**Town of Grafton**

WATER/WASTEWATER STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Minutes

Members present Chris Wallace, Kim Record, Matt Siano, and Suzanne Welch

Members absent: Paul Hallock

Guest: None

Ex-Officio member present – Stan Mack

1. **Meeting called to order**: 5:31 PM
2. **Adopt agenda**: Motion by Kim, seconded by Matt
3. **Approve minutes of Oct 10, 2019**: Motion by Kim, seconded by Chris, motion passed

**Approve minutes of Nov 21,2019**; Motion by Matt, seconded by Chris, motion passed

1. **Review action items**

* Kim will ask to be on Feb 6th S/B agenda to ask for money to make copies of maps from the previous feasibility study that had been done
* Suzanne mentioned that Paul and Meg had investigated the so-called “canal” that runs from the ball field and through the side streets of the village and appears to dump into the Saxtons River. Kim asked how this is part of our Water-Wastewater Study since this very issue has been brought up between the Windham Foundation and the town in past years as to who actually has responsibility of this canal. This could lead into a legal aspect rather than being part of our study. Also, Suzanne reported that Paul volunteered to show any interested committee member the source and path of the “canal”.
* Suzanne followed up with a phone call to Mark Johnson about possibly getting a few more free kits. Mark was hesitant but said maybe. So, we will keep in mind that we may ask for about 15 more kits in the near future with the intent to test Houghtonville and Cambridgeport.
* Suzanne asked the committee if we should consider testing the water around the village in Cambridgeport in connection with chemical situation happening at the CIC building? It was brought up by a few of the committee members that this should remain a concern of the state since ANR along with VOSA and the State Fire Marshall are already investigating the problem. All committee members then agreed.
* Discussion on legal wording for an article in the Town Meeting Warning, with the intent to keep this Water-Wastewater Committee an ongoing committee until all questions are answered and all analysis have been done. Suzanne will work with Bill and Kim on the language. Suzanne took the action to follow-up with Bill Kearns.

1. **Matt presented a very informative presentation of various approaches to sewage treatment in small towns like ours. Information was obtained by an engineer by the name of Gary Ritter.** (Copies of handouts will be available at the Town Hall**) The Committee requested and Matt agreed to continue his presentation and discussion with the Committee at its February 6th meeting.**
2. **Next Step: Mark Johnson suggested an expert on the subject-matter of Bryan Harrington, Supervisor Indirect Discharge Program, Drinking Water and Ground Water Protection Division, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. Suzanne will contact Bryan and see if he can attend our March 12, 2020 meeting.**
3. **Other Business**: Chris was suggesting if maybe for the future we as a committee, could possibly suggest to AIRBNBs, Bed and Breakfasts, The Grafton Inn, along with any other businesses and residents within Grafton the importance of signage to remind us all of water consumption and wastewater guidelines in order to help protect our environment. Suggested that maybe flyers to be handed out along with putting it in the Grafton News sometime in the future.
4. **Public Comment**: none
5. **Next meeting**: February 6th at 5:30
6. **Adjourn:** Motion by Kim, seconded by Chris. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly Record, Committee member