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Town of Shaftsbury

Municipal Offices at Cole Hall

Meeting Minutes

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Sewer Feasibility Committee

April 8, 7 PM at Cole Hall

Attending: David Mance, Eamon Mulligan, Michael Cichanowski, Lillie West

Absent: Art Whitman, Gail Tiffany

Reviewed the 60% report and accompanying map, focusing on the core service area and the footprint of the potential septic area relative to additional uses for the town owned parcels.

The school's septic system is currently under-utilized and might have the potential to provide additional capacity for surrounding land uses.

The committee recognizes the goals of promoting commercial uses, not currently allowed due to lack of septic capacity, and enabling in-filling of residential uses within the village. In addition, the potential to add new housing on the town owned parcel, was discussed.

Discussed "work force" and senior housing. The latter, if designed to allow Shaftsbury Village residents to move into a senior friendly unit and then sell their currently under utilized house to young families would provide a double benefit – enabling independent living and bringing young families to Shaftsbury. Possible legal constraints need to be considered.

The likely lack of potential State and Federal funding gives the Town time to explore options. Two steps will be taken at this point:

Request that Planning Commission look at current zoning and potential revision to allow density commensurate with septic capacity for residential use.

Sewer Committee to engage property owners in study area to ascertain interest in utilizing septic capacity, and gauge their willingness to participate in the cost to develop the system.

Committee members will study the report further and highlight what they feel is either missing or needs to be more fully addressed and report back.

Next meeting likely in late June or early July.

Submitted 4-9-25 by David Mance