and revitalization of the store building.
- c. How have we engaged the community?
- i. Church catalyst project
 - ii. School, Chamber, One Burke teaming
 - iii. Community Engagement Task Force formation?
 - iv. Wastewater, building revitalization (big ideas that require lots of resources) vs. community events, grassroots community experience side to approach the issues from both sides to meet in the middle.

IV. **Water & Wastewater Study**

- a. Well testing update – only 2 wells tested in East Burke
 - i. Discussion of results
- b. On-site Investigations update.
 - i. State is issuing request for proposals for on-site investigation with a backhoe in West Burke
 - ii. Loan application for additional site in West Burke was submitted by the Town
 - iii. State working through FONSI process for sites in East Burke to allow additional investigation with a backhoe.
 - 1. Andrea reached out to landowners to provide update on findings and next steps.
- c. The test pit locations map needs to be given to Mike to coordinate the location with the Town Garage plan.
- d. Public outreach
 - i. Draft a story with the Caledonian-Record on economic development/visioning and test pit investigations—work with Dana Gray.
 - ii. Use One Burke sandwich boards for use during investigations.
 - iii. Make signs and posters for posting around Town.
 - iv. Discussed need for and difficulty of maintaining a website.
 - v. Make a short video for sharing information on the wastewater investigation.
- e. Discussed the Village wastewater and water—the stage of the process in each Village and the next steps.
- f. Discussed ARPA funding and Town Garage project.

V. **Other items**

- a. Strawberry Festival feedback
 - i. About 350 people in attendance – sold out of shortcake.
 - ii. Vendors sold out.

- iii. Music was an attraction.
- iv. Trash was an issue.
- v. Lots of positive feedback
- vi. Good discussions about One Burke and visioning and water and wastewater study. The architect with an Airbnb on Burke Hollow Road was interested.
- vii. There were comments about holding similar events more frequently.
- viii. Could estimate 300+ post COVID attendees. Ashley is working with Lyndon and Johnson on other similar events.
- ix. Town community garden
- x. Potential winter event? Winter carnival could fill void.
 - 1. Kingdom Trails biking
 - 2. Snow sculptures
- xi. Avoid having visioning sit on shelf
 - 1. Andrea to review plan to identify potential action steps for Dot storming at the October One Burke meeting.
 - a. Church
 - b. History walk
 - c. Sidewalks
- xii. Lack of water at the Church and the Library? Pressure tank issue at the post office that has impacted water at the Library. Mike is working on it.

VI. **Next meeting**

- a. August 17, 2021 at 5pm – Mike to verify space availability with Linda.
 - i. Meeting to see drawings and spend time to try and think about community/human approach more (led by Ashley).
 - ii. Justin to share ideas as well.