

Greensboro Wastewater Advisory Committee

3/23/26 Meeting Minutes 6-7pm – draft

Attendees:

WWAC: Blake Auchincloss, Mary Parker, Elissa Mackin, Davis Barnett

Unavailable: Jefferson Tolman, Stew Arnold

From the public: Janet Long

Zoom Recording (town account):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/K4cGJmE1qQ06LBktr6aT3sWJrHuloTooa1OZoi4rpUbQuJyY8Zj0GTToiwDbWPq7.495NBRkskm1Sw5oV?startTime=1774303542000>

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Meeting:

Davis Barnett (Chair) initiated the meeting:

Minutes for the WWAC's meeting on 2/23/25 were approved

Public Comment:

Janet Long mentioned she was interested in connecting her house to a village wastewater system.

Discuss RFQ (Request for Qualifications) to WW Engineering firms

- Reviewed comments from Tom Brown (DEC) on the RFQ I sent him. He said the RFQ looks good, and the process is to select the engineering firm with the best fit to our needs and then collaborate to create scope and timeline.
- Action: Davis will confirm the current RFQ includes a link to the Hoyle Tanner 100% PER report for reference by interested engineering firms
- Tom Brown mentioned that we will want to post the RFQ to the VT Bid Systems, Works in Progress and the town website, as well as list in local news papers. Elissa recommended the VLCT classified site as well:
 - VT Bid System – Registry: <https://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/>
 - Works in Progress: <https://projects.constructconnect.com/>
 - VLCT Classifieds: <https://www.vlct.org/classifieds>

- Our plan is to present the RFQ to the Selectboard at the April 8th SB meeting to get their approval to post the RFQ as well as email it to representatives at the list of engineering firms Jefferson has provided. To get this into the SB meeting package in time as well as have the SB possibly review it ahead of the meeting, we need to email the RFQ and our plan to the SB by April 1st.
- Engineering Firms to contact directly:
 - Action: Jefferson to provide

Reviewed the new Google Drive folders for the Wastewater Advisory Committee

- Reviewed the current folder structure, noting there is a 'public' folder that may be used if we are not able to get public information loaded to the town website

Reviewed the Purpose and Scope for a Village Wastewater System

- Noted that Dusty Board from the Bend responded to the FPF announcement of this meeting. Dusty stated that the Bend needs wastewater and water system. Davis responded that this committee understands the need exists in both the village and the Bend, and that the current focus is on the village to keep the village viable. Dusty's response indicated that we are not looking at the whole town of Greensboro. In the 3/23/26 meeting, the committee reviewed that Hoyle Tanner and the previous wastewater committee spent 5 years and \$450K of grant funding in search of the 30,000-40,000 gallon per day system site, and was unsuccessful. This new committee's focus has been to find options for smaller modular wastewater systems that can service a handful of businesses/residences at a time, because Greensboro's land in both the village and the Bend does not have the capabilities for a town-wide wastewater system.
- The meeting agendas repeatedly include this 'Defining the Purpose and Scope of the Greensboro Village Wastewater System' section to publicize that we are looking for smaller/modular options. Maybe we should include more detail that I stated above to help the public know WHY and WHAT we are looking for, so the Bend does not consider themselves ignored.
- Discussed a conversation with Maynard Bartlett, who is leasing the Greensboro Garage: Maynard says they have cement tank(s) for their septic, and he does not think they would need a connection to a village wastewater system. We would need to check with Joann LaCasse, who still owns the garage.
- Regarding a public restroom, while it still might be good to connect the Caspian Beach restrooms to a village system, 'public' restrooms are available or accessible in the church and the library

How to Enter into Confidential Conversations with Village Property Owners Regarding Wastewater Needs / Capabilities

- Action: Blake and Elissa started collaborating on a document that will guide our conversations

WAC Update Report for the Planning Commission's Town Plan – Due April 3rd

- Davis will write up a brief report on our status and current plans and provide to this committee for review and then provide to the Planning Commission

Discussion of possible candidates to join this committee

- No new names were known at this time

New Open Meeting Law Training Required by all town committee members

- Kim and MacNeil recently sent a notice about the Ethics and now the Open Meeting Law training, noting that all committees' meetings must have a physical presence for the public to attend.
- Davis went through the 37 minute video and noted that because this committee is an 'advisory' committee and does not have 'decision-making' capabilities, we have the option to hold Zoom / remote meetings. After reporting this to Kim and MacNeil, Kim said there will be a newer version of the training available in the future. She is indicating that this TBD training will have different implications for us. No Action at this time for any WAC members.

Follow Ups

- Ethics training Program – Need to confirm Stew has taken the course
- Documentation of the Cheney Road wastewater system – for a reference/guide for other property owners interested: Stew & Blake
- Wolcott WW System Walkthrough: Davis & Blake

Next Monthly WW Meeting: TBD: April ? (after the 4/8/26 Selectboard mtg where we will present the RFQ and our plan.

Meeting adjourned.