

Lost Lake Sewer Committee Minutes
January 31, 2013

Present: Dr. Horowitz, Board of Health; Thomas D. Orcutt, Water/Sewer Superintendent; John G. Petropoulos, Selectman; Jay M. Prager, Finance Committee; and Angela Garger

Old Business

- I. The town meeting article to create the sewer district was discussed.
 - a. Selectman Petropoulos reviewed why the article had been postponed. According to a letter sent by the USDA there were many additional items that needed to be in place in order for the town to create a district
 - i. State legislature would need to create a sewer district
 - ii. Town bylaws would need to be created prior to creating the sewer district
 - iii. According to the letter the town would need to show substantial progress by March 31.
 - b. Selectman Petropoulos will forward a copy of the letter to the other committee members and post it on the LLSC website

New Business

- I. Determine objectives and outline a charge.
 - a. This was done by identifying the problems and the objectives. Once these areas are defined the solutions can be determined.

Problems (Impact of private waste water systems on):

Risk to the public drinking water supply
Risk to private wells
Inability to install compliant septic systems
Lake water quality

Objectives were identified for each problem area:

Risk to the public drinking water supply
Understand and assess what the risk is to the public drinking water supply
Explain and understand the current conditions as they exist now
Understand the solutions
Make recommendations

Risk to private wells
Understand and assess what the risk is to private wells
Explain and understand the current conditions as they exist now
Understand the solutions
Make recommendations

Inability to install compliant septic systems

Understand and assess the scope of the present and future conditions

Dr. Horowitz noted that the future scope will be a bigger problem than the current problems since systems are aging. She also noted that variances are almost always required to install a compliant system on the lake.

Explain and understand the current conditions as they exist now

Understand the solutions

Make Recommendations

Lake water quality

Source, (if any)/understand and assess the current conditions

Explain current conditions against historical data

Understand the solutions

Make recommendations

- II. There was extensive discussion about whether lake quality should be listed, in and of itself, as one of the problem areas, or whether it is a subset of one of the other problems
 - a. Does the lake have a measurable value to the town both financially and as a town resource?
 - i. Should devaluation of property value be a concern
 - b. Dr. Horowitz brought up the impact to the watershed. If the lake was not there how would it be impacted?
 - c. What would be the effect on the town if no action is taken?
 - d. Selectman Petropolous suggested that we use lake quality and the impact to the town as a guiding principal and incorporate these ideas into our charge.
- III. There was general agreement that additional water testing would need to take place in some form to document the condition of the lake water
- IV. The committee also agreed that different experts and specialist should be identified that could assist us in navigating our charge.
 - a. i.e. hydro geologist
- V. Next meeting 2/14 at 6:30pm