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Town of Shaftsbury

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Meeting Minutes

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Sewer Feasibility Committee

Date of Meeting: May 13, 2025

Members Present: Art Whitman, Mike Cichanowski, Gail Tiffany, David Mance

A notice of the meeting was mailed to landowners within the “core 4 corners” area but no one attended the meeting. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that no further efforts to create a community collection sewer system be made at this time, although some quantity of sewer capacity should be reserved for future use by existing buildings.

The Committee discussed next steps and approved the following recommendations:

Request that the Dufresne Group complete their report providing capacity figures but no immediate plan for utilization,

Ask the Planning Commission to explore any needed zoning changes to the town owned parcels in order to facilitate higher density residential development based on the available septic capacity,

Report to the Selectboard that given the lack of interest from current owners in the core area, no further work on creating a collection system be undertaken.

There was discussion and consensus that senior housing and/or privately owned housing would be a desirable outcome for any residential development on the currently town owned land.

Suggestion to explore an agreement with Habitat for Humanity, or work with Cornerstone to develop senior housing. Explore a condominium model for private ownership, and also look into ways to allow seniors to downsize current 3 BR houses in the Village for a house or apartment in the new “Village Green” complex.