

Catskill Watershed Corporation
Septic Committee Meeting
March 7, 2017
Draft 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), Michael Meyer (NYCDEP)

Others: Tim Cox (CWC), Won Kyung Cheng (Homeowner), Marty Donnelly (Director), Bruce Dolph (Coalition of Watershed Towns), Jim Eisel (Director), Dean Frazier (Delaware Co. Watershed Affairs), Diane Galusha (CWC), John Jacobson (CWC), Innes Kasanof (Director), Leo LaBuda (CWC), Molly Oliver (Delaware Co. Watershed Affairs), Tom Stalter (NYCDEP), John Schwartz (NYCDEP), David Warne (NYCDEP)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Wayne Marshfield.
- II. Minutes from the January Committee meeting were reviewed and approved as written. There was no meeting in February due to weather.
- III. Septic Program
 - A. Shelley Rosenblum Over \$25,000.00: Ms. Rosenblum's project is located in the Town of Conesville. Her proposed septic system will serve a two bedroom home. Major components of this system include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, 200 linear feet of 4" gravity piping, one distribution box, 360 cubic yards of absorption fill material, an effluent filter, 200 linear feet of absorption trench, 245 linear feet of swale, tree removal and site restoration. Ms. Rosenblum's contractor has submitted a quote for \$27,443.30 to build this system. Leo noted that about \$10,000.00 of this cost is for fill material. 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 Shelley Rosenblum in the amount not to exceed \$27,443.30 to build her septic system.

- B. Joseph Haskin Over \$25,000.00: Mr. Haskin's project is located in the Town of Conesville. His proposed septic system will serve a three bedroom house. Major components of this system include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, a dosing chamber, 155 linear feet of 4" gravity piping, one distribution box, 339 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 225 linear feet of absorption trench, 105 linear feet of curtain drain, tree removal and extensive site restoration. Mr. Haskin's contractor has submitted a quote for \$25,521.00 to build this system. About \$9,900.00 of this cost is for fill material. 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 Joseph Haskin in the amount not to exceed \$25,521.00 to build his septic system.
- C. Cathy Foley Reimbursement Appeal: On January 17, 2017 we responded to Ms. Foley's request for end of the year reimbursement. Ms. Foley's address is 76 Earl St., Westbury, NY 11590. She is eligible for 60% reimbursement. It was determined that Ms. Foley's request was \$1,356.48 above the Schedule of Values for this project. Ms. Foley was paid \$1,800.00 which was for one pump out and 60% of the cost for a new septic tank. On February 3, 2017, after speaking to Tim Cox Ms. Foley returned the check and sent a letter. The letter is in the attachments sent to Committee members. Additional costs Ms. Foley is hoping to be reimbursed for include two more pump outs and \$708.48 for an excavator to locate and uncover her existing tank. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to deny Cathy Foley's appeal request for costs above \$1,800.00 for replacing her septic tank.

- D. Jeanine Figiel Over \$25,000.00: Ms. Figiel's project is located in the Town of Jewett. Her proposed septic system will serve a four bedroom house. Major components of this system include a 1,250 gallon septic tank, a dosing chamber, 90 linear feet of 4" gravity piping, one distribution box, 534 cubic yards of absorption fill material, an effluent filter, 315 linear feet of absorption trench, 140 linear feet of swale, tree and stump removal, temporary access road and extensive site restoration. Fill material costs for this project are about \$16,000.00. Four quotes were received for this project; \$43,000.00, \$43,500.00, \$39,990.00 and \$38,860.00. The lowest 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 to approve reimbursing Jeanine Figiel in the amount not to exceed \$38,860.00 to build her septic system.
- E. Septic Cluster Update: Leo reported that two people have failures or likely to fail septic systems in the cluster areas in the Town of Middletown. One is in Kelly Corners and one is in Clovesville. Neither homeowner is interested in being part of a cluster septic system. The Town has sent a request to NYSDOH for operation and maintenance funding. Kelly Corners and Clovesville are not designated hamlets under the MOA. There is a potential to connect more homes.
- F. Septic Maintenance: Larry reviewed activity in this program with the Committee. Homeowner response has surpassed last year. 3 homeowners were reimbursed for pump outs last month. The total for this year is 13. This is slower than last year, probably due to the weather.
- G. Update: Leo reviewed activity in the Septic Program with the Committee. Three homeowners were reimbursed for septic system repairs in February. Two of these were under the Reimbursement Program.

IV. The next Septic Committee meeting was scheduled for April 4, 2017.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 AM.