

**Catskill Watershed Corporation**  
**Septic Committee Meeting**  
**November 1, 2016**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Committee Members: Mike Brandow (Director), Tom Hynes (Director), Berndt Leifeld (Director), Wayne Marshfield (Director), Tina Mole' (Director), Robert Pelham (Director), Tom Snow (NYSDEC, by phone), Alan Rosa (CWC), Michael Triolo (Director), Michael Meyer (NYCDEP)

Others: Aaron Bennett (Ulster Co.), Tim Cox (CWC), Bruce Dolph (Coalition of Watershed Towns), Marty Donnelly (Director), Jim Eisel (Director), Phil Eskeli (NYCDEP), Diane Galusha (CWC), John Jacobson (CWC), Innes Kasanof (Director), Larry Kelly (CWC), Leo LaBuda (CWC), Jim Martin (CWC), John Mathiesen (CWC), Molly Oliver (Delaware Co. Watershed Affairs), Charles Piper (Del. Co. Veteran Affairs), Barbara Puglisi (CWC), Tom Stalter (NYCDEP), Alicia Terry (Schoharie Co. Planning), David Warne (NYCDEP)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:54 AM by Wayne Marshfield.
- II. Minutes from the October Committee meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
- III. Septic Program
  - A. Henry Birman Over \$25,000.00: Mr. Birman's project is located in the Town of Halcott. His proposed septic system will serve a four bedroom house. Major components of this system include a 1,250 gallon septic tank, pump station, 175 linear feet of 4" gravity piping, 30 linear feet of force main, an effluent filter, four peat modules, 130 linear feet of swale and site restoration. Mr. Birman's contractor has submitted a quote for \$28,400.00 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 Henry Birman in the amount not to exceed \$28,400.00 to build his septic system.
  - B. Donald MacNevin Over \$25,000.00: Mr. MacNevin's project is located in the Town of Ashland. His proposed septic system will serve a four bedroom house. Major components of this system include a 1,250 gallon septic tank, pump station, 15 linear feet of gravity piping, 25 linear feet of force main, 13 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 30 cubic yards of random fill, effluent filter, four peat modules, 130 linear feet of swale, concrete retaining wall and site restoration. Mr. MacNevin's contractor has submitted a quote for \$29,950.00 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 Donald MacNevin in the amount not to exceed \$29,950.00 to build his septic system.

- C. Richard Solomon Eligibility: The Committee reviewed a note sent from Richard Solomon, a homeowner in the Clovesville Cluster Area. Mr. Solomon wants to proceed in replacing his cesspool with an onsite septic system. Tim is waiting to meet with the Town to get direction from them. The Town is concerned about operation and maintenance costs. There are 18 homes in Clovesville.
  - D. Septic Cluster: There was nothing to update in the Cluster Program.
  - E. Septic Maintenance: Larry Kelly reviewed activity in this program with the Committee. Response has been good this year. 36 homeowners were reimbursed for pump outs last month. This brings the total for this year to 211.
  - F. Update: Leo reviewed activity in the Septic Program with the Committee. 37 homeowners were reimbursed for septic system repairs this month. The total for the year is 256.
  - G. Other: Ernest Hanselman has a septic system project approved for \$29,950.00. He does not want to go forward with it. He wants a 2,500 gallon H2O septic tank installed between the house and existing seepage pit. DEP regulatory staff approved this change. He can proceed with his tank installation. The existing seepage has been identified as “likely to fail,” so DEP does not require replacement of it. If it fails in the future, Mr. Hanselman will still be eligible for funding for an absorption field. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to rescind the original resolution to approve reimbursement to Ernest Hanselman in the amount not to exceed \$29,950.00 to build his septic system.
- IV. The next Septic Committee meeting was scheduled for December 6, 2016.
- V. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 AM.