

Greensboro Wastewater Advisory Committee

11/20/25 Meeting Minutes 7-8:30pm – Final

Attendees:

WWAC: Stew Arnold, Blake Auchincloss, Mary Parker, Davis Barnett

Unavailable: Jefferson Tolman

From the public: No one

Zoom Recording (town account):

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/nuXxYYW7BNCB7v-3AlzcRnE_friizkyzxsO5srD96pW0mutbzNY3tYDjGUNyAwI.dw_C2vw_OXpF_3sX

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Meeting:

Stew Arnold (Chair) initiated the meeting:

- Minutes for the WWAC's meeting on 9/4/25 were approved

Public Comment: None

Note: Davis mentioned he was late in posting (FPF) the scheduling of this meeting, which probably limited the possibility for the public to participate. Davis will work to get information on scheduled meetings to Kim Greaves for the town calendar as well as on FPF.

Main Task for Meeting: Prepare RFP (Request for Proposal) to WW Engineering firms:

The reason for the creating an RFP is to engage with different engineering firms who may have new approaches/ideas on how to solve Greensboro's need for a public wastewater system for the village, based on their experiences in other small Vermont villages. The concern is that Hoyle Tanner spent approximately 5 years looking for a site to build a large system (30,000-40,000 gallons per day capacity), resulting in no planning or built system. We are concerned that even though we are now planning to create a smaller system(s), the proposed technology and approach may not result in a system.

We understand that from recent conversations between Lynnette Claudon (DEC, in charge of the remaining approximately \$100,000 grant funds) and MacNeil, that we may hire a different engineering firm than Hoyle Tanner.

Blake suggested we use ChatGPT to create a draft RFPs that we can edit/modify for further detail. Davis provided a framework for the inputs to ChatGPT for it to address, including objectives, history to-date from the prior WW effort, shift from large to small capacity, request for guidance on funding from federal, state or town sources. Blake will start with this.

Action Item: Blake to create versions of RFPs that we will manually adjust.

Other:

- This committee is seeking 2 new members to replace Mike Metcalf and Dan Predpall: If anyone is interested or knows someone who may be interested, please reach out to Davis Barnett: davisbarnett@gmail.com
- Exploration of the DEC Village Handbook – <https://dec.vermont.gov/village-wastewater>
- Exploration of the NBRC info on the Burke and Wolcott and other towns' wastewater journeys – (DEC notes) - https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/village_ww/NBRC-Info-Flyer.pdf?wpmobileexternal=true
- Exploration of the CHIP (Community and Housing Infrastructure Program) – Davis has reached out to this Vermont program to find out how it may help with our WW mission. <https://accd.vermont.gov/economic-development/vepc/chip>
- Stew raised the topic of handing the role of WW chair to Davis, due to Stew's additional roles with the Caspian Lake committees. Stew made the motion for Davis to become WW chair, and Blake, Mary and Stew voted to affirm this. Stew will let the Selectboard and town clerk know of this update. Stew plans to remain a member of the WW committee.
- Possible Site to discuss more: Circus Smirkus

Follow-ups:

- Outstanding/overdue invoices from Hoyle Tanner to town of Greensboro: MacNeil, Kim Greaves and Brandy at town hall have been working to reconcile this – it is out of our control.

- Documentation of the Cheney Road wastewater system: Davis provided Stew and Blake with a template of questions/points for Stew and Blake to fill in to capture the information, as a reference for other potential Greensboro neighborhoods use.
- Meet with Bruce Wheeler of Wolcott to walk through Wolcott's wastewater plans: Davis reached out to Bruce and he knows we are interested in meeting with him and he is available. This will be scheduled once Blake's travel schedule allows him to do so.

Next Monthly WW Meeting: TBD: December ?? @ 7pm 2025 – In-person and zoom options, Location expected to be the Greensboro Free Library.

Meeting adjourned.