

Catskill Watershed Corporation
Septic Committee Meeting
October 3, 2017
Minutes

Attendance:

Committee Members: Tom Hynes (Director), Wayne Marshfield (Director), Tina Mole' (Director), Richard Parete (Director), Robert Pelham (Director), Anthony Van Glad (Director), Tom Snow (NYSDEC), Alan Rosa (CWC), Michael Triolo (Director), Michael Meyer (NYCDEP)

Others: Aaron Bennett (Ulster Co. Dept. of Environment), Samantha Costa (CWC), Tim Cox (CWC), Bruce Dolph (Coalition of Watershed Towns), Marty Donnelly (Director), Dean Frazier (Del. Co. Watershed Affairs), Diane Galusha (CWC), Matt Giannetta (NYCDEP), John Jacobson (CWC), LynnAnn Kavanagh (CWC), Larry Kelly (CWC), Leo LaBuda (CWC), Jim Martin (CWC), Mark McCarthy (Director), Jason Merwin (CWC), Barbara Puglisi (CWC), John Schwarz (NYCDEP), Tom Stalter (NYCDEP)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:38 AM by Wayne Marshfield.
- II. Minutes from the June Committee meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
- III. Septic Program
 - A. Vincent Wojciechowski Over \$25,000.00: Mr. Wojciechowski's project is located 357 South Gilboa Rd. in the Town of Stamford. His proposed septic system will serve a five bedroom house. A 1,500 gallon septic tank was previously installed and is not part of this quote. Major components of the remainder of this system include 80 linear feet of 4" gravity piping, 220 linear feet of gravity piping, 220 linear feet of force main, 60 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 12 cubic yards of C-33 sand, one effluent filter, five peat modules, 50 linear feet of curtain drain, a temporary access road, 20 linear feet of 6" Schedule 80 sleeve and extensive site restoration. Three quotes were received for this system. They were for \$33,800.00, \$34,300.00 and \$32,957.00. The lowest quote is within 10% of the staff estimated cost of construction based on the Schedule of Values. The total construction cost will be \$36,446.00. The engineer of this project is Paul Gossen, the contractor is Jim Peters. The Septic Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to approve reimbursing Vincent Wojciechowski in the amount not to exceed \$32,957.00 to build his septic system.
 - B. James Tolisano Additional Cost: Mr. Tolisano's project is located in the Town of Woodstock. His project was previously approved for \$33,900.00. During construction

rock was encountered in the area of the dosing chamber. It became apparent during heavy rains that a curtain drain would be necessary to protect the new absorption field from surface and ground water. Gutters from the house were redirected and the engineer directed the contractor to install an additional 29 cubic yards of absorption fill material. Additional costs total up to \$7,007.62. This is within the Schedule of Values and appear reasonable and justified. Total project cost with this addition will be \$40,907.62. The Engineer is Rex Sanford, the contractor is Andrew Eberhardt. The Septic Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse James Tolisano in the amount not to exceed \$7,007.42 for additional costs to build his septic system.

- C. Eric Van Tyle Over \$25,000.00: Mr. Van Tyle's project is located in the Town of Walton. His proposed septic system will serve a five bedroom house. Major components of this system will include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, one siphon chamber, 65 linear feet of gravity piping, one distribution box, 530 cubic yards of absorption fill material, one effluent filter, 534 linear feet of absorption trench, one clean out, temporary silt mound and fence and extensive site restoration. One quote has been received for this project for \$34,800.00. This is below the staff estimated cost of construction. There extenuating circumstances associated with this project. The property was originally owned by Leonard Govern and has had an open violation since 1998. The homeowner has had difficulty finding two more contractors to bid on the project. The engineer for this project is Kaatskill Mountain Surveyors and the contractor is Robinson Bros. The Septic Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to waive the rule requiring three quotes for projects over \$30,000.00. The Committee recommended that a second resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Eric Van Tyle in the amount not to exceed \$34,800.00 to build his septic system.
- D. Nadia Steinzor Over \$25,000.00: Ms. Steinzor's project is located in the Town of Woodstock. Her proposed septic system will serve a six bedroom house. Major components of this system include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, a 1,250 gallon septic tank, a siphon chamber, 190 linear feet of gravity piping, one distribution box, 200 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 450 linear feet of absorption trench, tree removal, temporary access and extensive site restoration A quote was receive for a prorated share of this project for \$29,934.36. This is within 10% of the staff estimated cost of construction based on the Schedule of Values. The engineer of this project is Rex Sanford, the contractor is Harvey Ostrander. The Septic Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse Nadia Steinzor in the amount not to exceed \$29,934.36 to build her septic system.

- E. Sonia Yudell Additional Costs: Ms. Yudell's project is located in the Town of Hunter. It was previously approved for \$24,390.00. The original plan did not include replacing the septic tank or the piping from the house to the tank. When the tank was uncovered during construction it was discovered that it was leaking. The engineer directed the contractor to replace the tank and piping. The contractor has requested \$3,200.00 for this work. The costs appear to be reasonable and justified. The engineer for the project is Rex Sanford, the contractor is Kevin Thompson. This will bring the total project cost to \$27,590.00. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse Sonia Yudell in the amount not to exceed \$3,200.00 for additional costs to build her septic system.
- F. Cesar Nieves Over \$25,000.00: Mr. Nieves' project is located in the Town of Kortright. His proposed septic system will serve a three bedroom house. Major components of this system will include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, 20 linear feet of gravity piping, 70 linear feet of force main, three peat modules, 50 linear feet of curtain drain, 7 cubic yards of C-33 sand, temporary access and site restoration. Mr. Nieves' contractor has submitted a quote for \$26,900.00 to build this system. This is within 10% of the staff estimated cost of construction. The engineer of this project is Paul Gossen, the contractor is Jim Peters. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse Cesar Nieves in the amount not to exceed \$26,900.00 to build his septic system.
- G. Barbara Einstein Over \$25,000.00: Ms. Einstein's project is located on Cowan Lane in the Town of Stamford. Her proposed septic system will serve a two bedroom house. Major components of this system will include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, 285 linear feet of gravity piping, one distribution box, 214 cubic yards of absorption fill material, one effluent filter, 160 linear feet of absorption trench, 140 linear feet of curtain drain, one clean out, 55 linear feet of curtain drain outlet, a temporary access road, tree removal and complete site restoration. A quote was received for \$28,100.00 to build this system. The engineer of this project is Steele Brook Engineering, the contractor is LaFever Excavating. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse Barbara Einstein in the amount not to exceed \$28,100.00 to build her septic system.
- H. Baiba Hulsizer Over \$25,000.00: Ms. Hulsizer's project is located in the Town of Olive. Her proposed septic system will serve a three bedroom house. Major components of this system include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, a pump station, 15 linear feet of 4" gravity piping, 25 linear feet of force main, one distribution box, 135 cubic yards of absorption fill material, one effluent filter, 260 linear feet of absorption trench, a temporary access road, removal of several large trees and site restoration. Ms.

Hulsizer's contractor has submitted a quote for \$28,900.00 to build this system. This is within 10% of the staff estimated cost of construction based on the Schedule of Values. The engineer of this project is Joe Boek, the contractor is Chad Davis. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse Baiba Hulsizer in the amount not to exceed \$28,900.00 to build her septic system.

- I. Septic Cluster Update: Leo had no update this month.
- J. Septic Maintenance: Leo reviewed activity in this program with the Committee. 25 homeowners were reimbursed for pump outs last month. 170 have been reimbursed this year.
- K. Update: Leo reviewed activity in the Septic Program with the Committee. 14 septic system repairs were paid for last month. The total paid for this year is 75. Construction is way behind this year. Alan informed the Committee that there are 388 in the pipeline.
- L. Other: A letter appealing a staff decision on eligibility was received from Lara Bowen. Ms. Bowen has purchased a property at 269 Colgate Rd. in East Jewett. The house on that property burned down five or six years ago. Staff originally determined that the property was ineligible, but she called and another staff member Mitch Hull answered the phone. She didn't mention that the house had burned down years ago. A house that burned down has to be replaced within three years. If it is longer, the project is considered new construction and the septic system is not eligible for program funding. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to deny Lara Bowen's appeal of the determination of ineligibility for Septic Program funding.

Leo brought up discussion on an issue with Delaware County requiring boring under roads for septic system construction. Two projects are at a standstill because of this requirement. It is difficult to find a contractor to bore. It is also costly. If compacted correctly open cut installations do not settle. Proctor density testing has to be done to ensure there is enough compaction. Tina will ask if the county requirement will allow open cut installations for CWC Septic Program projects.

- IV. The next Septic Committee meeting was scheduled for November 7, 2017.
- V. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 AM.