

Catskill Watershed Corporation
Septic Committee Meeting
January 6, 2015
Minutes

Attendance:

Committee Members: Donald Brandow (Director), Thomas Hynes (Director), Berndt Leifeld (Director), Wayne Marshfield (Director), Tina Mole' (Director), Robert Pelham (Director), Tom Snow (NYSDEC), Alan Rosa (CWC), Michael Triolo (Director) and Michael Meyer (NYCDEP)

Others: Tim Cox (CWC), Diane Galusha (CWC), Jeff Graf (NYCDEP), John Jacobson (CWC), Larry Kelly (CWC), Leo LaBuda (CWC), and Jim Martin (CWC)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:34 AM by Wayne Marshfield.
- II. Minutes from last meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
- III. Septic Program
 - A. Eric D'Entrone Additional Costs: Mr. D'Entrone's project is located in the Town of Hurley and was previously approved for \$32,360.00. Rock was encountered during construction and had to be removed. Additional work performed due to the rock included 16 hours of hammering, 50 cubic yards of suitable backfill material and restoration. Mr. D'Entrone's engineer has verified the need for the additional work. A fair and reasonable cost for these items has been determined to be \$4,072.00. This brings the total project cost to \$36,432.00. The Septic Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse Eric D'Entrone in the amount not to exceed \$4,072.00 for additional costs to build his septic system.
 - B. Robert Covello Additional Costs: Mr. Covello's project is located in the Town of Shandaken and was previously approved for \$26,070.40. The original plan utilized the existing septic tank, but when it was exposed it was discovered that the tank had several leaks. The existing tank was concrete. Additionally, several stumps in the basal area of the absorption field were removed. 77 cubic yards of fill material was required to fill the

resulting voids. Mr. Covello's contractor has requested an additional \$4,826.00 for these items. These costs have been determined to be in accordance with the Schedule of Values. This will bring the total project cost to \$30,896.40. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Robert Covello in the amount not to exceed \$4,826.00 for additional costs to build his septic system.

C. Robert Hasbrouck Additional Costs: Mr. Hasbrouck's project is located in the Town of Shandaken and was previously approved for \$24,375.00. During construction it became apparent that the septic tank and grease trap had to be installed deeper than expected. Approximately 57 cubic yards of additional stone was needed in the resulting deeper absorption bed and riser extensions were required to bring tank covers to grade. Mr. Hasbrouck's contractor has requested an additional \$2,991.42 for these items. This amount has been determined to be fair and reasonable. This project is in the Small Business Program, so 75% of these costs, \$2,244.00, are eligible for program funding. This will bring the total project cost to \$26,619.00. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Robert Hasbrouck in the amount not to exceed \$2,244.00 for additional costs to build his septic system.

D. Martin Hagerott Additional Costs: Mr. Hagerott's project is located in the Town of Gilboa. His project was previously approved for \$24,500.00. During construction bedrock was encountered 24"-30" below existing grade. The most cost effective way to deal with the rock was to raise the septic tank and haul in fill material to cover the tank and piping. Mr. Hagerott's engineer has verified the need for the additional work. The contractor has request an additional \$1,500.00 for the project. This cost has been determined to be reasonable and justified. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Martin Hagerott in the amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 for additional costs to build his septic system.

E. Septic Cluster Update: Leo had nothing to report on this program this month.

F. Septic Maintenance: Larry Kelly reviewed activity in this program with the Committee. 18 homeowners were reimbursed for pump outs last month. The total number of homeowners reimbursed the year is 209. This is 31 more than last year, a 17% increase.

G. Update: Leo reviewed activity in the Septic Program with the Committee. 26 homeowners were reimbursed for septic system repairs last month. This brings the total repairs for the year to 244. This is the same total as last year.

H. Other: Leo informed the Committee that a class for contractors will be held on Thursday. The topic will be Eljen In-drain systems. 18 contractors, engineers and a Code Enforcement Officer from one of the communities will attend. Letters were sent to contractors on the list maintained by the Septic Program to advertise the class.

The Prattsville extension project will be bid in the spring.

I. The next Septic Committee meeting was scheduled for February 3, 2015.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 AM.