



One Burke

Village Infrastructure Meeting

July 20, 2022

Online via Zoom

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On July 19, 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
Tom Manges	One Burke
Jackie Manges	One Burke
Cathie Wheeler	One Burke
Kevin Mack	One Burke
Patricia Aron	Burke property owner
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 21, 2022, meeting were approved.
- II. It was agreed to continue to meet via zoom.
- III. **Water & Wastewater Study**
 - a. East Burke Update
 - i. Funding is in place with 100% subsidy for the additional work in East Burke to complete the appraisal of the Burke Mountain WW System and the Phase 1 assessment of the parcel on VT 114 for wastewater disposal. The town is working on getting the final paperwork in to the state to move forward. It is expected that the paperwork will be in within the week.
 - a. West Burke Alternatives
 - i. The 60% report was submitted in mid-June, and we are awaiting comments. A meeting will be requested once Lynnette returns from vacation.

- b. Next steps
 - i. Phase 1 and appraisal in East Burke
 - ii. Field investigations in East Burke
- c. Funding
 - i. Still waiting on Intended Use Plan from State to know funding offer for West Burke. Once have funding information, another meeting with the selectboard will be requested.
 - ii. Municipal attorney opinion is that reserve funds could be paid by entire Town as a system-wide benefits assessment.
 - iii. Discussion of structure of water/wastewater system management concluded that it would be best if the Town owned and managed the system due to the goal of funding the capital costs across the entire tax base and how those funds would be collected.
 - iv. Andrea will meet with the selectboard once the funding information is available and answer any questions they have and discuss the format of ownership and management of the system.

IV. **Strawberry Festival – Water and Wastewater Study Discussions**

- a. Question: Would a community wastewater system in the Village have a positive impact on you?
 - i. 5 votes yes, 0 votes no
- b. Question: Is a community wastewater system needed?
 - i. 3 votes yes, 0 votes no
- c. Question: Would you be interested in connecting to a municipal wastewater system if one was developed?
 - i. In Village – 4 votes yes, 0 votes no
 - ii. Outside village – 1 vote yes, 0 votes no
- d. Question: Water are the current needs in Burke?
 - i. More affordable housing – 3 votes

1. "Prices are not even based in reality right now"
- ii. More businesses – 4 votes
 1. Restaurants – 4 votes
 2. Yoga, Pilates, community center for all ages
 3. Laundromat, car wash
 4. Coffee Café
 5. Clean up old buildings, bring in artists
- iii. Increase visitors – 2 votes
- iv. None, fine as is – 0 votes
- e. Comments
 - i. Concerns with sulfur in drinking water

V. Other items

- Public outreach and education will be critical to getting the support of the project from the entire town.
- The selectboard needs to be kept up to date and engaged to keep the project moving forward.
- Residents on School Street are interested in the project given their recent investments in wells. Tom Manges is working to keep that neighborhood up to date on the project.
- One Burke
 - Board updates
 - Working on legalities and financial structure setup required for 501c3 formation.
 - One Burke and the Town need to coordinate efforts such as goals and purchase of old Post Office building.
 - Working on coordination of improvements at Library building.

VI. Next meeting

a. August 16, 2022 at 5pm