

One Burke – Village Revitalization Task Force 4-25-18

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Discussion:

Faith from VT ACCD reached out to the Task Force about a grant opportunity

Faith explained her role – Community Planning and Revitalization

- Knew Burke was working on sewage solutions for village
- Wastewater is an issue for many VT villages
- Issue has been on the radar for years; but has hit roadblocks in part due to funding
- Many options for wastewater solutions; work with a multi-agency approach to solve problems
- Grant – NBRC – infrastructure funding
 - Opportunity to support 3 villages who are at a place “ready to go”
 - 3 year grant – take it to the point in which we are ready to go for seeking funding and construction by the end of 3 years
 - reviewed hand out
 - proposal – hire coordinator to help us through the process start to finish
 - Want to look at both villages (East and West Burke) so that they can study two different situations
 - What kind of entity should provide coordinating service?
- Lynnette – engineer
 - Agency is trying to close the gaps to treat wastewater – beyond feasibility study
 - ANR would fund the archaeological study so that we can have test pits
 - ANR would also help fund well testing sites
 - It’s really about getting information so we are able to move beyond the feasibility study
- Grant is Due May 11
 - NBRC is a grant program; \$ would go to the Dept of Environmental Conservation ; they would be the applicant, not One Burke or the Town of Burke
 - Need a letter of interest
 - Feeling is that the selectboard should be involved in this decision
 - Matching – Planning Advance Program – state money ; not recovered until we went to construction – intended to fund feasibility studies
 - No interest accrued; “down payment” on pollution control grant
 - 10% match for the town (about \$2,000)

- Chris Emmons question – If the town commits to work with this project what is the commitment from the town?
 - Agree to DEC as a pilot project for this grant application
 - No financial commitment for the town
 - Hiring a coordinator would be funded from NBRC grant money
 - WHO? NCIC – Mike Welch or a consulting firm, RPC
- Selectboard is not on board with this project – they feel that there should be a water district formed first before we are looking at solutions
- Could Dave present this information to the select board in time for May 11? Yes and Lynnette said that she would be willing to come back on the 8th to talk to the selectboard?

Is this study contained to waste water or can we also entertain drinking water options? Yes to an extent.

Will these funds be sufficient? Lynnette explained that she is looking into more affordable engineering systems.

- One Burke Village Revitalization Task Force approves moving forward with this grant opportunity

Action Steps:

- Dave will call select board member and possibly come to next meeting on May 7
- Faith would begin the grant application
- Lynnette is also willing to come to the select board meeting on May 7
- Tammy will contact Priscilla to have Lynnette put on the agenda for May 7