



**Town of Whitingham
Office of the Selectboard**

MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2022

These Minutes are considered a DRAFT until accepted into the public record (with any corrections noted) at a future meeting of the Whitingham Selectboard.

The Whitingham Selectboard held a special meeting at 4:30pm in the Selectboard Office of the Whitingham Municipal Center on Monday, January 10, 2022.

Selectboard members present: Scott Reed, Chair; Craig Hammer, Vice Chair; Greg Brown, and James Weber.

Others present: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Office Administrator. Dave DiCantio, Sewer Plant Chief Operator; Kent Nichols, Weston & Sampson Engineers, and Robert Fisher, Town Attorney attended remotely.

Call to Order. Additions or Changes to Agenda

Scott Reed called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. Introductions were made.

Meet with sewer engineers to determine status of proposed costs of project

Attorney Fisher started the meeting giving a summary of why we, the town, are upset about the slow progress of the project. Mr. Nichols responded with his view.

Mr. Fisher stated that we do not know what the cost of the revised project would be. Mr. Nichols talked about that issue but did not give us their “opinion of cost”. He spoke about “a lot of unknowns” in the construction bidding.

Mr. Brown referred to our November 10th, 2021 letter which was sent to Mr. Smith to clarify our wishes. We wanted the bid to be prepared by late December and opened in late January. This was not done.

Discussion ensued around the fact that we were told the rebid would cost no more than \$20,000 and we received a contract amendment of \$41,000+ and we still don’t have a construction cost estimate of the total redesigned project.

What we need, very shortly, is the probable cost of the new scope of the job before we sign any contract amendment. Mr. Nichols responded that they can provide a “rough number” in the next few days, certainly by next week. Mr. Hammer noted that next week is not a few days, he asked for it to be provided before our Wednesday meeting.

Mr. Brown discussed that we don’t need to purchase an RBC for Whitingham to use as temporary processing for Jacksonville, we would like to simply purchase the BioMax unit, start it seeding and then replace the Lyco unit with the BioMax when ready.

Mr. Nichols spoke about hopes of future funds available through ARPA, Gig clarified that she is 99.9% sure that there is no money available for Whitingham other than the funding package that we were offered by ANR originally.

Other business / Office Administrator – as needed

Gig noted that the sewer plant assistant did not submit a timesheet, therefore she will not receive her pay this pay period, it will be adjusted next pay period. The board agreed it is an employee's responsibility to submit their time sheet on time.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by James Weber, seconded by Craig Hammer, all in favor.

Scott Reed adjourned the meeting at 5:38pm.

Respectfully submitted, ~Gig Zboray