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Line 85-87: "Kim sees this regardless of what happens, the salt shed needs to be moved and that is one small step forward in the process at the current site, whether the site is moved or closed or stayed as is, we will be gathering data while achieving the task." Edit

After this statement, and before Kent speaks, I would like you to add: "Roy asked when this was decided"

Line 117: "Roy stated that it is a database answer not an antidotal based answer." Edit

I would like to change this to: "Roy said we need data-based answers not anecdotal answers"

Line 117. "Greg felt it": The antecedent of "It" needs clarification. I was not speaking about Roy's comment, but the issue of the recent well data. So, let's say "Greg felt the issue of the well data is tangential to the current topic of the warrant article and that we should come back to it after the warrant article question is resolved."

Line 130 "...forward prioritizing environmental" dropping the word "on".

### **3. New Business:**

#### **Petition Article**

The committee has collected over twenty-five signatures. Rich will submit these, and it will be a petition warrant article. If the Board of Selectmen (BOS) includes it on the warrant, which is our hope, he will withdraw the petition.

Rich discussed the town report. Roy suggested including this information in an email, and the committee agreed.

42 LeeAnn elaborated on her frustration, stating that it was due to the inconsistency in  
43 agreements and changes in subsequent meetings. Apologies were exchanged, and the  
44 committee decided to move forward. Greg acknowledged that change happened quickly  
45 and emphasized the importance of adhering to the right-to-know laws, which prevent  
46 meetings outside of official sessions. He noted that communication styles need  
47 adjustment and that the issue lies in communication, not the facts. LeeAnn agreed, stating  
48 that the frustration stemmed from the perception that decisions were already made. She  
49 expressed a desire to return as a cohesive body.

50 Rich emphasized how much work everyone has put into this and how everyone on this  
51 committee is a very important asset. He foresees a lot being accomplished this next year.

52 Greg compared the situation work done for the Town Complex and new Library, which  
53 took time but ultimately reached a complete successful project.

54 LeeAnn inquired about the appropriateness of using email for discussions, to which Rich  
55 responded that while information can be shared, individual replies are not allowed as it  
56 violates 91A. Roy addressed how to email without violating the 91A, to include  
57 information for the meeting agenda but include the statement "do not reply here." Greg  
58 felt that would make a huge difference, but that takes a lot of time to put together an  
59 email and express information.

60 Rich announced the hazardous waste day will be a warrant article, with a budget request  
61 of \$10,590.00.

62 Roy reiterated the prioritization of environmental versus structural engineering when  
63 factoring spending funds. The boundary lines regarding building are minimal. He does  
64 not want to throw away funds.

65 The BOS has requested an engineering quote, a scope and purpose and Kim obtained a  
66 quote from Barton and Loguidice, with Aries offering a beneficial option at \$5,000, plus  
67 an additional \$2,000 for more environmental work. Rich felt Aries was most beneficial  
68 because they are doing our current water testing, mitigating water run-off, previous  
69 studies, and test wells.

70 Rich noted that the BOS wanted the scope attached to release the funds. LeeAnn  
71 expressed concern regarding abnormalities, but Rich emphasized the need to proceed.  
72 LeeAnn was asked to get the Gilford numbers to be sent to Michelle for copying.

73 Stephen questioned the necessity of tearing down the salt shed instead of adding. Roy  
74 mentioned storage needs, and Rich agreed that more space is required because we are  
75 paying penalty on partial loads, we just need a lot more space for storage.

76 Greg addressed the concerns some members pointed out the potential waste of money but  
77 acknowledged that the proposal's cost would seem minimal in the end. But stated that  
78 moving the dump is inevitable and that opinions alone would not convince others.

79 Roy mentioned again that the environmental aspect has become a significant concern for  
80 him. Rich acknowledged that the environmental aspect is not going away. He explained  
81 that part of the pushback he received is structural, which is an option but not inexpensive.

82 The budget committee, consisting of four or five people, is gaining favor. However, he  
83 felt that we are taking too large a leap when people are questioning the process. Elle  
84 inquired how to find the budget committee minutes and information, it was advised that it  
85 can all be found on the town website.

86 Rich will share the Skowhegan article, noting the current cost considerations. The  
87 committee plans to also contact Loudon for rough numbers next year.

Kim emphasized the importance of the engineering process, which involves determining feasibility through trial and error. Roy appreciated the explanation. LeeAnn found it confusing when conflicting information was received from different sources. She requested clarification on the history of testing to substantiate funding requests. Roy suggested consulting Ken or the Department of Environmental Services (DES). Stephen mentioned that an engineering study might provide answers aligning with LeeAnn's concerns. Kim stressed the importance of gathering data and that hiring an engineer would be required for this process. Roy agreed, stating that engineers would address LeeAnn's questions. The next step involves the engineering firm narrowing down the scope, which will be discussed. It takes six weeks to obtain a quote after a contract is signed, following a meeting with the BOS and committee representatives. The committee addressed concerns over minutes and how they are processed and interpreted. The town administrative assistant is currently working on procedures and process to put before the BOS. The committee has the right to decide to format minutes as agreed upon.

**Action Items:**

- LeeAnn will get the Gilford numbers she researched, send to Michelle and she will make copies for the meeting.
- LeeAnn asked to update the roster and pass out to members
- Next meeting will be framing presentation. Two more meetings before town meeting.
- 91A; Right to Know, use town emails only

