

Catskill Watershed Corporation
Septic Committee Meeting
May 5, 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), Marty Donnelly (Director), Jeff Graf (NYCDEP), John Jacobson (CWC), Innes Kasanof (Director), Larry Kelly (CWC), Leo LaBuda (CWC), Jim Martin (CWC), Mark McCarthy (Director), Rich Parete (Director) and Tom Stalter (NYCDEP)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 AM by Wayne Marshfield.
- II. Wayne Marshfield was nominated and re-elected Chair of the Committee by a unanimous vote.
- III. Minutes from last meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
- IV. Septic Program
 - A. Carli Gazorian Over \$25,000.00: Ms. Gazorian's project is located in the Town of Hunter. Her proposed septic system will serve a three bedroom house and a one bedroom rental house. Major components of her septic system will include two septic tanks, one dosing chamber, 215 linear feet of 4" gravity piping, one distribution box, 585 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 248 linear feet of absorption trench, 185 linear feet of swale, tree removal, a temporary access road and site restoration. Ms. Gazorian obtained three quotes to build this system. They were for \$38,000.00, \$39,000.00 and \$39,180.00. The lowest quote is within 10% of the staff estimated cost of construction based on the Schedule of Values. The homeowner's cost share for the rental house is \$4,386.11. Prorating this amount (\$38,000.00 - \$4,386.11) brings the program funding total to \$38,613.89. The Septic Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse Carli Gazorian in the amount not to exceed \$38,613.89 to build her septic system.
 - B. James Bruno Additional Costs: Mr. Bruno's project is located in the Town of Colchester. His project was previously approved for \$23,420.00. During construction rock was discovered and had to be excavated. Mr. Bruno's engineer required the contractor to extend the curtain drain 80 linear feet to prevent water from inundating the absorption area. A temporary road was required to gain access for trucks to deliver fill materials. A total cost of \$5,500.00 was determined to be reasonable for the rock

- removal, 80 linear feet of curtain drain and the road to deliver materials. This will bring the total project cost to \$28,920.00. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse James Bruno in the amount not to exceed \$28,920.00 to build his septic system.
- C. Catarina Astrom Over \$25,000.00: Ms. Astrom's property is located at 819 Town Brook Rd. in the Town of Stamford. Her proposed septic system will serve a six bedroom house. Major components of her septic system will include a 1,750 gallon septic tank, a pump station, 10 linear feet of 4" gravity piping, 305 linear feet of force main, 600 cubic yards of absorption fill material, one effluent filter, 480 linear feet of absorption trench, 125 linear feet of curtain drain and site restoration. Ms. Astrom obtained three quotes to build this system. They were for \$32,054.00, \$36,804.79 and \$43,465.00. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Catarina Astrom in the amount not to exceed \$32,054.00 to build her septic system.
- D. Septic Cluster Update: There was no report on this program this month.
- E. Septic Maintenance: Larry Kelly reviewed activity in this program with the Committee. Activity was slow this month. 7 homeowners were reimbursed for pump outs last month. A mailing will go out this month to the next homeowners eligible for this program.
- F. Update: Leo reviewed activity in the Septic Program with the Committee. Leo noted that the update shows 0 repairs funded this month. Actually there were two leftover projects paid for from last year, but due to some "housecleaning" of the data the number shows as 0.
- G. Other: A program eligibility issue has arisen for a property in the Town of Shandaken. It is owned by Michael Wallace and is located on Old Rte. 28 outside of Phoenicia. Mr. Wallace purchased the property in 1996 from his father. In 2006 Mr. Wallace built an addition on the original modest house that approximately doubled the square footage of the house. The addition includes an office, family room and utility room. The number of bedrooms remained the same. The original 24" X 24" house continued to have two bedrooms and a kitchen. In 2004 prior to the addition, the Shandaken Assessor valued the home itself at \$11,600.00. In 2014, after the addition was constructed, the home was valued at \$100,000.00.

Alan explained that Program Rules exist to govern staff. The Board can amend or change them at any time. CWC Septic Program Rules prohibit eligibility to homes or

residences constructed after November 2, 1996 as well as residences that have been improved by 75% of their original market value since that same date.

The renovations are in this case modest and do not change requirements or costs for a septic system repair. The house is on 1.25 acres. Wayne made a motion seconded by Robert Pelham and the Committee voted unanimously to fund Mike Wallace's septic system repair.

Leo reported progress on the Washington Street, Prattsville extension. Originally the Board allocated \$300,000.00 for this project. LaFever Excavating has submitted the low bid of \$295,000.00. Engineering costs to date are \$34,000.00. Additional engineering costs are anticipated to be \$7,500.00. A 10% contingency of \$37,500.00 has been added to the budget. Total project cost is not to exceed \$375,000.00. \$75,000.00 will need to be added to the project budget.

Deductions shown in the notes column of the Re-bid Summary Sheet reflect cost savings by replacing the originally proposed C90 pipe with SDR 35 pipe. SDR 35 is suitable for this application.

Alan summarized the Resolution to be brought to the Board. Jim Martin and Nate Hendricks clarified that the additional \$75,000.00 will be taken from the original \$1,000,000.00 transferred from Future Storm funding to the Community Wastewater Management Program. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to add \$75,000.00 transferred from the Community Wastewater Management Program to the budget for the Washington St., Prattsville extension project budget.

- IV. The next Septic Committee meeting was scheduled for June 2, 2015.
- V. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 AM.