

**Catskill Watershed Corporation**  
**Septic Committee Meeting**  
**August 4, 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) and Michael Meyer (NYCDEP)

Others: Tim Cox (CWC), Diane Galusha (CWC), Jeff Graf (NYCDEP), Tammie Harris (CWC Intern), John Jacobson (CWC), Innes Kasanoff (Director), Larry Kelly (CWC), Leo LaBuda (CWC), Jim Martin (CWC), Rich Parete (Director) and Tom Stalter (NYCDEP)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9: AM by Wayne Marshfield.
- II. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
- III. Leo pointed out two errors in the Agenda that need correcting. The Ann Marie Ennis project requires 80 cubic yards of absorption fill material, not NYSDOT C-33 sand as stated on the Agenda. Also, the next Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 1, not the 8<sup>th</sup>.
- IV. Septic Program
  - A. Daniel Coyle Over \$25,000.00: Mr. Coyle's project is located in the Town of Jewett. His proposed septic system will serve a five bedroom house. Major components of this system include a 1,500 gallon septic tank, 244 linear feet of gravity piping, 93 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 160 cubic yards of random fill material, 20 cubic yards of stone, four peat modules, 3 cleanouts and site restoration. Mr. Coyle's contractor has submitted a quote for \$29,223.00 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 reimburse Daniel Coyle in the amount not to exceed \$29,223.00 to build his septic system.
  - B. Bruce Rasmussen Over \$25,000.00: Mr. Rasmussen's project is located in the Town of Delhi. His proposed septic system will serve a four bedroom house. Major components of this system include a 1,250 gallon septic tank, an effluent filter, 65 linear feet of gravity piping, a pump chamber, 30 linear feet of force main, 60 cubic yards of absorption fill material, four peat modules, 200 linear feet of absorption trench, temporary access and site restoration. Mr. Rasmussen's contractor has submitted a quote for \$29,522.90 to build this system. This is within 10% of the staff estimated cost of construction based on the Schedule of Values. The Committee recommended

that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Bruce Rasmussen in the amount not to exceed \$29,522.90 to build his septic system.

- C. Fernando Santana Over \$25,000.00: Mr. Santana's property is located in the Town of Jewett. His proposed septic system will serve a four bedroom house. Major components of this system will include a 1,250 gallon septic tank, pump chamber, 220 linear feet of gravity piping, 125 linear feet of force main, a distribution box, 520 cubic yards of absorption fill material, effluent filter, 330 linear feet of absorption trench, two cleanouts, an access road and site restoration. Mr. Santana's contractor has submitted a quote for \$29,967.00 to build this system. This is below the staff estimated cost of construction based on the Schedule of Values. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Fernando Santana in the amount not to exceed \$29,967.00 to build his septic system.
- D. Ann Marie Ennis Over \$25,000.00: Ms. Ennis' property is located in the Town of Roxbury. Her proposed septic system will serve a three bedroom house. Major components of this system will include a pump chamber, 15 linear feet of gravity piping, 175 linear feet of force main, 80 cubic yards of absorption fill material, three peat modules and site restoration. Ms. Ennis' contractor has submitted a quote for \$26,929.00 to build this system. This is within 10% of the staff estimated cost of construction based on the Schedule of Values. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Ann Marie Ennis in the amount not to exceed \$26,929.00 to build her septic system.
- E. John Cianci Additional Costs: Mr. Cianci's project is located in the Town of Bovina. His project was approved previously approved for \$25,680.00. During construction it was discovered that the amount of absorption trench required by the plan was ambiguous. In one place the plan said 220 linear feet and in another it said 275 linear feet. The contractor quoted the project including 220 linear feet. 275 linear feet was what was really required. The contractor added 55 linear feet of trench and is requesting an additional \$537.00. This cost is in accordance with the Schedule of Values. With this addition, the total project cost to \$26,217.80. The engineer is Steele Brook Engineering, the contractor on the project is Delaware Bulldozing. This Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse John Cianci in the amount not to exceed \$537.00 for additional costs to build his septic system.
- F. William Cottiers Over \$25,000.00: Mr. Cottier's property is located in the Town of Hamden. His proposed septic system will serve a four bedroom house. Major components of this system will include a 1,250 gallon septic tank, 60 linear feet of

- gravity piping, 200 linear feet of force main, one effluent filter, four peat modules, 100 linear feet of swale, a temporary access road and site restoration. M. Cottiers' contractor has submitted a quote for \$26,800.00 to build this system. This is within 10% of the staff estimated cost of construction based on the Schedule of Values. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse William Cottiers in the amount not to exceed \$26,800.00 to build his septic system.
- G. Shannon Pelham Over \$25,000.00: Ms. Pelham's property is located in the Town of Ashland. Her proposed septic system will serve a five bedroom house. Major components of this system will include a 1,500 gallon septic tank, 15 linear feet of gravity piping, 215 linear feet of force main, one effluent filter, 30 cubic yards of fill material, four peat modules 105 linear feet of curtain drain, temporary access and site restoration. Ms. Pelham's contractor has submitted a quote for \$29,900.00 to build this system. This is within 10% of the staff estimated cost of construction based on the Schedule of Values. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Shannon Pelham in the amount not to exceed \$29,900.00 to build her septic system.
- H. Septic Cluster Update: One site is being inspected in the Cluster Area. The tank has been pumped and a dye test is in progress.
- I. Septic Maintenance: Larry Kelly reviewed activity in this program with the Committee. 22 homeowners were reimbursed for pump outs last month, bringing the total for the year to 92.
- J. Update: Leo reviewed activity in the Septic Program with the Committee. 42 repairs were paid for last month, bringing the total for the year to 92. 246 homeowners have participated in the program so far this year.
- K. Other: There are two difficult homeowners in the program who won't sign checks over to their contractors. One in Shandaken has a variety of complaints including system siting, a cesspool that wasn't pumped when it was decommissioned, a leaking septic tank and odors in the house. The system has been inspected by the engineer and DEP and nothing has been found wrong. The system appears to be working. The level of reimbursement for this project is 60%. The homeowner refuses to send a \$480.00 check. A homeowner in Windham is complaining about the grass cover on the system. The contractor has re-seeded the site twice. This system is also working. The homeowner is holding a \$24,400.00 check. The Committee recommended in both cases that a single party check be issued to the contractors.

In Prattsville, test borings were done on the Washington St. Extension project. During the boring a water main was struck. Apparently the water mains are not located where they are on the plan. Leo said the problem would be worked out and construction would likely begin next week. About two weeks will be needed to complete the project. The homeowners to be connected by this project are anxious to get it done.

V. The next Septic Committee meeting was scheduled for September 1, 2015.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM.