

Catskill Watershed Corporation
Septic Committee Meeting
March 1, 2015
Minutes

Attendance:

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

Others: Tim Cox (CWC), Martin Donnelly (Director), Diane Galusha (CWC), John Jacobson (CWC), Larry Kelly (CWC), Leo LaBuda (CWC), Jim Martin (CWC), Mark McCarthy (Director), Michael Meyer (NYCDEP), Richard Parete (Director), Ben Pierson (NYSDOH by phone), Alicia Terry (Schoharie Co.)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by Wayne Marshfield.
- II. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
- III. Septic Program
 - A. Robert Exum Over \$25,000.00: Mr. Exum's project is located in the Town of Windham. His proposed septic system will serve a three bedroom house. Major components of this system include a siphon chamber, 70 linear feet of 4" gravity piping, one distribution box, 390 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 250 linear feet of absorption trench, 165 linear feet of curtain drain, a temporary access road and extensive site restoration. Mr. Exum's contractor has submitted a quote for \$29,965.00 to build this system. This is within 10% of the staff estimated cost of construction based on the Schedule of Values. The Septic Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to approve reimbursing Robert Exum in the amount not to exceed \$29,965.00 to build his septic system.
 - B. Michael Colao Over \$25,000.00: Mr. Colao's project is located in the Town of Colchester and will serve a four bedroom house. Major components of his proposed septic system include a 1,250 gallon septic tank, 45 linear feet of gravity piping, 103 linear feet of force main, 223 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 220 cubic yards of random fill material, three peat modules, 85 linear feet of curtain drain, removal of several trees and 45 linear feet of curtain drain outlet. Three peat modules will handle 450 gallons per day, which is adequate capacity for a four bedroom home.

Mr. Colao had hired a new engineer who proposed a very expensive system including over 1,200 cubic yards of fill material. Staff worked with him to reduce the cost of this project.

Mr. Colao's contractor has submitted a quote for \$29,999.00 to build this system. This is slightly below the staff estimated cost of construction based on the Schedule of Values. The Septic Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to

approve reimbursing Michael Colao in the amount not to exceed \$29,999.00 to build his septic system.

- C. Richard Maurer Over \$25,000.00: Mr. Maurer's project is located in the Town of Roxbury. His proposed septic system will serve a two bedroom house. Major components of his proposed system will include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, pump chamber, 30 linear feet of gravity piping, 45 linear feet of force main, one distribution box, 290 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 160 linear feet of absorption trench, 135 linear feet of curtain drain, temporary access, decommissioning an old steel dry well and site restoration. Mr. Maurer's contractor has submitted a quote for \$ 25,786.00 to build this system. This is slightly below the staff estimated cost of construction based on the Schedule of Values. The Septic Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to approve reimbursing Richard Maurer in the amount not to exceed \$25,786.00 to build his septic system.

- D. James Minasian Over \$25,000.00: Mr. Minasian's project is located in the Town of Harpersfield. His proposed septic system will serve a three bedroom house. Major components of this system include a pump station, 140 linear feet of gravity piping, one distribution box, 383 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 280 linear feet of absorption trench, 125 linear feet of curtain drain, 80 linear feet of curtain drain outlet piping and extensive site restoration. Mr. Minasian's contractor has submitted a quote for \$26, 800.00 to build this system. A septic tank has already been installed at this site at a cost of \$2,945.00. The total project cost will be \$29,745.00. The contractor's quote is within 10% of the staff estimated cost of construction based on the Schedule of Values. The Septic Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to approve reimbursing James Minasian in the amount not to exceed \$26,800.00 to build the rest of his septic system.

- E. Septic Cluster Update: Leo had no report this month.

- F. Septic Maintenance: Larry Kelly reviewed activity in this program with the Committee. 10 homeowners were reimbursed for pump outs last month. 26 homeowners have been reimbursed this year. This is more than double at this time last year, due to the unusually warm weather.

- G. Update: Leo reviewed activity in the Septic Program with the Committee. 5 septic system repairs/replacements were paid for last month. Normally none would be completed this time of year due to the weather. The total for the year is 12. Leo noted that quotes have been slower coming in recently. The contractors are anticipating the new Schedule of Values coming out in April.

IV. The next Septic Committee meeting was scheduled for April 5, 2016.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.