

**Town of Amenia
Wastewater Committee Meeting
August 25, 2008**

Attending:

Darlene Riemer, Chair
Martin Grossman
Allison Hale
Bill Flood
Brad Rebillard
Tony Robustelli
Bill Carroll
Janet Reagon, Secretary
Norm Cayea, Town Board
Vicki Doyle, Town Board
Wayne Euvrard, Supervisor

Present by Invitation:

Pete Setaro, Morris Associates
Ed Mills, DCWWA
Candace Balmer, RCAP

Darlene Riemer chaired the meeting. The minutes of August 18, 2008 were approved upon a motion by Bill Carroll and a second by Tony Robustelli, and will be posted on the town's website.

Darlene Riemer began the meeting by reminding the committee members that the committee was set up to come up with an affordable sewer system for the hamlet of Amenia. There was discussion of the Town Board meeting of August 21 at which Darlene had presented a letter to the Town Board and the Planning Board. In this letter, she explained the committee's concerns that the sewer system might not be affordable, even with the Silo Ridge proposal to provide the capacity for the sewer district in their treatment plant, and that it might have the unintentional effect of providing less affordable housing rather than more. Darlene had circulated the letter to each of the committee members prior to her presentation and had heard from only a few, none negatively. It was reiterated that neither the committee nor individual members have the power to negotiate with any developer; we can only bring facts to the attention of the Planning and Town Board members and make suggestions as to how to proceed.

The Town Board needs to decide whether to have the proposed new sewer district be a Town District or a Part-County District. Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, gave his opinion that in either case, the creation of a sewer district would be subject to permissive referendum.

Discussion continued about the next course of action for the committee. It was agreed that Darlene will try to set up a meeting among Silo Ridge's engineers, Pete Setaro, Candace Balmer, and Ed Mills to go over the cost estimates, which seem to vary widely. An agreement on projected cost is important before a three-way Memorandum of Understanding can be negotiated among the developer, DCWWA, and the Town. Pete Setaro suggested that as soon as these figures have been agreed upon, it is important to involve the residents of the proposed sewer district by having informational meetings. All agreed.

The next meeting will be held after the meeting of the consultants, and will be called by Darlene Riemer, Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. upon a motion by Bill Carroll and a second by Tony Robustelli.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Reagon, Secretary