

Minutes of Lost Lake Sewer Committee
April 2, 2009

Present: Tom Doyle, Carol Quinn, Angela Garger, Jean Wright and George Wheatley

Old Business

1. Connie from the Groton Herald attended the Planning Board Committee Meeting and will be writing an article about the Lost Lake Sewer Committee(LLSC).
2. Angela contacted the Groton Lakes Association and they will send out announcements about the Information Meeting this week and next week.
3. Jean sent an announcement to the town about the information session and she contacted the Groton Herald and the Landmark about putting a notice in their papers.
4. Tom and Jean attended the Sewer Commission Meeting on April 1. They voted to support warrant Articles 22 and 23.
5. Jean obtained a letter of support from Grotonwoods.
6. Angela sent a letter to the Groton Conservation Trust about their land identified in the Woodward and Curran Report and to update them on the progress of the LLSC. This item appeared on their agenda at their April 1 meeting.
7. Tom contacted the Mountain Lakes Club about their parcel of land which was identified in the Woodward and Curran Report as a potential solution site. They were *not* favorable to using their land as part of the project. Tom also attended a Mountain Lake Club meeting. There were a lot of good questions and input from the meeting.
8. The Planning Board Unanimously voted to support warrant articles 22 and 23.

New Business

1. Letters to the editor were discussed as a way of informing the public about the project.
2. We are scheduled to attend the Board of Health Meeting on Monday April 6 at 7:50pm to ask for their support of the warrant articles.
3. We will meet every Thursday for the month of April. Our next meeting will be April 9.
4. Groton's 2020 plan was mentioned in the Planning Board Meeting. The Planning Board has designed a 2020 plan of what the town should look like in the year 2020. A Lost Lake Sewer System was part of that plan.
5. Prepare for town meeting in April and the Information Session on April 14.
 - a. A list of frequently asked questions will be handed out.
 - b. Copies of the Report to the Selectman will be handed out.
 - c. The power point presentation will be compressed into a handout.
 - d. Power point presentation will be used at the information session.
 - e. Circulate a sheet at the information session for names, addresses and email addresses.

- f. George suggested actually handing out things at the town meeting as people enter as opposed to leaving them on a table for people to pick them up.
- g. Talking points for the information meeting:
 - i. Emphasize that it's now or never and we really need their support at town meeting. We are in the best position to move forward.
 - ii. Grants and stimulus money. After Phase II and Phase III are completed we will reconvene and at that point we should be able to give people a better cost estimate.

Action Items

1. Place ads in local newspapers with information about the project and the warrant articles. On going.
2. Prepare for Town Meeting and Information Session on April 14. On going.
3. Angela and Jean will compress the powerpoint presentation to use as a handout for town meeting and the information session. Include contact information in the handout so people will know how to reach us.
4. Other committees were identified that we would like to seek support from for the warrant articles.
 - a. Angela will contact the Great Pond Advisory Committee
 - b. Carol will contact the Sustainability Committee. On going.
 - c. Angela will talk with the chair of the Weed Harvester Committee about writing a letter of support for the warrant articles
5. Tom will follow up with Mark about his conversation with the Finance Committee Chair. On going.
6. Set up times to attend the Conservation Committee Meeting to get their formal vote/approval of the warrant articles.
7. Angela will collect a copy of all of the letters of support to have available for the upcoming Information Session at Grotonwoods.
8. Carol will work with Michelle to designate the names and addresses of those people in each "district" that will be required to "hook up" to the proposed sewer system.
9. Carol will revise the report for the Board of Selectman for the Town Meeting.
10. Set up a meeting with the Finance Committee. Ask Bob and Rosemary to attend.
11. Angela will send Bob and Rosemary a list of Frequently Asked questions for them to work on.
 - a. Where will we be at the end of Phase II and Phase III? (Where does the \$300,000 get us?)
 - b. Does Phase II and Phase III include the actual design?
 - c. How much additional town money will be needed to get to a shovel ready project, after Phase II and Phase III are completed? Are we shovel ready after Phase II and Phase III? How much more money will be needed before grants (if received), will pick up the project?

- d. Exactly why does the town have to pay for Phase II and Phase III?
Why don't those who will receive the betterments pay these costs?
 - e. What will the capacity of the proposed system be?
 - f. What will the physical size of the treatment plant be? How much land will be needed? (Question from Mtn Lakes Club)
 - g. What does it mean to allow a sewer treatment facility on the Mountain Lakes Club Property by the fire station? Would it still be their property? Would it be off limits for certain activities? Will it be maintained?
 - h. Will the installation of a sewer system enable lots to be developed that are currently unbuildable? (i.e. will it encourage a lot of growth in the area that will change the character of the neighborhood)
 - i. Why are only 200 homes targeted? The cost is higher but if more homes were included in the project there would likely be more support.
 - j. Why should people in other areas of Groton vote to approve this money for Phase II and Phase III if they receive no benefit?
 - k. What type of grant money is available? How much (potentially) is available?
 - l. How much will the project cost?
12. Angela will send the minutes to the Town of Groton Webmaster to be posted.
 13. Carol will contact Bob Collins and Gloria to discuss the project with them.
 14. Angela will follow up with the Groton Conservation Trust about their meeting and writing a letter of support for articles 22 and 23. She will also inform them of the April 14 information session.

