



One Burke Village Infrastructure and Visioning and Economic Development Meeting

March 16, 2022

Online via Zoom

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On March 15, 2022 at 5:00pm, a meeting was held via Zoom video conference to discuss the Burke Water and Wastewater Study. The following individuals attended:

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Todd Vendituoli	One Burke
Dan Flanagan	One Burke
Kevin Mack	One Burke
Linda Lotti	One Burke
Patricia Aron	Burke property owner
Lynnette Claudon	State of Vermont
Amy Macrellis	Stone Environmental
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 February 15, 2022, meeting were approved.
- II. **Water & Wastewater Study**
 - a. On-site Investigations update.
 - i. West Burke
 1. Developing alternatives and costs for systems at the School Street site, Cole site and Gingue site
 2. A draft technical memo for the School Street site has been prepared and much like the Gingue site, it has good soils but limited space due to setbacks.
 3. The analysis is still underway for the Cole site. There are some conflicts with the setback requirements and existing wells. The relocation of the wells or development of a water supply to serve

the wells that would have to be abandoned is an eligible expense. Preliminary calculations are showing the site has a capacity of 20,000-40,000 gallons per day which is less than the potential at the other sites (when setbacks are not considered) because the slope of the water table is flatter which means the water flows slower under the site. The material is sandy which likely won't cause any issues with the analysis of the wastewater disposal once the system footprint is determined.

ii. East Burke

1. Still no word from DHP on requirements for investigation of the property on Rt114.
2. Working on the requirements for appraisal of the Burke Mtn wastewater disposal system. Will need to develop a scope and fee and request a loan amendment with the State to cover the costs, which have been determined to be eligible. Kevin Mack has been involved in the discussions with the State and the Receiver is aware of the study and interest in using the system to serve the village. The results of the appraisal would be beneficial to both the Town and Burke Mountain. Andrea is currently working on identifying a qualified, licensed appraiser.

b. Next steps

- i. Finalize sizing and layouts for wastewater disposal sites in West Burke.
- ii. Develop cost estimates.
- iii. Summarize alternatives. The alternative analysis will include how the costs will be impacted by potential funding packages and what individuals could expect their costs to be.
- iv. Present information to the public for West Burke in Spring 2022 after presenting to the selectboard.
- v. Field investigations for East Burke in Spring 2022 with alternative information ready for presentation in Summer 2022.

c. Funding

i. Priority List Application for West Burke WW

1. Submitted 2/28, should have an update in April.

ii. Once overall costs are known for wastewater disposal alternatives and an alternative is selected, the Town and/or One Burke and/or the Village of West Burke and/or East Burke Fire District should start pursuing as many funding avenues as possible. If discrete parts of the project, such as land purchase, can be broke off of the main project and funded separately that may improve the overall funding package. Funding sources include ARPA grants, DEC grants – pollution control grant, Drinking water grants, Rural Development and others.

III. **Other items**

- One Burke
 - Board updates - none
- Strawberry Festival is scheduled for June 24. DG and Stone will prepare information to share with the public on the Village Wastewater Study at the Festival.
- West Burke Library –
 - The Village received a \$25,000 grant from Preservation Trust of Vermont to work towards the needed improvements at the library. The needs include: a new well, electrical, vestibule at the back entrance, and an ADA complaint bathroom which will require access from the second floor to the lower level. The grant requires a \$25,000 match which is being worked on.
- Public Outreach
 - Once we have information to present to the public, a strong public outreach effort needs to be made to share information about the potential benefits the system may provide.
- Village Wastewater Panel
 - To gather information from Villages that have gone through or are going through the same process Burke is

going through, Lynnette suggested forming a panel with representatives from Montgomery (Charlie Hancock), West Windsor (Martha Harrison) and Westford (Melissa Manka). It was initially proposed to have these folks attend one of the One Burke Village Wastewater meetings but then the benefit to other communities interested in Village wastewater prompted the idea of having the State host the panel and provide a link to the recorded discussion on the Village wastewater site. The group strongly supported the idea.

- The panel format was discussed. The suggested format includes a brief presentation from each panel member on their project and experiences followed by a question-and-answer period. Pre-planned questions will need to be developed. Andrea, Amy and Lynnette will work on developing these and coordinating the panel.
- Information from Montgomery and Westford is provided at the links below.
 - Town of Westford's webpage for the effort that created the Maple Shade Town Forest: <https://westfordvt.us/jackson-farm-and-forest-project/>
 - Montgomery Thrives website: <https://thrives.montgomeryvt.us/>

IV. **Next meeting**

- a. April 19, 2022 at 5pm via zoom
- b. Selectboard update on May 2, 2022. Todd is going to verify the number of days prior to the meeting the selectboard needs to be provided the information.