

TOWN OF BROOKS MAINE
WASTEWATER FEASIBILITY STUDY

KICKOFF MEETING

January 7, 2021; 7PM

1. Identifications

Owner:

Town of Brooks, Maine
Linda Lord, Selectperson
Randy Hall, Code Enforcement Officer
Ray Quimby
Other attendance:
Daren Mehuren, Selectperson
Izzy McKay, Business Owner in Village
Jane Mclaughlin, Town Clerk

Engineer:

Wright-Pierce
Bryanna Denis, Project Manager

2. Review Scope of Work

- Task 1 – Review of Information
- Task 2 – Kickoff Meeting and Scope Review
- Task 3 – Screening of Alternative
 - i. *Will pick a few options to study for each part of the system:*
 - 1. *How to collect wastewater, how to treat it after its collected*
 - 2. *How to dispose of wastewater after it is treated*
- Task 4 – Alternative Screening Meeting
 - i. *Prior to meeting, Bryanna will send Town information on various screening options.*
 - ii. *At meeting, Town will select 2 alternatives for each option: collection system, treatment system, method of disposal*
- Task 5 – Evaluation of Alternatives
 - i. *Detailed analysis of each selected alternative and its pros and cons will be included in report*
- Task 6 – Funding of Capital and O&M Costs, Suggested User Fees
 - i. *Report will include estimated total cost for each option as well as operational cost for the systems.*
- Task 7 – Draft Feasibility Report
- Task 8 – Finalize Report
- Additional Tasks
 - i. *Meeting to solicit public comment early in the study – wait on COVID until public meetings.*
 - ii. *Present draft report at Select board meeting*
 - iii. *Conference call with regulatory agencies to discuss regulatory hurdles*
 - iv. *Assessment of existing systems (for up to 6 lots)*
 - v. *Disposal field investigation, (2 sites, test pits)*

3. Goals of the Town

- *Izzy – use all of her buildings on property for best use, cannot have commercial kitchen, shared septic system, has to bleach her well every year, suspect septic contamination of drinking water – Maintain commercial value in town, maintain cleanliness of groundwater*

- *Keep property valuation up – Daren*
- *Want to keep their village*
- *Cluster at intersection of 7/139, major problems*
- *Many shared septic systems*
- *Maintain/increase the tax base*

4. Options for Sewer System Extent

- *Blue lots, system replaced in not too distant past*
- *Green – holding tank*
- *Purple – need replacement*
- *Tan is OBD*

Gibbs Hardware doesn't have a public bathroom

Commercial Activity on south side of the stream

Option 1 all lots in village center north of stream

Option 2 crossing stream to 7/Hall Hill intersection – extent

Disposal site would be the park areas west of route 7

5. Funding next time – Feb 4, 2021 7pm via Zoom