

Minutes of Lost Lake Sewer Committee
December 4, 2008

Present: Carol Quinn, Jean Wright, and Angela Garger

Old Business

- 1) November 20 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
- 2) Angela spoke with Debbie Bucher at the Board of Health about the February 2 meeting. She said that the meeting would be run by the Board of Health and was primarily designed to educate residents about Title V. She said the meeting had no particular format and that no preparation was needed. There will be a question and answer period during the meeting and Bob Rafferty will be in attendance to assist with questions from the community.
- 3) Carol spoke with Tom Orcutt, the superintendent of the water department, about the possibility/feasibility of town water in the Lost Lake area. He was very positive about this option. Carol also suggested that we look into the possibility of other types of "lines" such as natural gas lines if we were going to pursue water. Apparently the gas company would install the lines for free if the road was already dug up. In addition, she suggested contacting the phone, electric and Cable Company about installing lines while the road was exposed. While these different utilities might not make use of these lines immediately the ground work would be there if they decided to pursue this avenue in the future. Carol also suggested that we contact the Weed Harvester Committee to get their support. If the Lost Lake area has town water there might be less problems doing extended draw downs due to complaints of wells going dry.

New business

*There was discussion about what the likelihood of this sewer project actually going forward. Does the town want to move this in initiative forward? What are the obstacles? What about public sentiment? It was emphasized that educating the community is extremely important. People will want to know what benefits they will get from the project.

*Carol emphasized that communication and support for town meeting to approve the funds would be very important. We identified the following town commissions and departments that we would like to gain support from:

Zoning Board of Appeals
Conservation Commission
Board of Health
Water Department
Finance Committee
Sewer Commission

Board of Selectman
Town Manager
Highway Department

*It was suggested that we should meet with the Board of Selectman to find out where they stand on this initiative. It might be beneficial to have a selectman representative attend one of our future meetings.

*Carol and Jean discussed composting toilets as another option for lake homes.

Action Items

1. Angela will review the Woodward and Curran report and try to identify other areas of the report that may be useful to the committee. On going.
2. Jean will continue to try and reach Lucy Wallace in Harvard. On going.
3. Carol will contact the Merrimack watershed to see what information they might have regarding sewer systems on lakes. Specifically what regulations might exist with regards to lakes and whether any grants would be available for initiatives in the Merrimack watershed? On going.
4. Angela will try to contact the Great Pond Management Advisory Committee to find out about funding sources. On going.
5. Carol will contact Bob R. and Tom O. about attending December 18 meeting.
6. Tom will distribute regulatory process flowchart and define acronyms.
7. Tom will meet with the town manger.
8. Prepare for Board of Health Meeting in February. On going.
(Handouts? Contact Information? Our meeting dates?)
9. Prepare for Town Meeting in April. On going.