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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 12, 2017, 7:00- 8:15

Members Present: Alan Wrigley, Bud Maddocks, John Salvador, Len Simms, Sal Ervolina, Kate McCarthy, Cyndi Didio, Sarah Landers

Others: Council Member Tony Metivier

1. The minutes of the August 24, 2017 meeting were approved as written.
John Salvador requested that his letter to the town, dated August 7, 2017 concerning the findings in Corrina Parnapy's Algal Analysis report which was distributed and discussed by Chris Navitsky at the Dunhams Bay Association's Annual Meeting be included as an attachment to the August 24th meeting minutes.
2. Update from Supervisor Strough (provided by Council Member Tony Metivier)
Tony Metivier reported that there is no new information regarding Dave Decker and the District #1's Watershed Coalition grant funding. District #1 still does not have access to it's Watershed Coalition grant allocation pending completion of the legal investigation.

Kate McCarthy asked if the \$1,382.50 the Town paid to Kathy Bozony out of District #1 tax levy funds instead of out of the Watershed Coalition grant funds without Board review or authorization had been restored/returned to the District #1 tax levy account. Cindi Didio indicated that the funds had not yet been restored but that Supervisor Strough has promised that the funds will be restored. It was agreed that it is important that these funds be restored. Alan Wrigley said the restoration is dependent on the release of the "impounded" Watershed Coalition grant funds where the charges should have appropriately been charged. At Kate McCarthy's request, Alan Wrigley indicated that he would ask for a copy of the \$1,500 invoice in question.

The Transfer Law is moving forward. Tony Metivier feels the Law will be enacted by year's end. Recent revisions involve "workability" issues; primarily simplification of the process easier to administer, limiting it to waterfront properties. Concerns were raised over transfers other than the outright sale of a property that could trigger an inspection (for example, creating a Trust for estate planning purposes or an inheritance transfer). Tony indicated that it will be possible to request an exemption in such instances.

3. Update - Algae Testing 2017

Lake George Waterkeeper, Chris Navitsky indicates 2017 testing is about 50% completed (see Attachment A); so far the results look encouraging with 3 out of 4 decreasing.

4. Inspection Issue.

Alan Wrigley indicated that he plans to send another round of letters to District #1 residents who haven't yet been in touch with the town or Board (the 2017 letters yielded a 50% response rate). 2018 letters will be sent to district residents that didn't receive a letter in 2017 and who don't have an updated septic system.

The Septic System Replacement Fund (Public Authorities Law, Section 1285-u) established in the 2017 NY State budget will take affect October 17, 2017 (Attachment B). The program is structured similarly to the FUNDS program but would not be limited to an RME. This could have wide application not only for District #1 but for other parts of the Town of Queensbury and all the other towns around Lake George. However, the program is county-centric and will require the county to be willing to sign on to the program. Len asked for John Strough and Tony Metivier's help in approaching the county in that regard. Len indicated he'll keep an eye out for program details and regulations which aren't yet available.

5. Update on recent sales and septic system activity.

The Eagle property was sold to Michael and Sharon Sirini and the Clemons property was sold to Kim and Jay Burgess.

Kathy Bozony indicated that the Sirini's have indicated they are in the process of updating their septic system.

The Dunton family has proposed a major construction project that will necessitate updating their septic system. Copies of the October 18th Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing and the October 24th Town Planning Board Hearing were distributed (Attachment C).

Kate McCarthy asked if the list of all the properties that have been updated could be expressed in a color map visual that could be shared with District #1 residents. Len Simms said the information is available and that a visual presentation will be developed (Attachment D).

6. John Salvador's concerns regarding algal analysis report

John Salvador requested that the Pollution Indicators Analysis and Action Plan (PIAP) flowchart requested of, and prepared by, Supervisor Strough be included as an attachment to these meeting minutes (Attachment E).

John commented that the last step (involving the courts) might better be addressed at the Town Court level rather than jumping directly to the NY

State Supreme Court which would be very costly. In light of these issues, it was decided that the PIAP issue should be addressed in a separate special session with Supervisor Strough.

Alan Wrigley reported that he has not yet been able to connect with his Jefferson Project contact to request details on the presentation made by the Jefferson Project personnel at The FUND's annual meeting showing the time-lapse movement of water currents from the southern end of the lake up to the Dunhams Bay/Assembly Point area. The question: Could this water flow explain the increased algal growth at the end of the bay?

7. 2018 Annual Meeting

Kate McCarthy indicated that she felt the District #1 tax levy funds should not be used to provide coffee at the District #1 Annual Meeting. Alan suggests "passing the hat"; no final decision was reached. Note: The Dunhams Bay Association has paid for the coffee available at our DBWWDD#1 Annual Meetings for the past two years. The bill has been \$112.00 and \$120.00. Our Advisory Board should be thinking of a way to pay at least half of this amount for the Association

8. Next Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, March 29, 2018, at 7pm location to be determined.