

Halls Road Improvements Committee Minutes
Old Lyme Town Hall
July 14, 2016

Present: BJ Bernblum, Bud Canady, Michael D'Occhio, Diane Birdsall, Michael Lech, First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder,

Absent: Frank Morelli, Lindsay Eisensmith, Michael Perks,

Chairman BJ Bernblum convened the meeting at 6:35PM.

Approval of minutes of June 2, 2016

A motion to approve minutes as presented was made by Bud Canaday, seconded by Michael D'Occhio. **So voted.**

Discussion of how to choose the next secretary.

The committee agreed at an earlier meeting that we would alternate the secretary every 3 months. It was mentioned that Lindsay Eisensmith might be interested in continuing as secretary. We will need to ask her at the next meeting. As for this meeting, Michael D'Occhio offered to perform the secretarial duties.

Discussion of next steps:

A: Wastewater:

- Michael Lech had spoken with Stonington CT town Planner: Jason Vincent.
- It was discovered that Stonington has a wastewater treatment facility on their harbor.
- It is maintained by "Weston and Sampson." They seem to be the premiere company in wastewater treatment.
- They have offices in CT, MA, NH, VT, NJ, PA, SC, FL.
- They are a full service company that includes: 1) construction, 2) engineering, 3) wastewater management. (Basically: everything that the B and L company does plus waste water management.
- Contact person at "Weston and Sampson": Bob Tediski
- Michael Lech contacted Bob Tediski and determined:
 - there is no one, single solution
 - its design needs to be approved by the D.E.P.
 - however, because it is a municipal project, it will get more responsive treatment.
 - today's technology allows for options:
 - water treated on site and re-charged into ground
 - water re-circulated as grey water.
 - the DEEP might not be too innovative with options.
 - next step: need to determine the minimum 'critical mass' for each type of project.
 - then: get chart of water flows from DEEP.
 - challenges:

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- would require a sewer system be put in place.
- needs to be funded from somewhere
- sewer treatment building will need to be in Old Lyme
- Bob Tediski will be asked to attend our next meeting to discuss further.

- Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder states:

- recommends considering expansion of scope to include Lyme Street
- Old Lyme already has a wastewater treatment facility!
- Regional School District 18
- has a zenon system that is currently under-utilized
 - can the school system be paid to use their system?
 - should the town take over the system?

- Bud Canady states that the Old Lyme Marketplace properties would benefit from a wastewater system since its ability to expand is currently limited with their existing system.

-Michael Lech and Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder suggest investigating the prospect of burying the electrical lines alongside the waste water sewer system.

B) Next steps:

- 1) consult with wastewater expert
- 2) consult with River COG
- 3) CT Main Street should come talk to us.
 - Lindsay Eisensmith had suggested at a previous meeting that she would reach out to them to determine their availability.
 - BJ Bernblum suggests contacting them this month to determine if time is better spent visiting them at their office or if they can come to our next meeting.
 - Michael D'Occhio will send Lindsay Eisensmith an email about this.
- 4) Getting ready to hire a Consultant:
 - Frank Morelli has lots of good information for the RFQ process
 - To start to get funding:
 - need to make a report
 - To: a) Selectwoman's Office, b) Board of Finance
 - illustrating what this committee has performed thus far and that soon we will need a consultant for the RFQ process.
 - must then go to Board of Finance to request funding (<\$20K)
 - note: fiscal year starts July 1.
 - Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder states we need to obtain funding first before we begin asking for proposals.
 - Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder states we need a consultant for the RFQ process.
 - BJ Bernblum states B&L companies can provide consultant for RFQ process, but this will be a conflict of interest.
 - Michael Lech states CT Main Street can help with this.
 - Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder states we may be able to utilize the RiverCOG for help with RFQ consulting.

5) TIF District:

- Bud Canady asked about when in the process should we start the TIF District.
- Michael D'Occhio suggested utilizing Michael Andreana about TIF

District , however it was determined that we need to interview other people for this first.

- Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder will talk to Sam Gold, Executive Director, and ask about the process. She feels we need a planner, and may be able to utilize the River COG for this.
- Michael Lech states there is a TIF district in Stonington, and Groton.

Next meeting:

1) Two speakers:

- Michael Lech to invite a Wastewater consultant: Bob Tediski.
- Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder to invite someone from the RiverCOG.

2) Determine report from Lindsay Eisensmith re: CT Main Street.

***NEXT MEETING RESCHEDULED TO THURSDAY, AUGUST 25th.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael D'Occhio
Acting Secretary