

Moretown Wastewater Committee (WWC) Meeting  
December 15, 2022  
Notes and Actions

Attendees: Robert Clark and Eric DePhillips with Otter Creek Engineering  
Wastewater Committee: Rae Washburn, Jay Pilliod, David Westerman, Clark Amadon. WCC members absent are Deb Carrol and Jack Byrne.  
Emily Hackett, State Clean Water Revolving Fund, Design and Engineering

Notes:

30% Completion of Feasibility Study Overview:

Robert Clark went through the 30% report. The report is the 1st part of the process in evaluating the feasibility for a wastewater system for Moretown Village. The report contains information about Moretown village septic systems, locations of wells, the types of soils in and near the village, environmental conditions present, physical location of Moretown Village and population trends. The report also contains a map of wells present in the village and a soils map. The committee explored and asked questions regarding the soils present and soils that would be appropriate for an in-ground village disposal system. We were reminded that a system is required to be no further than a 1/4 mile from the edge of the Village designation. David Westerman, also explained from his view as a geologist that the soil map may not be precise. He is providing Otter Creek with more specific data. There was also questions re the existence of wells shown on the map. The report also provided an estimate for the flow for a wastewater system based on current needs and a reasonable growth estimate. Emily Hackett reminded the group that the purpose of the funding system for village wastewater is based on mitigating and improving environmental conditions. Systems may enhance the ability for the village to grow and for the establishment of more affordable housing but this is not the primary reason for Cleanwater State Revolving Fund. Very preliminary estimates for the daily flows a system would need to accommodate is between 24,000 to 35,000 gallons/day.

Otter Creek engineers and Ms. Hackett also reminded the committee that there are other sources for grants and funds that can help support a village wastewater system.

Other questions that were considered at the meeting were related to siting such a system. The soils map was the initial tool used to look at sites. Otter Creek emphasized that the committee's knowledge of the village and relationships with property owners are also key to moving forward. Mr. Clark said he can provide a letter with which the committee can use to reach out to property owners in the future.

Another development from the meeting is the possibility of siting multiple in-ground systems to serve the village since there doesn't appear to be one site that could accommodate the flows needed.

Next Steps:

The next meeting for the WWC with Otter Creek is scheduled for Thursday January 12th at 4:30. The plan is to meet every two weeks for the foreseeable future. The meeting on January 26th will be at 4:00 so as to help with scheduling for some of this groups members.

In between the meeting with Otter Creek and the State the WWC is meeting to work on possible sites to explore for an in-ground disposal system. The WWC also is discussing other information shared within the 30% Report. The WWC also needs to discuss the "Deliverables/Milestones" for the grant application for which Moretown is eligible to apply for.