

BEACH IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESENT WERE: Gail Fuller, Seb Bartolotta, Jerry Vowles, Tim Griswold and Kim Groves.

Fuller reported that due to insufficient attendance, the meeting in July was continued until August 24, 2009.

Jerry Vowles reported that he contacted the Wells Cargo Comfort Elite Poweflush 10 Heavy Duty Mobile Restroom Trailer Company. Vowles distributed brochures of the unit and also noted that they have trailer currently being used on a military site and it has held up well. The trailer consists of ten individual units with private stalls and a macerating vacuum pump.

Vowles stated the difference between the two units being discussed (Wells Cargo and United Trailers) is that one does not have a common area.

Bartolotta stated he had a few questions with regard to these units after reviewing the information that was distributed.

1. Bartolotta asked about the discharge waste. Vowles stated that there would need to be a remote tank. Vowles stated the town would have to install their own tanks either above ground or underground.
2. Bartolotta expressed concern about discharging into the ground. He noted that the town sanitarian, Ron Rose does not want tanks put into the ground in this area. Vowles stated this tank could be above ground. Bartolotta stated he did not think that the State would allow human waste to be stored above ground.
3. Bartolotta also noted that the unit only contains one jet for the entire system which pushes the waste out, and if that jet fails then none of the ten toilets will function. He also asked if the unit did fail, who will service these units and how quickly. Bartolotta stated that area could not handle a breakdown of that magnitude.

Fuller asked what the difference was between the two systems being proposed. Bartolotta stated the United Trailer system can be pumped out and therefore no separate holding tank is necessary. He also noted that the company that services these units is local. Bartolotta also he would visit their site prior to the next meeting.

Fuller asked about the tanks underneath this unit. Bartolotta stated that there are only tanks under two of the units as opposed to the ten unit trailer which would need a 1,500 gallon tank. Vowles stated he felt Bartolotta raised some good issues and perhaps the other system is a better way to go.

Vowles stated that this unit was introduced because it did not have the common area which she felt would be difficult to maintain from a cleaning aspect. Bartolotta stated he felt the unisex toilets could also present a problem. Vowles stated the goal is to have toilets and some kind of running water for patrons of the beach and storefronts that is clean and presentable. This committee has only looked at two companies and noted that there are probably many other companies that might meet our criteria.

Bartolotta suggested that we try the trailer for one year because it will only cost \$8,000 to have the trailer on site, and he further stated the town would need to provide water and electric regardless of what trailer is chosen. Bartolotta stated we do not know at this point how much staffing will be required for these units.

Fuller stated she understood the cost to be \$30,000 for three months. Bartolotta stated that price includes everything regardless of the system chosen. The committee discussed the fact that prices were only for three months and there is a need for toilets from mid-April through mid-September. Fuller stated it was discussed that port-o-potties could be used for April and May until the trailer arrived in June. Vowles suggested that a handicapped toilet be brought in to be used for the additional months and be left for the entire season.

Fuller stated she felt a one year trial would be a good test and opportunity for the town to assess how this system worked and what adjustments need to be made.

Kim Groves suggested a representative from the trailer company visit the site. Bartolotta agreed to visit the company (United Trailers in Branford) and look at this particular unit prior to the next meeting.

Griswold agreed to get a cost estimate for what the current expenses are to the town versus what these trailers will cost for the season. Fuller suggested that United Trailers submit a cost estimate in writing.

The next meeting will be held on September 28th, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Old Lyme Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Groves