

AGENDA

CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION **SEPTIC COMMITTEE MEETING** **October 7, 2025 Following Wastewater**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review of Last Meeting's Minutes
- III. Septic Programs: Take Offs Attached
 - a. Eljana Behrami over \$30,000
 - b. Kevin Blumenthal over \$30,000
 - c. Jeffrey Eplett over \$30,000
 - d. Alexa Evans over \$30,000
 - e. David Melville over \$30,000
 - f. Marc Peeters over \$30,000
 - g. Tara Smalls over \$30,000
 - h. Bruce Thomas over \$30,000
 - i. Gordon Gardner over \$30,000
 - j. Joshua Boissy additional cost
 - k. Charles Debellis additional cost
 - l. Steven Golden additional cost
 - m. Michael Hynes/ Stacey Keck additional cost
 - n. Rebekkah Martin additional cost
 - o. Mark Pezzati additional cost
 - p. Doris Ross additional cost
 - q. Winnisook Inc. Nulty House additional cost
 - r. Jeffrey Clement second time repair
 - s. Delmar Crim second time repair
 - t. Joseph Grimm second time repair
 - u. Dana Hommel second time repair
 - v. Robert Janiszweski second time repair
 - w. Jeanie Scotti second time repair
 - x. Septic Maintenance
 - y. Septic Cluster
 - z. Septic Update
 - aa. Other
 - bb. Schedule next meeting November 4, 2025
 - cc. Adjournment

Eljana Behrami over \$30,000:

Address: 279 Durham Rd., Gilboa, NY 12076

Town: Conesville

Bedroom: 2 designed for 4

Engineer: Dan Crandell P.E.

Contractor: Eric Dahlberg Construction

Sign In Date: 2/15/25

Design Application Received By DEP: 5/14/24

Design Application Deemed Complete: 6/4/24

Date Recommended For DEP Design Approval: 6/11/24

2-Year Deadline: 2/15/27

The major components include one 1250 gallon septic tank, one siphon chamber, 195 l.f. of gravity pipe, one effluent filter, one distribution box, 573 c.y of absorption fill material, 385 l.f. of absorption trench, 150 l.f. of improved swale, and site restoration. The homeowner received three quotes: \$50,398.69, \$53,100.57, and \$54,000.09. The low quote is below our estimated cost for construction. We believe that the cost for the 2 additional bedrooms is \$13,079.51. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement request of $\$50,398.69 - \$13,079.51 = \$37,319.18$.

Kevin Blumenthal over \$30,000:

Address: 2465 County Route 2, Delancey, NY 13752

Town: Hamden

Bedroom: 5

Engineer: Steele Brook Engineering

Contractor: A&M Excavating

Sign In Date: 5/30/24

Design Application Received By DEP: 2/7/25

Design Application Deemed Complete: 2/12/25

Date Recommended For DEP Design Approval: 4/17/25

2-Year Deadline: 5/30/26

The major components include one 1500 gallon H2O septic tank, one H2O pump chamber, 47 l.f. of gravity pipe, 307 l.f. of force main, one effluent filter, 280 l.f. of Infiltrators, 93 l.f. of improved swale, 68 l.f. of 1" pipe, 8 1" clean outs, set tanks with large excavator, spread & reclaim excess material and site restoration. The homeowner received three quotes: \$53,583.00, \$57,790.00, and \$58,675.00. The low quote is within 10% of our estimated cost for construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement request of \$53,583.00.

Jeffrey Eplett over \$30,000:

Address: 280 John B. Hewitt Rd., Denver, NY 12421

Town: Roxbury

Bedroom: 3

Engineer: Rex Sanford P.E.

Contractor: Maduri Excavating

Sign In Date: 8/21/18

Design Application Received By DEP: 4/28/20

Design Application Deemed Complete: 4/29/20

Date Recommended for DEP Design Approval: 4/29/20 - Re Approval 8/22/25

2-Year Deadline:

The major components include one 1000 gallon septic tank, 85 l.f. of gravity pipe, one effluent filter, one distribution box, 140 c.y. of absorption fill material, 250 l.f. of absorption trench, 120 l.f. of curtain drain, 60 l.f. of access rd., set tank with large excavator, and site restoration. The homeowner received three quotes: \$39,277.79, \$42,058.60, and \$43,666.96. The low quote is within 10% of our estimated cost for construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement request of \$39,277.79.

Alexa Evans over \$30,000:

Address: 4262 State Route 212, Lake Hill, NY 12448

Town: Woodstock

Bedroom: 4

Engineer: Praetorius & Conrad

Contractor: James Rion

Sign in date: 7/29/24

Design Application Received By DEP: 5/6/25

Design Application Deemed Complete: 5/14/25

Date Recommended For DEP Design Approval: 5/14/25

2-Year Deadline: 7/29/26

The major components include one 1250 gallon septic tank, one pump chamber, 17 l.f. of gravity pipe, 335 l.f. of force main, one effluent filter, 102 c.y. of absorption fill material, 4 peat modules, 290 l.f. of access rd., 7 trees to be removed, 4 clay dams, set tank with a large excavator, flaggers, and site restoration. The homeowner received three quotes: \$80,660.00, \$89,472.04, and \$91,951.04. The low quote is below our estimated cost for construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement request of \$80,660.00.

David Melville over \$30,000:

Address: 4262 14 Mountain Valley Rd., Boiceville, NY 12412

Town: Olive

Bedroom: 3

Engineer: Joseph M. Boek, P.E.

Contractor: Mammoth Excavation Inc.

Sign In Date: 6/10/25

Design Application Received By DEP: 7/8/25

Design Application Deemed Complete: 7/16/25

Date Recommended For DEP Design Approval: 7/23/25

2-Year Deadline: 6/10/27

The major components include one 1,000 gallon septic tank, one pump chamber, 14 l.f. of gravity pipe, 22 l.f. of force main, one effluent filter, one distribution box, 177 c.y. of absorption fill material, 184 l.f. of absorption trench, set tanks with a large excavator, 4 road plates, excavate cut and fill area, spread and reclaim excess material and site restoration. The homeowner received three quotes: \$43,849.00, \$44,595.32, and \$44,781.90. The low quote is within 10% of our estimated cost for construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement request of \$43,849.00.

Marc Peeters over \$30,000:

Address: 218 East River Rd., Walton, NY 13856

Town: Walton

Bedroom: 3

Engineer: Benjamin Dates P.E.

Contractor: Dutcher Construction

Sign In Date: 9/30/24

Design Application Received By DEP: 10/4/24

Design Application Deemed Complete: 10/11/24

Date Recommended For DEP Design Approval: 5/9/25

2-Year Deadline: 9/30/26

The major components include one 1000 gallon septic tank, one pump chamber, 26 l.f. of gravity pipe, 120 l.f. of force main, one effluent filter, one distribution box, 402 c.y. of absorption fill material, 180 l.f. of Presby pipe, 30 c.y. of C-33 sand, 68 l.f. of vent pipe, 110 l.f. of access rd., and site restoration. The homeowner received three quotes: \$56,543.25, \$59,960.00, and \$74,275.00. The low quote is below our estimated cost for construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement request of \$56,543.25.

Tara Smalls over \$30,000:

Address: 22 Lake Cecil Rd., Sidney Center, NY 13839

Town: Tompkins

Bedroom: 3

Engineer: Benjamin Dates P.E.

Contractor: Dutcher Construction

Sign in date: 6/11/25

Design Application Received By DEP: 9/14/24

Design Application Deemed Complete: 9/23/24

Date Recommended For DEP Design Approval: 10/25/24

2-Year Deadline: 6/11/27

The major components include one 1000 gallon septic tank, one pump chamber, 8 l.f. of gravity pipe, 165 l.f. of force main, one distribution box, 315 c.y. of absorption fill material, 175 l.f. of Presby pipe, 30 c.y. of C-33 sand, 133 l.f. of vent pipe, 20 l.f. of 4" sch 80 and site restoration. The homeowner received three quotes: \$52,591.44, \$53,250.00, and \$62,500.00. The low quote is within 10% of our estimated cost for construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement request of \$52,591.44.

Bruce Thomas over \$30,000:

Address: 469 Route 13, Prattsville, NY 12468

Town: Lexington

Bedroom: 2

Engineer: John Bolger P.E.

Contractor: Mountain Top Excavating

Sign In Date: 7/22/24

Design Application Received By DEP: 1/14/25

Design Application Deemed Complete: 1/24/25

Date Recommended For DEP Design Approval: 5/28/25

2-Year Deadline: 7/22/26

The major components include one 1000 gallon H2O septic tank, one H2O pump chamber, 15 l.f. of gravity pipe, 66 l.f. of force main, one effluent filter, one distribution box, 210 c.y of absorption fill material, 180 l.f. of absorption trench, 5 trees to be removed, 105 l.f. of curtain drian, 22 l.f. of curtain drain outlet pipe, 10 l.f. of 6" sleeve, and site restoration. The homeowner received three quotes: \$42,065.04, \$43,047.40, and \$45,097.00. The low quote is below our estimated cost for construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement request of \$42,065.04.

Gordon Gardner over \$30,000:

Second Time Repair

Address: 2684 County Highway 1, Andes, NY 13731

Town: Andes

Bedroom: 2

Engineer: Steele Brook Engineering

Contractor: JJB Excavation & Septic's Inc.

Sign In Date: 2/15/24

Design Application Received By DEP: 8/27/24

Design Application Deemed Complete: 9/15/24

Date Recommended For DEP Design Approval: 2/5/25

2-Year Deadline: 2/15/26

The major components include one 1000 gallon septic tank, one pump chamber, 33 l.f. of gravity pipe, 176 l.f. of force main, one effluent filter, 181 c.y. of absorption fill material, 48 c.y. of random fill material, 60 l.f. of improved swale, 6 trees to be removed, bucket material, and site restoration. The homeowner received three quotes: \$55,000.00, \$64,080.00, and \$67,184.00. The low quote is below our estimated cost for construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept this reimbursement request of \$55,000.00.

Joshua Boissy Additional Cost:

Address: 59475 State Highway 10, Hobart, NY 13788

Town: Kortright

Engineer: Benjamin Dates P.E.

Contractor: Ted's Grading & Landscaping

The project was previously approved for \$29,886.24. During installation of the septic the contractor damaged the spring line that was in the middle of the proposed leach field area. Due to the damage the spring line pump also burned out. As a result, the contractor had to reroute the spring line and replace the damaged pump. Due to the tight space and the contractor having to keep the driveway open he needed additional restoration for the area where the material was staged. While installing the septic tank and pump chamber the contractor encountered a large amount of ground water. The contractor had to utilize dewatering pumps for numerous hours in order to keep the tank holes dry while setting the tanks. The septic tank was set in place of a very large cesspool that had to be decommissioned. This required the contractor to install an additional 20 c.y. of stone. The contractor has asked to be reimbursed \$7,037.88 for the added work. We believe the cost is reasonable and just. We are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept the additional cost of \$7,037.88 for a total project cost of \$36,924.12.

Charles Debellis Additional Cost:

Address: 3902 State Highway 28, Boiceville, NY 12412

Town: Olive

Engineer: Rex Sanford P.E.

Contractor: Eberhardt Excavation

The project was previously approved for \$45,323.01. After the curtain drain was installed, water continued to seep out of the bank. As a result, the engineer had the contractor extend the curtain drain an additional 60 feet. Water continued to impact the system, so the engineer had the contractor install a second curtain drain and outlet pipe to catch the water. Due to a variation in topography the contractor was required to install an additional 60 c.y. of absorption fill to complete the system. 5 huge willow trees and stumps were removed as part of the repair leaving large voids where the stumps were. As a result, the contractor had to bring in random fill material to fill in the holes. The Presby field also required an additional 6 c.y. of C-33 material. The contractor has asked to be reimbursed $\$10,002.52 \times 60\% = \$6,001.51$ for the added work. We believe the cost is reasonable and just. We are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept the additional cost of \$6,001.51 for a total project cost of \$51,324.52.

Steven Golden Additional Cost:

Address: 724-728 High Point Mountain Rd., West Shokan, NY 12494

Town: Olive

Engineer: Rex Sanford P.E.

Contractor: Burns Enterprises, LLC

The project was previously approved for \$41,119.24. The material excavated from the tank hole and piping to the field was unsuitable for backfill. As a result, the contractor had to bring in 30 c.y. of random fill material to back fill with. Due to a slight variation in topography the contractor needed an additional 16 c.y. of absorption fill material to complete the leach field area. The contractor has asked to be reimbursed $\$1,115.22 \times 60\% = \669.13 for the added work. We believe the cost is reasonable and just. We are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept the additional cost of \$669.13 for a total project cost of \$41,788.37.

Michael Hynes/ Stacey Keck Additional Cost:

Address: 53-64 Crest Drive, Roxbury, NY 12474

Town: Roxbury The contractor claims they were told a pressure test was not needed.

Engineer: John Bolger P.E.

Contractor: LaFever Excavating, Inc.

The project was previously approved for \$99,895.00 for both projects. The contractor claims they were told a pressure test was not needed. The DEC required pressure testing after the sewer extension was installed. The contractor has asked to be reimbursed \$14,000.00 for the added work. We believe the cost is reasonable and just. We are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept the additional cost of \$14,000.00 for a total project cost of \$113,895.00.

Rebekkah Martin Additional Cost:

Address: 3669 County Highway 33, Bloomville, NY 13739

Town: Kortright

Engineer: Benjamin Dates P.E.

Contractor: VanDusen Backhoe & Landscape Service

The project was previously approved for \$34,901.05. After the contractor cut all of the trees and prepped the leach field area for sand it was determined that the septic tank and dosing chamber would not be able to get gravity to the new field. The contractor encountered multiple lines leaving the house and had to rework the plumbing. The field also had to be shifted further down the hill to keep gravity. Additional trees needed to be cut and the contractor had to restore the disturbed area. The contractor has asked to be reimbursed \$11,000.00 for the added work. We believe the cost is reasonable and just. We are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept the additional cost of \$11,000.00 for a total project cost of \$45,901.05.

Mark Pezzati Additional Cost:

Address: 583 Rich Rd., Andes, NY 13731

Town: Andes

Engineer: Steele Brook Engineering

Contractor: Halcott Center Excavation & Landscaping

The project was previously approved for \$48,625.09. When excavating for the tank and sewer line the contractor encountered numerous rocks that were unsuitable for backfill. The contractor had to bring in material to backfill the tanks and sewer line with and spread & reclaim the rocks on site. The contractor has asked to be reimbursed \$2,000.00 for the added work. We believe the cost is reasonable and just. We are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept the additional cost of \$2,000.00 for a total project cost of \$50,625.09.

Doris Ross Additional Cost:

Address: 3744 County Highway 21, Walton, NY 13856

Town: Walton

Bedroom: 3

Engineer: Steele Brook Engineering

Contractor: Ben Reynolds Construction

Sign in date: 3/18/25

Design Application received by DEP: 5/6/25

Design Application deemed complete: 5/25/25

Date Recommended for DEP Design Approval: 6/25/25

2-year deadline: 3/18/27

The project was previously approved for \$8,400.00 for the installation of a 1000 gallon septic tank. Most of the major components include one 1250 gallon septic tank, 390 l.f. of gravity pipe, one distribution box, one effluent filter, 188 c.y. of absorption fill material, 120 l.f. of Presby pipe, 15 c.y. of C-33 sand, 5 clean outs, plumbing modification, and site restoration. We received three quotes: \$46,945.00, \$48,350.00, and \$49,800.00. The quote is within 10% of our estimated cost of construction. Therefore, we are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept this additional cost of \$46,945.00 for a total project cost of \$55,345.00.

Winnisook Inc. Additional Cost:

Expanded Septic Program: Nulty House

Address: 93 Winnisook Club Rd., Olivera, NY 12410

Town: Shandaken

Engineer: Rex Sanford P.E.

Contractor: Estes Plumbing & Excavation

The project was previously approved for \$95,778.99. During the installation of the leach field and septic tank the contractor encountered rock. As a result, the contractor had to hammer for 87.5 hours to achieve the appropriate depth. The contractor needed additional fill material to replace the excessive rock and spread and reclaim the rock on site. The contractor has asked to be reimbursed \$43,057.96 for the added work. We believe the cost is reasonable and just. We are requesting that the Septic Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they accept the additional cost of \$43,057.96 for a total project cost of \$138,836.95.

Jeffrey Clement Second Time Repair: The property is located in the Town of Hamden SBL: 235-1-30. This project was paid for in 2013 under our Priority 3 Program under a previous homeowner. The pump was no longer working and has since been replaced. The homeowner had maintenance pump out done in 2025. Discussion:

Delmar Crim Second Time Repair: The property is located in the Town of Delhi SBL: 125-2-20. This project was paid for in 2007 under our Priority 4 Program under a previous homeowner. The level in the pump chamber is high and it seems like the leach field is no longer accepting effluent. The pump seems to kick on but the level in the pump chamber does not go down. The homeowner had maintenance pump out done in 2025. Discussion:

Joseph Grimm Second Time Repair: The property is located in the Town of Middletown, SBL: 347-1-1.1. This project was paid for in 2010 under our Priority 5 Program under a previous owner. The pump is not working. It will not run manually or when floats are manipulated. There may be wiring issues. The septic tank was pumped in 2025. We don't know if the previous owner had pump outs done. Discussion:

Dana Hommel Second Time Repair: The property is located in the Town of Hunter SBL: 197.00-3-1. This project was paid for in 1999 under our Coordinator Program. The taper of the leach field is starting to leak effluent and the tank is surcharged and backing up into the house. The homeowner had maintenance pump outs done in 2004 and 2025. Discussion:

Robert Janiszweski Second Time Repair: The property is located in the Town of Hunter SBL: 181.11-1-41. This project was paid for in 2015 under our Priority 8 Program. The pump was no longer working and has since been replaced. The homeowner had maintenance pump out done in 2025. Discussion:

Jeanie Scotti Second Time Repair: The property is located in the Town of Jewett SBL: 113.00-4-10. This project was paid for in 2010 under our Priority 5 Program. The floats are no longer working and need to be replaced. The homeowner had maintenance pump out done in 2022. Discussion:

Septic Maintenance: Eric Lane will update the committee.

Septic Cluster: No Report

Septic Update: Mitchell Hull will address the latest Septic Update.

Other: