

**Catskill Watershed Corporation
Septic Committee Meeting
December 6, 2022
Minutes**

Attendance:

Committee Members: Arthur Merrrill (Director), Tina Molé (Director), Richard Parete (Director), Alicia Terry (Director), Mark Tuthill (Director), Thomas Hoyt (Director), Allen Hinkley (Director), Thomas Snow (Director), Jason Merwin (CWC), David Warne (NYCDEP)

Others: Aaron Bennett (NYCDEP), Nick Carbone (Delaware Co. Watershed Affairs by Zoom), Joseph Cetta (Director), Samantha Costa (CWC), Timothy Cox (CWC), Mary Crisafulli (The Reporter by Zoom), Jim Eisel (Director), Heidi Emrich (Ulster Co. Dept. of Environment by Zoom), Jessica Feidler (CWC by Zoom), Matthew Giannetta (NYCDEP by Zoom), Mitchell Hull (CWC), John Jacobson (CWC), Innes Kasanof (Director), Lynn Kavanagh (CWC), Eric Lane (CWC), Katie Lynch EPA by Zoom), Michael Maloney (NYSDOH by Zoom), James Martin (CWC), Sonia Martinez (CWC), Lisa Melville (NYSDOS/WPPC by Zoom), Michael Meyer (NYCDEP), Patrick Palmer (NYSDOH), Dmitry Ostapshyn (NYCDEP by Zoom), Barbara Puglisi (CWC), Nicholas Sadler (NYCDEP), Jeff Senterman (Director), Jim Sofranko (Director), Pauline Wanjugi (NYSDOH by Zoom)

- I. Arthur Merrill Called the meeting to order at 9:51 AM.
- II. Minutes from the November, 2022 Committee Meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
- III. Septic Program:
 - A. **Roberto Conz Over \$25,000.00:** Mr. Conz's residence is located at 845 County Route 40, East Jewett, New York 12424 in the Town of Jewett. CWC staff determined that his septic system is likely to fail. His engineer is Praetorius & Conrad. His contractor is James Rion Construction. Mr. Conz's two-year deadline is June 30, 2023. His proposed septic system will serve a two-bedroom house. Major components of this system include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, a pump chamber, 84 linear feet of gravity pipe, 30 linear feet of force main, an effluent filter, one distribution box, 360 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 160 linear feet of absorption trench, 140 linear feet of curtain drain, 40 linear feet of curtain drain outlet pipe, 90 linear feet of access road and site restoration. Three quotes were received for this project. They were for \$37,948.00, \$39,867.00 and \$41,850.00. The lowest quote, submitted by James Rion Construction, 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 of Directors to reimburse Roberto Conz in the amount not to exceed \$37,948.00 to build his septic system.
 - B. **Glenn Hunsberger Over \$25,000.00:** Mr. Hunsberger's residence is located at 110 Griffith Road, Roscoe, New York 12775 in the Town of Colchester. CWC staff determined that his existing septic system is likely to fail. His engineer is Steele Brook Engineering. His contractor is LaFever Excavating.

Mr. Hunsberger's two-year deadline is April 21, 2024. His proposed septic system will serve a three-bedroom house. Major components of this system include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, one siphon chamber, 115 linear feet of gravity pipe, an effluent filter, one distribution box, 330 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 220 linear feet of absorption trench, 100 linear feet of curtain drain, 90 linear feet of curtain drain outlet pipe, 45 linear feet of access road, set tanks with a large excavator and site restoration. Three quotes have been received for this project. They are for \$42,440.00, \$45,000.00 and \$46,000.00. The lowest quote, submitted by LaFever Excavating, is within 10% of the staff estimated cost of construction based on the Schedule of Values. This is a secondary residence. Mr. Hunsberger is eligible for 60% of reasonable costs funding. $\$42,440.00 \times 60\% = \$25,464.00$. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse Glenn Hunsberger in the amount not to exceed \$25,464.00 to build his septic system.

- C. **Jacqueline Jaskowak Over \$25,000.00:** Ms. Jaskowak's residence is located at 341 Dimmick Mountain Road. Fleischmanns, New York 12430 in the Town of Middletown. CWC staff determined that her septic system is failing. Her engineer is Steele Brook Engineering. Her contractor is Donald Allen Excavating. Ms. Jaskowak's two-year deadline is August 23 2023. Her proposed septic system will serve a three-bedroom house. Major components of the system include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, a siphon chamber, 342 linear feet of gravity pipe, an effluent filter, one distribution box, 328 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 225 linear feet of absorption trench, 120 linear feet of curtain drain, 95 linear feet of curtain drain outlet pipe and site restoration. Three quotes have been received for this project. They are for \$37,902.00, \$37,950.00 and \$42,105.00. The lowest quote, submitted by Donald Allen Excavating 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 of Directors to reimburse Jacqueline Jaskowak in the amount not to exceed \$37,902.00 to build her septic system.
- D. **Slawomir Kolbusz Over \$25,000.00:** Mr. Kolbusz's residence is located at 648 Fall Clove Road, Delancey, New York 13752 in the Town of Colchester. CWC staff determined that his existing septic system is failing. His engineer is Steele Brook Engineering. His contractor is Triple M Excavating and Trucking. Mr. Kolbusz's two-year deadline is May 11, 2024. His proposed septic system will serve a three-bedroom house. Major components of this system include a 1.000 gallon septic tank, 60 linear feet of gravity pipe, 75 linear feet of force main, an effluent filter, 178 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 59 cubic yards of random fill material, three peat modules, remove four trees, 60 linear feet of access road and site restoration. Three quotes were received for this project. They were for \$47,082.28, \$50,824.58 and \$57,902.00. The lowest quote, submitted by Triple M Excavation and Trucking, 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 of Directors to reimburse Slawomir Kolbusz in the amount not to exceed \$47,082.28 to build his septic system.

- E. Christopher Speenburgh Over \$25,000.00:** Mr. Speenburgh's residence is located at 555 Bob Hollaway Road, Delancey, New York 13752 in the Town of Delhi. CWC staff determined that his existing septic system is failing. His engineer is Steele Brook Engineering. His contractor is LaFever Excavating. Mr. Speenburgh's two-year deadline is April 7, 2024. His proposed septic system will serve a three-bedroom house. Major components of this system include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, 100 linear feet of gravity pipe, an effluent filter, one distribution box, 251 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 160 linear feet of Presby pipe, 30 cubic yards of C-33 sand, 70 linear feet of vent pipe, 25 linear feet of six-inch sleeve, remove six trees and site restoration. Three quotes were received for this project. They were for \$35,500.00, \$37,350.00 and \$40,500.00. The lowest quote, submitted by LaFever Excavating, 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 of Directors to reimburse Christopher Speenburgh in the amount not to exceed \$35,500.00 to build his septic system.
- F. Thomas O'Toole Over \$25,000.00:** Mr. O'Toole's residence is located at 800 Route 296, Hensonville, New York 12439 in the Town of Jewett. CWC staff determined that his existing septic system is likely to fail. His engineer is Praetorius & Conrad. His contractor is James Rion Construction. Mr. O'Toole's two-year deadline is July 5, 2024. His proposed septic system will serve a three-bedroom house. Major components of this system include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, 65 linear feet of gravity pipe, an effluent filter, 45 cubic yards of absorption fill material, six cubic yards of additional stone, three peat modules, 65 linear feet of earth dike, 65 linear feet of access road, set tanks with a large excavator and site restoration. Three quotes were received for this project. They were for \$35,045.00, \$37,750.00 and \$38,045.00. The lowest quote, submitted by James Rion Construction, 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 of Directors to reimburse Thomas O'Toole in the amount not to exceed \$35,045.00 to build his septic system.
- G. Karen Yung Over \$25,000.00:** Ms. Yung's residence is located at 125 Highcliffe Road, Andes, New York 13731, in the Town of Andes. CWC staff determined that her existing septic system is likely to fail. Her engineer is Steele Brook Engineering. Her contractor is LaFever Excavating. Ms. Yung's two-year deadline is May 26, 2024. Her proposed septic system will serve a two-bedroom house. Major components of this system include a 1,000 gallon septic tank, 65 linear feet of gravity pipe, 95 linear feet of force main, an effluent filter, 173 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 63 cubic yards of random fill material, two peat modules, 90 linear feet of curtain drain, five linear feet of curtain drain outlet pipe, remove eight trees, set tanks with a large excavator, bucket material, 90 linear feet of access road and site restoration. Three quotes were received for this project. They were for \$43,500.00, \$45,500.00 and \$45,500.00. The lowest quote, submitted by

LaFever Excavating, 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 of Directors to reimburse Karen Yung in the amount not to exceed \$43,500.00 to build her septic system.

- H. Nerissa Campbell Additional Cost:** Mr. Campbell's residence is located at 3727 Route 23A, West Shokan, New York 12494 in the Town of Olive. CWC staff determined that her existing septic system was failing. Her engineer is Joseph Boek. Her contractor is Eberhardt Excavation. This project was previously approved for \$31,657.60. The contractor has requested \$3,475.00 for material price increases for 48 linear feet of four-inch Schedule 40 pipe, a 1,000 septic tank, 34 cubic yards of stone, 225 linear feet of four-inch SDR 35 pipe, 170 cubic yards of fill material, trucking costs for 258 cubic yards of materials, 34 cubic yards of topsoil, two tank delivery surcharges, a 1,000 gallon pump chamber, 85 linear feet of force main pipe, three float switches, one pump panel and one float bracket. This amount appears to be reasonable and justified. The total project cost will be \$35,132.67. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse Nerissa Campbell in the amount not to exceed \$3,475.07 for additional costs to build her septic system.
- I. William Clarke Additional Cost:** Mr. Clarke's residence is located at 175 Upper Boiceville Road, Boiceville, New York 12412, in the Town of Olive. CWC staff determined that his existing septic system was likely to fail. His engineer is Rex Sanford. His contractor is Chad Davis Contracting. This project was previously approved for \$58,454.11. The contractor has requested \$1,895.50 for material price increases for 430 linear feet of four-inch sewer and drain pipe, 100 linear feet of four-inch Schedule 40 pipe and trucking costs for 470 cubic yards of materials. This amount appears to be reasonable and justified. The total project cost will be \$60,349.61. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse William Clarke in the amount not to exceed \$1,895.50 for additional costs to build her septic system.
- J. Dean Davaros Additional Cost:** Mr. Davaros' residence is located at 653 Mill Street, Windham, New York 12496. in the Town of Windham. CWC staff determined that his existing septic system was failing. His engineer is Praetorius & Conrad. His contractor is GR Excavation. This project was previously approved for \$46,716.36. Ground water was discovered surfacing near the absorption field after rain. An additional 81 linear feet of curtain drain was installed. Twenty-four linear feet of six-inch pipe was required as well. The contractor has requested \$2,042.10 for the added work. This amount appears to be reasonable and justified. The total project cost will be \$48,758.46. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse Dean Davaros in in the amount not to exceed \$2,042.10 for additional costs to build his septic system.
- K. Ruth Defries Additional Cost:** Ms. Defries' residence is located at 43 Carle Road, Mount Tremper, New York 12457 in the Town of Shandaken. CWC staff determined that her existing septic system was failing. Her engineer is

Rex Sanford. Her contractor is Chad Davis Contracting. This project was previously approved for \$55,338.86. The contractor has requested \$1,690.50 for material price increases for 310 linear feet of sewer and drain pipe, 80 linear feet of four-inch Schedule 40 pipe and trucking costs for 360 cubic yards of materials. This amount appears to be reasonable and justified. The total project cost will be \$57,029.36. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse Ruth Defries in the amount not to exceed \$1,690.50 for additional costs to build her septic system.

- L. Rebecca Degondea Additional Cost:** Ms. Degondea's residence is located at 121 West Shokan Heights Road, West Shokan, New York 12494 in the Town of Olive. CWC staff determined that her existing septic system was failing. Her engineer is Rex Sanford. Her contractor is Chad Davis Contracting. This project was previously approved for \$53,500.00. The contractor has requested \$3,061.61 for material price increases for 200 linear feet of four-inch sewer and drain pipe, 30 linear feet of four-inch Schedule 40 pipe, 120 linear feet of two-inch force main, 180 linear feet of SDR 35 pipe, one two-inch ball valve, one two-inch union quick disconnect and trucking costs for 465 cubic yards of materials. The total project cost will be \$56,561.61. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board of Directors to reimburse Rebecca Degondea in the amount not to exceed \$3,061.61 for additional costs to build her septic system.
- M. Miles Dubois Additional Cost:** Mr. Dubois' residence is located at 2122 Platte Clove Road, Elka Park, New York 12427 in the Town of Hunter. CWC staff determined that his existing septic system was likely to fail. His engineer is David Rider. His contractor is C & C Excavating. This project was previously approved for \$56,000.00. Road drainage from Platte Clove Road significantly raised groundwater levels near the septic tank and pump chamber during a storm. The engineer asked the contractor to install 150 linear feet of curtain drain around the tanks to prevent infiltration. The contractor has requested \$3,900.00 for the added work. He is also asking for \$5,170.80 for material price increases for a 1,500 gallon septic tank, one 1,250 gallon septic tank, a tank delivery surcharge and three peat modules. These costs appear to be reasonable and justified. $\$3,900.00 + \$5,171.80 = \$9,070.80$. The total project cost will be \$65,070.80. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Miles Dubois in the amount not to exceed \$9,070.80 for additional costs to build his septic system.
- N. John Gullo Additional Cost:** Mr. Gullo's residence is located at 192 Baker Road, West Hurley, New York 12491 in the Town of Hurley. CWC staff determined that his existing septic system was likely to fail. His engineer is Rex Sanford. His contractor is Eberhardt Excavation. This project was previously approved for \$29,777.37. Rock was uncovered during construction. Twelve hours of hammering was required to attain adequate depth. A low-profile septic tank was installed. The contractor has requested \$5,375.57 for the added work. He is also asking for \$4,442.17 for material

price increases for 175 linear feet of four-inch Schedule 40 pipe, a 1,000 gallon septic tank, 36 cubic yards of stone, 300 linear feet of four-inch SDR 35 pipe, 180 cubic yards of fill material, trucking costs for 286 cubic yards of materials, 80 cubic yards of topsoil and a tank delivery surcharge. These costs appear to be reasonable and justified. $\$5,375.57 + \$4,442.17 = \$9,817.74$. The total project cost will be $\$39,595.11$. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse John Gullo in the amount not to exceed $\$9,817.74$ for additional costs to build his septic system.

- O. **Elizabeth Henry Additional Cost:** Ms. Henry's residence is located at 305 Charles Morse Road, Denver, New York 12421 in the Town of Roxbury. CWC staff determined that her existing septic system was failing. Her engineer is Steele Brook Engineering. Her contractor is Donald Allen Excavating. This project was previously approved for $\$31,547.00$. The contractor is requesting $\$746.24$ for material price increases for 160 linear feet of Presby pipe. Staff believes that the correct price increase is $\$566.40$. The increase is calculated by the Schedule of Values, not what the contractor paid before. The total project cost will be $\$32,113.40$. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Elizabeth Henry in the amount not to exceed $\$566.40$ for additional costs to build her septic system.
- P. **Robert Leaver Additional Cost:** Mr. Leaver's residence is located at 178 Don Irwin Road, Prattsville, New York 12468 in the Town of Prattsville. CWC staff determined that his existing septic system was likely to fail. His engineer is Steele Brook Engineering. His contractor is William Walcutt. This project was previously approved for $\$29,995.00$. Topography varied over two feet from the design. An additional 120 cubic yards of absorption fill material was required. A longer fence was installed to prevent horses from walking on the absorption field. The foundation had to be drilled to install a new sewer line. The old septic tank was thought to be six feet deep outside the house. It was determined that there was a cesspool under the house. The contractor has requested $\$8,388.80$. Staff believes that a reasonable cost for these items is $\$6,888.80$. The cost of fencing was subtracted. The total project cost will be $\$36,883.80$. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Robert Leaver in the amount not to exceed $\$6,888.80$ for additional costs to build his septic system.
- Q. **Lavinia Lorch Additional Cost:** Dr. Lorch's residence is located at 265 Yeagerville Road, Napanoch, New York 12458 in the Town of Wawarsing. CWC staff determined that her existing septic system was failing. Her engineer is Ward Engineering. Her contractor is Sheeley Oil and Excavating. The proposed septic system will serve a four-bedroom house. This project was begun during COVID. It was previously approved for $\$22,859.79$. CWC has paid for installing a 1,250 gallon septic tank and an absorption field with Eljen units. The contractor has submitted another bill for $\$4,539.00$ to install 314 linear feet of gravity pipe from the septic tank and a new distribution box. This amount appears to be reasonable and justified. The total project

cost will be \$27,398.79. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Lavinia Lorch in the amount not to exceed \$4,539.00 for additional costs to build her septic system.

- R. Maureen MacDougall Additional Cost:** Ms. MacDougall's residence is located at 260 Red Kill Mountain Road, Denver, New York 12421 in the Town of Roxbury. CWC staff determined that her existing septic system was likely to fail. Her engineer is Benjamin Dates. Her contractor is LaFever Excavating. This project was previously approved for \$24,985.00. Water is infiltrating the septic tank and pump chamber. The pump alarm repeatedly goes off. The engineer is suggesting that the contractor install 25 linear feet of curtain drain. Removing a stone patio and multiple gardens will be required. The contractor is requesting \$3,510.00 for the added work. This amount appears to be reasonable and justified. The total project cost will be \$28,495.00. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Maureen MacDougall in the amount not to exceed \$3,510.00 for additional costs to build her septic system.
- S. Jeffrey Paraszczuk Additional Cost:** Mr. Paraszczuk's residence is located at 115 Star Drive, Stamford, New York 12167 in the Town of Jefferson. His engineer is Benjamin Dates. His contractor is Ted's Grading and Landscaping. CWC staff determined that his existing septic system was failing. This project was previously approved for \$36,457.50. Rock was encountered while installing the septic tank, dosing chamber and curtain drain. Five hours of hammering were required to attain adequate depths. The contractor has requested \$1,893.86 for the added work. This amount appears to be reasonable and justified. The total project cost will be \$38,351.36. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Jeffrey Paraszczuk in the amount not to exceed \$1,893.86 for additional costs to build his septic system.
- T. Jeanne Sachs Additional Cost:** Ms. Sachs' residence is located at 48 Bell Lane, West Shokan, New York 12494 in the Town of Olive. Her engineer is Rex Sanford. Her contractor is Eberhardt Excavation. CWC staff determined that her existing septic system was likely to fail. This project was previously approved for \$1,906.38. The contractor has requested \$2,198.57 for material price increases for 80 linear feet of four-inch Schedule 40 pipe, a 1,000 gallon septic tank, 21 cubic yards of stone, 40 linear feet of four-inch SDR 35 pipe, 54 cubic yards of fill material, trucking costs for 129 cubic yards of fill material, 60 cubic yards of topsoil and a tank delivery surcharge. This amount appears to be reasonable and justified. The total project cost will be \$22,104.95. The Committee recommended that Jeanne Sachs be reimbursed in the amount not to exceed \$2,198.57 for additional costs to build her septic system.
- U. Ilya Solovyev Additional Cost:** Mr. Solovyev's residence is located at 76 Lower Highland Circle, Roxbury, New York 12474 in the Town of Roxbury. His engineer is Rex Sanford. His contractor is Estes Plumbing & Excavation. CWC staff determined that his existing septic system was failing. This project

was previously approved for \$40,900.91. Shallow bedrock was encountered during installation of the septic tank, pump chamber, absorption bed, force main, curtain drain and an additional drain. Sixty-seven hours of hammering was required to attain adequate depths. Large volumes of water began following the force main back to the pump chamber and septic tank. An additional curtain drain was installed to prevent this. Additional trees were removed. Material had to be brought in to properly backfill components where rock was removed. Excavated rock had to be spread and reclaimed onsite. A drywell was discovered that had to be pumped and decommissioned. The contractor has requested \$28,515.50 for the added work. This amount appears to be reasonable and justified. The total project cost will be \$69,416.41. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Ilya Solovyev in the amount not to exceed \$28,515.50 for additional costs to build his septic system.

- V. **Gregg Passarelli Additional Cost:** Mr. Passarelli's residence is located at 3164 East Hubbell Hill Road, Margaretville, New York 12455 in the Town of Middletown. His engineer is Rex Sanford. His contractor is G.C. Landscaping & Excavation. This project is a second time repair. It was previously approved for \$43,495.37. A dumpster was needed to dispose of the old Eljen mats. The contractor has requested \$867.77 for the added work. He has asked for \$2,011.80 for material price increases for 60 cubic yards of topsoil, 450 cubic yards of absorption fill material, 30 cubic yards of stone, delivery charges for two tanks and 30 cubic yards of cobbles. $\$867.77 + \$2,011.80 = \$2,879.57$. These amounts appear to be reasonable and justified. The total project cost will be \$46,374.94. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Gregg Passarelli in the amount not to exceed \$2,879.57 for additional costs to build his septic system.
- W. **Donald Blouin Additional Cost:** Mr. Blouin's office building is located at Belleayre Realty, 227 Panther View Drive, Fleischmanns, New York 12430 in the Town of Middletown. His engineer is John Bolger. His contractor is Jim Peters Excavating. This project is eligible for reimbursement of 100% reasonable costs from the Expanded Septic Program. It was previously approved for \$29,999.00. Water filled excavations for the septic tank and pump chamber. The contractor was unable to set the tanks. They had to be relocated higher up the hill. Interior plumbing was raised to avoid deep excavation into groundwater. Extra material was brought to the site to cover the tanks. The contractor has requested \$3,102.00 for the added work. This amount appears to be reasonable and justified. The total project cost will be \$33,101.00. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Donald Blouin in the amount not to exceed \$3,102.00 for additional costs to build his septic system.
- X. **Paul Covello Additional Cost:** Mr. Covello's rental property located at 1653 State Route 28, West Hurley, New York 12491 in the Town of Hurley. His engineer is North Engineers. His contractor is Chad Davis Contracting. This

project is eligible for reimbursement of 100% costs from the Expanded Septic Program. It was previously approved for \$39,060.00. The contractor has requested \$1,556.05 for material price increases for 350 linear feet of Presby pipe, 100 linear feet of four-inch Schedule 40 pipe, 20 couplings, 16 offset adapters, 60 linear feet of two-inch force main, ten 90 degree elbows, 14 forty-five degree elbows and a 1,500 gallon septic tank. This amount appears to be reasonable and justified. The total project cost will be \$40,616.05. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to reimburse Paul Covello in the amount not to exceed \$1,556.05 for additional costs to build his septic system.

- Y. **Peter Martin Second Time Repair:** Mr. Martin's project is located in the Town of Middletown. It was paid for in 2010 by the Priority 7 Program. The poly septic tank installed at that time is collapsing from weight of the soil covering it. The homeowner had a pump out done in 2020. He had a pumper check it again in 2022. The Committee recommended that a resolution be brought before the Board to approve Peter Martin for a second time repair.

- Z. **Septic Maintenance:** Mitch Hull updated the Committee on activity in the Septic Maintenance Program. One hundred twenty-four homeowners were reimbursed for pump outs over the past month. This is a record. Six hundred eleven homeowners have been reimbursed for pump outs this year.

- AA. **Septic Cluster:** A septic system failure has been identified in Clovesville. Mitch has sent a letter to the Town. They responded that they were not interested. Jason explained that the Cluster Program process is like the Community Wastewater Program. A study is cost-free for the Town. The Town Board may pass a resolution to complete a study.

- BB. **Septic Update:** Forty-eight homeowners were reimbursed for septic system repairs last month. Two hundred forty-three homeowners have been reimbursed for septic system repairs this year. November is historically the month when the most septic systems are completed.

- CC. **Other:** Tom Hoyt asked if pumpers were still having difficulties dumping septage. One pumper has had issues. No more responses to the questionnaire sent to municipalities who have treatment plants that could be retrofitted to accept septage have been received. The goal is to include funding for retrofitting some plants in the next Septic Maintenance Program contract.

- DD. The next Septic Committee Meeting was scheduled for January 3, 2023.

- IV. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 AM.