

Re: Westford CRRP Check in

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Good afternoon, Ellie,

Thank you for your patience as the town works on the community's wastewater needs.

Following the November 7, 2023 bond vote defeat, the Town has held several public meetings to discuss next steps. The Selectboard voted on January 11, 2024 to; 1) continue the Westford Wastewater project's pause (i.e. the Stone Environmental Inc.'s work remaining at 30% complete/approved), and 2) evaluate community alternatives in response to the bond vote, both in funding and design scenarios to move forward.

The Town respectfully asks that CRRP maintain the Town's current obligation (\$757,471) for this generational Village Center project to provide the community time to:

- thoughtfully consider the reasons for and response to the bond vote defeat,
- review the information presented to voters by Stone Environmental and Birchline Consulting,
- seek the advice of consultants on project scope and taxpayer (user & non-user) costs, and
- confirm that funding and practical alternatives have been reviewed.

The Town will expedite this review at its own cost, and keep all funders regularly updated. The Town acknowledges that the funding agencies have a high level of interest in seeing progress toward 60% design plans and construction. To that end the town planning commission is meeting this Monday to begin the work described above.

Please feel free to contact us at any time with any questions,

Sincerely,

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