

**WESTFIELD SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING
VILLAGE WASTEWATER STUDY**

Minutes

November 17th, 2025 – 4 p.m.

Westfield Town Office, 38 School Street

Meeting Recordings Available to View at <https://www.youtube.com/@TownofWestfieldVT>

Town Officials Present: Jacques Couture, Selectboard Chair; Richard Degre, Selectboard; Dennis Vincent, Selectboard; LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk; Niki Dunn, Selectboard Clerk; Lisa Deslandes, Treasurer; Mike Piper, Constable

Others Present: Jan Degre; Kalyani Mer, AES Northeast (Via Zoom); David Gabrault, AES Northeast (Via Zoom); Kevin Farrington, AES Northeast (Via Zoom)

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1. **Call Meeting to Order – Jacques Couture, Chair:** Jacques brought the meeting to order at 4:05PM.
 2. **Public Comment – 5 Minutes:** None
 3. **Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda:** None
 4. **Discussion on Potential Soil Based Disposal Sites for Village Wastewater Study – AES Northeast:** Kalyani Mer explained that they have been working on the next report and they have determined some preliminary figures. They estimate that the system would produce 35,000 gallons per day of wastewater which would need approximately a 3-3.5 acre of land area for a treatment and disposal system. Jacques questioned where the water table test holes come into play. Kalyani noted that without any detailed soil evaluation reports they have identified some areas, and they need to evaluate some candidates parcels before going into more detailed testing in those areas. Jacques questioned if they have the information on which lands are in land conservation. Kalyani noted that they do have that information. Kalyani noted that the Town Garage parcel would not be large enough for the treatment system of the size required. She pointed out a couple of parcels they felt may work for the treatment system. Kevin Farrington noted that they are trying to get direction from the Selectboard before just posting possible disposal sites in the report. Jacques noted that the water table on one site they identified is only 3-4 feet from the top of the ground. The piece in question belongs to him, which is how he is aware of the water table depth. Jacques felt that test boring to see where the water table is should happen before any parcels are considered. Kevin noted that they want to get an okay on the possible parcels before approaching landowners to ask about doing any testing. Richard questioned if the water table is only 3-4 feet deep if that would work as a good site. Kevin noted that you would probably have to do a mound system in that case and it's not ideal, but it would work. He also explained that it takes a little more land area and more fill to do a mound system. Jacques questioned if they have other options than the ones shown. Kevin questioned if the Selectboard had ideas on where it may possibly work and which landowners may be willing to have it on their land. Jacques was hesitant to give up any agricultural land for a disposal site at this point. LaDonna questioned if it's cost prohibitive to pump it uphill. Kevin noted that it is not really, and some pumping may be required no matter where it is.

Kevin noted that pumping to Troy is looking to be a significant cost savings in the construction phase as well as the long-term cost of the system at this point in the process. He noted that Troy has adequate capacity to take on Westfield, and they would welcome additional flow. He feels that at this point in the study connecting with Troy is looking like the best option, however they still need to evaluate all possibilities for the study.

Kevin noted at the next public meeting that they could present Jacques's parcel as the example to run the numbers on as far as having a treatment/ disposal site. This would give them something to

base cost estimates from. Or they could contact possible parcel owners to see if they are open to having their parcel evaluated. Jacques felt it would be very important to note that they are not looking for any commitment from the property owners, they are just using the parcels as part of their study. Kevin noted that they can reach out to the property owners, or the Selectboard can, whatever the board feels would work best. He suggested just using Jacques's parcel as an example to give numbers from for now as their local onsite alternative. This would avoid discussing this potential with other landowners at this point.

Jacques questioned if these ideas would be discussed at the 60% meeting. Kevin noted that it would. They would like to bring forward the possible alternatives along with costs.

Kalyani will be following up with Lynette from DEC this week to figure out a meeting date for the 60% meeting in December.

- 5. **Executive Session (if needed):** Not needed.
- 6. **Other Business:** None
- 7. **Adjourn:** Dennis motioned to adjourn at 5:02PM, Richard seconded. Motion passed.

Westfield Selectboard Approval Date: 12/15/25 with Ø change(s).

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