



TOWN OF AMENIA

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AMENIA WASTEWATER COMMITTEE

Public Meeting

Thursday, October 5, 2023
6:00PM – Amenia Town Hall

MINUTES **APPROVED**

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Amenia Town Clerk

PRESENT: Charlie Miller (Chairman)
Jim Wright (Member)
Bill Flood (Member)
Paul Winters (Member)
John Stewart (Secretary)
Shannon Roback (Member)

ALSO Brad Rebillard (Town Board Liaison)
PRESENT: Leo Blackman (Town Board Member)

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm in person at Town Hall

Approved 8/17/23 minutes

Jim motion, Paul seconded

Roll Call: Charlie-yea, Jim –yea, Bill-yea, Paul-yea, John-yea, Shannon-yea

Housatonic Valley Association (HVA)

HVA has conducted two field testing events so far of surface water in the Amenia Hamlet. Field results were positive for elevated nitrogen levels – unfortunate but expected and confirms supports what everyone know – there are failing septic systems in the Hamlet that are contaminating surface water. HVA may have one more testing event before winter and will resume testing in Spring 2024 with their final report to be completed before the June 2023 IUP submission deadline.

Lake Amenia Road and Railroad Avenue Outreach

AWC has been calling and door knocking to measure if residents on Lake Amenia Road and Railroad Avenue want to be included in the district. Member Winters and Member Wright will conclude their surveys of owners and report the final findings at our next meeting. There was a discussion about the need to revise the Engineering Report if we include one or both. The Engineering Report will need to be revised if they are added.

Case Studies: Local Rural Wastewater Treatment Systems

The AWC is working to put together case studies of neighboring towns with municipal wastewater systems (Hillsdale, Millbrook, Sharon, Kent, Rhinebeck, Lyons Falls, etc.). The studies will detail the number of connections, flows, type of treatment system and type of discharge. Residents on Lake Amenia Road, where the proposed treatment system will be sited, have asked about issues with odor and environmental contaminants. We want to show how other communities have successfully implemented these systems in their communities. Once the case studies are done we will have meetings with Lake Amenia residents, review our findings, answer questions and setup field trips to visit some of the systems.

Case Studies: Cost and Ability to replace / bring to code cesspools, leach fields, septic tanks in Amenia Hamlet

Many hamlet residents may not be aware how much it will cost for them to replace a failing system and the limitations on selling their home if they do not have a septic system that is to-code. We want to create a simple report showing the current requirements of Dutchess County and costs from vendors like Proseptic and Savarese to replace a failing system.

Discussion of Non-Profit Support

Members again discussed on a macro level different ways that non-profits may reduce user fees.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Jim motions, Bill seconded

Roll Call: Charlie-yea, Jim-yea, Bill-yea, Paul-yea, John-yea, Shannon-yea