

This is what is being sent via the News email to the community. We are looking for community as well as council input. Please see the message below.

To: Gustavus City Council, Gustavus Community Members, Gustavus Businesses

On August 7, 2024 A townhall meeting was held in Gustavus to introduce the engineers from HDR (who are working on behalf of the City through ADEC Village Safe Water) to meet with the community and to collect on the ground information in order to develop alternatives to solving septic needs in Gustavus. Only a couple of community members were in attendance and a couple more participated on Zoom. This meeting was publicly noticed 8/1/2024.

<https://mccmeetings.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/gustavusak-pubu/MEET-Agenda-b3d82e3259554b8bb343998149ee17c1.pdf>

Attached are 4 documents in date order - two documents from HDR that have resulted from those meetings and their engineering research and review. Each of HDR's memos have responses provided by John Barry of Neval Engineering, who the city contracts with for consulting on these matters.

- 1- HDR- Gustavus Septage PER Alternatives Memo – A preliminary memo of proposed alternatives
- 2- Neval Engineering - Response to the initial HDR Alternatives Memo
- 3- HDR- Preliminary Engineering Report at 65% Draft
- 4- Neval Engineering – Response to HDR's 65% Draft Document

The City of Gustavus and Village Safe Water invites comments on this Septage Management Planning Project from the 65% Draft Preliminary Engineering Report.

(Confirmation of support for an alternative presented within the 65% Draft PER or any other comments you would care to submit.)

Basically, the sequencing of the project started with a site visit including members of HDR's and VSW's teams to meet with the community and collect on the ground information. This information was developed by HDR into an Alternative Memo which outlined potential solutions to the issue. The Alternative Memo is reviewed by a regional health organization, and then is submitted to the multi-agency review committee for comments and/or approval to proceed. Non-viable approaches may be dropped at this phase and the alternatives that will be evaluated more closely can come into focus.

We now invite feedback before this proceeds to the 95% PER (Preliminary Engineering Review) which goes through the same review process until finally a 100% final PER is completed. The final PER then is ideally accepted by the community and will inform design and facilitate acquiring funding for design and construction.

Please reply to this email with your comments by emailing clerk@gustavus-ak.gov or by dropping them by City Hall in the exterior mailbox or you can bring them during open business hours.

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