

TOWN OF WESTFORD
OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 15, 2021 MEETING
Approved on December 20, 2021

Members Present: Eric Ford, Gordon Gebauer, Pat Haller, Julie Beth Hinds, Seth Jensen (Chair), Melissa Manka.

Members Absent: Heather Armata.

The meeting began at: 8:34 a.m.

Roll Call: No members of the public were present other than those listed above.

Amendments to Agenda: None.

Citizens to be heard, Announcements Etc.: None

Minutes: October 5, 2021: Moved-Gordon. Second-Eric. Approved by voice vote.

Minutes: December 8, 2021: Moved-Eric. Second-Seth. Approved by voice vote.

Communication/Outreach Plan:

Funding:

We hope to hear from the State by the 17th regarding state grants. Depending on how the funding plays out, we may be able to still use the NBRC grant for pretreatment.

1705:

The 1705 project and the wastewater project need to coordinate their respective communication and outreach plans so as to not confuse the community.

Wastewater:

This committee will plan to post weekly in FPF. 1705 needs clear and sustained outreach so that the discussion is not highjacked by those in opposition. The Newsletter and FPF needs positive opinions. We need to emphasize the positive qualities of the WW project including the elimination of potential contamination to ground water and wells. The new information from Stone Environmental shows that the WW site has soils that can serve the Town for many decades. We still need to get final report from Amy Macrellis regarding the most recent soils study and what it means for pretreatment and capacity.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:32 a.m.

Submitted by: Gordon Gebauer