

Greensboro Wastewater Advisory Committee

Selectboard Meeting – August 12, 2026

The Wastewater Advisory Committee (WAC), formed in 2024, advises the Selectboard on potential wastewater solutions for Greensboro. This update summarizes our work to date, current direction, and what we need from the Selectboard to move forward.

Work to Date

- Reviewed the work and findings of the previous wastewater committee.
- Reviewed the **February 21, 2025 Preliminary Engineering Report** in detail.
- Examined the need for a public wastewater system, including the significant land constraints that have made a large, village-wide system difficult to site.
- Concluded that:
 - A large-scale system is **not currently feasible** given land constraints.
 - A **modular approach**, beginning with the immediate downtown village district, is the most practical path forward.
- With Selectboard approval, issued an RFQ for engineering consulting services in May 2026.
 - Received proposals from **Otter Creek Engineers** and **Aldrich & Elliott**.
 - We are working to obtain comparable scopes and pricing before making a recommendation to the Selectboard.
- Began preliminary exploration of potential sites and conversations with possible partners/property owners.
 - These discussions should remain confidential until:
 - The Selectboard provides guidance on what the Town may offer or negotiate.
 - Engineering consultants assess the suitability of potential sites.
 - The entities involved indicate willingness to pursue next steps.
- Held preliminary discussions with:
 - **Lynette Claudon**, Chief Design Engineer/Engineering Planning Advance Project Lead for the State.
 - **Vermont Land Trust**.

What We Need from the Selectboard

- Clear **confirmation that a village wastewater system is a Town priority**.
 - We recommend that the Selectboard develop and publicly communicate a **prioritized list** of major Town needs based on the work of its various committees and agencies.
 - The Selectboard should coordinate these efforts so that Town priorities, funding opportunities, and staff resources are aligned.
- Consistent, **timely, and transparent communication** among the Selectboard, Town staff, and WAC.
- Direction **on negotiations with potential sites/partners**, including what the Town is prepared to put on the table.
- Immediate **clarification of available grant funding** that could be used to retain an engineering firm.
- Consideration of a **full- or part-time grant writer/grant manager** knowledgeable about state and federal funding for small Vermont communities.
- An updated, multi-access **Town Zoom account and meeting protocols** for committees, including clear procedures for executive sessions.
- Most importantly: **Is the Selectboard committed to moving this wastewater initiative forward and prepared to provide the time, coordination, and support necessary for its success?**