

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Application Review Subcommittee B

Minutes of October 23, 2019 Meeting

In attendance: Rep. Deb Hobson, Bernie Rousseau, Commissioner Scott, Christopher Way, DES and Senate Staff

The meeting was convened at 8:00am.

Bernie Rousseau was elected chair by the subcommittee.

Antrim: Iron and Manganese in the system, but both secondary contamination issue. Lack out outside funding, and letters of support as well as a disproportionate grant to loan ask. Application lacked thoroughness. Subcommittee voted to not recommend the project for funding.

Branch River Apartments: Concerns over a lack of detail in the application and no attempts to seek outside funding. Subcommittee voted to not recommend the project for funding.

Canaan: Low water rates and have not applied to other funding sources. Very compelling written narrative. Concerns over whether trust fund award would become a stranded contribution. Needs some coaching on applying and needs to exhaust outside funding, but could make for a very strong application in a future round. Subcommittee voted to not recommend the project for funding.

Charlestown: Has arsenic contamination, concerns with lack of outside funding, and lack of asset management plan. USDA funding pending. Math does not add up in the application and more engineering work is needed. Subcommittee voted to not recommend the project for funding.

Freedom Village (Concord): No contamination, but very high water rates. Numerous breaks from a failing system. High degree of concern over use of galvanized steel in the pipes. Unable to utilized CDBG or USDA. Willing to take on a high proportion of loan to grant and have done their due diligence. Subcommittee voted to recommend the project for funding, but as a medium to low 'yes'.

Enfield: Concerns with contamination from naturally occurring radioactivity. DES had recommended a new well in 2009. No applications to USDA or CDBG, but provided significant supporting documentation. Subcommittee held this application for further consideration at the next meeting.

Franklin: Unclear in the application if the funds were freeing up funds to be used for a different project or replacing funds diverted to cover the shortfall. Unclear what the projected rates would be with this project. Subcommittee held this application for further consideration at the next meeting.

Lancaster: USDA funded, but ran into ledge that increased cost of construction. Have committed own funds and leveraged federal funds. Subcommittee held this application for further consideration at the next meeting.

Lisbon: Application is for seed money for planning. Town would use the funds to leverage USDA funding. Concerns about using the Trust Fund for engineering work. Subcommittee voted to not recommend the project for funding. **Please see the minutes of 11/1/19 where the subcommittee changed their position on this project.*

Jaffrey/Peterbough: Appreciation of the regional approach but concerns that the needle has not moved since the last time this project came before the Trust Fund. Very complex project with a tremendous opportunity for economic development. Subcommittee voted to recommend the project be referred to a special committee.

Ossipee Bluffs: Missing information and no outside funding or contamination issues. Subcommittee voted to not recommend the project for funding.

Subcommittee will take up the three applications not voted on at the next meeting

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am

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