

Special meeting of the Town of Chester Town Board was held on Friday, **August 9, 2013** at 4:15 PM for the purpose of discussing whether the Town of Chester will apply for a grant for the purpose of doing a feasibility study relative to constructing a community septic/sewer system for the Downtown Chestertown Business District.

Roll Call: Supervisor Frederick H. Monroe, Edna Wells, Karen DuRose, Mike Packer and Steve Durkish.

Mr. Don Butler from the Tri-Lakes Business Alliance was in attendance. He discussed the need for a public sewer system within the Town, as individual septic systems currently present obstacles to new businesses attempting to locate here, and prevent current businesses from expanding.

Mr. Tom Suozzo of Cedarwood Engineering expounded on this concept, stressing that the Town of Chester businesses accommodate a large tourist population seeking, among other services, food and lodging. With regulatory design requirements, either installing new privately owned on-site wastewater systems or expanding an existing on-site system on a relatively small parcel of land can be highly restrictive or may be prohibited. As a result, businesses are limited in growth. A municipal system would eliminate the design constraints that apply to individual on-site systems and would allow for business expansion, as well as reduce urban sprawl by eliminating the need for businesses having to purchase rural land solely for the need to expand an on-site wastewater system.

Mr. Suozzo continued that the grant for the study would include the following tasks:

1. Review any existing reports, property, zoning and aerial maps, as well as review population and business data.
2. Define the study area with assistance from the local Business Alliance, Town and County.
3. Create a map based with boundaries of area to be provided with sewers.
4. Estimate sewage flows.
5. Evaluate treatment alternatives to adequately treat estimated flows. This evaluation would include at least one subsurface discharge alternative.
6. Prepare an engineering cost analysis for alternatives.
7. Prepare a final report to include: identifying the area to be provided with public sewers (District and Service Areas), the

evaluation of treatment technologies, the recommended treatment alternative, estimated cost per equivalent dwelling unit, (EDU), required permits and approvals, and outline of the steps to implement the project.

Discussion continued regarding public hearings, permissive referendums, etc. At this point, the grant being applied for is only for a feasibility study. The grant is for \$22,000, with the town matching with \$4,400. Cost of actual installation and maintenance of such sewer system would only be imposed on those residents/businesses using it.

RESOLUTION #122: APPLY FOR GRANT FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY RELATIVE TO CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY SEPTIC/SEWER SYSTEM FOR CHESTERTOWN DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Durkish, apply for grant for feasibility study relative to construction of a community Septic/Sewer system for Downtown Chestertown Business District.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Durkish ~ YES
Mrs. Wells ~ YES
Mr. Packer ~ NO
Mr. Monroe ~ YES
Mrs. DuRose ~ YES

On a motion by Mr. Durkish, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk