

Lost Lake Sewer Committee Minutes
June 27, 2013

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

- I. Mr. Petropoulos opened the meeting at 7:00 PM
- II. Mr. Petropoulos indicated that he wanted to confirm the instructions that the Committee agreed upon in its last meeting. Specifically to request that the Town Manager:
 - a. Authorize Woodard and Curran to proceed with testing
 - b. Secure candidates for the Committee to review for the role of overseeing the testing.

He circulated a document that summarized the instructions provided to the Town Manager and asked members to indicate if it was consistent with their recollection. Mr. Orcutt confirmed the accuracy of the first request and declined to comment on the accuracy of the second request. Dr. Horwitz confirmed the accuracy of the first request and indicated that she did not recall the details of the second request and could not confirm the accuracy of the written statement. A review of the meeting minutes showed insufficient detail to provide assistance. Ms. Garger confirmed the accuracy of the first request and indicated that she did not recall the details of the second request relative to interviewing and could not confirm the accuracy of the written statement. Mr. Prager stated that both requests were consistent with his recollection and that the second request had followed from his motion and so he was certain that it was accurate.

Mr. Haddad indicated that he had received the instructions but events transpired that led him to pass on hiring Woodard and Curran in favor of a vendor (CEI) that offered to do similar work for considerably less money. He reminded the Committee that he had sent CEI's proposal in an email earlier in the week. Mr. Orcutt made copies of the CEI proposal for members. Mr. Haddad indicated that he had already made a commitment to CEI and asked the Committee to approve it. Mr. Haddad apologized for any confusion that this may have caused.

No third party candidate was made available for the role of overseeing testing.

The Committee discussed the benefits of moving ahead with the CEI proposal. Mr. Prager indicated that he would like to wait and define the scope of testing better prior to making a commitment. Mr. Petropoulos agreed. The other Committee members expressed interest in moving forward. A motion was made to approve the contract with CEI. The motion carried with 4 members approving (Petropoulos, Garger, Horwitz and Orcutt). Mr. Prager abstained having not read the proposal from CEI.

- III. CEI Presented an overview of their proposed testing. Changes had been made to the Woodard and Curran proposal with some deletions and some additions. Mr. Petropoulos asked if the start of testing could be delayed so that the committee could get a better understanding of the scope of testing and possibly adjust it to be more specific to the Committees objectives. CEI

- indicated that the testing needed to start immediately but that they could suggest additional work if the Committee was interested.
- IV. The Committee discussed questions that it would like to present to the Board of Health:
 - a. What are the opportunities for alternative septic systems?
 - b. What is the process for approving alternative systems?
 - c. What are the opportunities for shared systems?
 - d. Do deep (bedrock) wells remove risk to the owners risk of drinking water contaminated by local private waste disposal?
 - e. What is the number of private well failures and what is the cause over the last n years?
 - f. Itemize what constitutes a failure.
 - g. What are the setback limitations for private wells (State and Local) and what is the science of the difference (if any)?
 - h. What are the opportunities for nitrogen reducing systems?
 - V. The Committee was scheduled to meet with the Board of Health on July 14, 2013 but Mr. Petropoulos could not attend and the meeting was postponed. It will be rescheduled shortly.
 - VI. Ms. Garger announced that her non-committee workload had increased and it was becoming increasingly difficult to participate on the Committee and so she must resign. Ms. Garger has served on the Committee since its inception.
 - VII. Minutes from June 13 were reviewed. There were substantial additions proposed by Mr. Petropoulos and the Committee determined to complete the review at the following meeting
 - VIII. Next Meeting date July 11 at 7:00pm

Action Items

- I. Reschedule BOH meeting: Dr. Horwitz
- II. Provide a copy of the CEI scope of work to Arthur Campbell: Mr. Petropoulos