

TO: Jeff Kobrock, City Manager and the Gardiner City Council

FROM: Chuck Applebee, Wastewater Superintendent

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Subject: Wastewater Disposal Contract Update

Over the past several months the Wastewater Advisory Committee has worked to update the Wastewater Disposal Contract to reflect the reality of changing times and a new upgraded treatment facility.

Participation includes representatives from all three communities as well as the city solicitor.

The new agreement updates and addresses the following points:

- Continues with the past and present practices of the Advisory Committee recommending a budget to the City Council for ratification while the Advisory Committee allocates costs between the communities
- Adds responsibility to the Advisory Committee for recommendations to the City Council on all major issues
- Term of the contract – indefinite unless one party gives one full fiscal years notice and then the party giving notice is responsible for its share of remaining debt service and operating costs allocated for that community
- Flow allocation – based on the original contract percentages for both dry and wet weather
- Gives the Wastewater Superintendent authority over the entire collection system including Farmingdale and Randolph
- Promotions consistency between the communities through ordinance requirements
- Maintains the arbitration committee for dispute resolution

Council Action Requested: The Wastewater Advisory Committee recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Once the contract is authorized by the City of Gardiner forward the contract to both Farmingdale and Randolph for there approvals, which most likely will come via a town meeting.

