

MINUTES - ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

7 pm - 8:45

Members Present: Alan Wrigley, Sal Ervolina, Sarah Landers, Kate McCarthy, Bud Maddox, Barbara Simms, Rich Gordon, Len Simms

Others: Kathy Ervolina, Matt O'Hara, John Strough

Call-Ins: None

Approval of July Minutes: The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Tierney provided the following information: Our balance is \$19,579, after 2 pump-outs received 50% reimbursement in 2018. Since this was the same amount Cyndi Didio reported at our Annual Meeting in July, there was some confusion. John Strough stated that he would check with Barbara Tierney regarding the balance. We annually collect \$4,480, with each homeowner being assessed at \$69.19 and vacant land assessed at \$30.00 per parcel.

Update on Grants:

Alan had not received a response from Supervisor Conover regarding the grant The Town of Bolton is submitting on our behalf. This grant is the remaining open one originally administered by Dave Decker.

From Chris Navitsky: The FUND has allocated \$30,000 for septic system replacement for 2019. They will fund one-half of the cost, up to \$8,000, which works out to approximately four new systems. As in the past, it is important to involve Chris early in the planning process. The application is on line.

Chris also suggested that the District could submit a CFA grant through the town. It could be written by Chazen staff and The FUND would split the cost of preparation with the District. He felt we could ask for \$50,000 for septic system replacement. John Strough said that he would contact Chazen in order to set up a meeting as soon as possible.

Chris will keep us informed regarding HAB (Harmful Algal Bloom) grants and LEED Certification grants through The FUND'S Low Impact Development program.

Alan and John were instrumental in getting Warren County listed on the NYS Infrastructure Grant Program. John reported that all application materials have been sent in. There was a question regarding the use of these funds for septic system replacement in second homes. John was going to check on this distinction.

Budget and Spending

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed authorizing up to \$2,000 toward CFA grant preparation work to be done by Chazen.

A second motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed authorizing \$1,500 to be used for septic system inspections.

- a. Alan handed out a "NQWWDD SEPTIC SYSTEMS STATUS" report which showed the year and type of septic system for all district properties. He suggested that Board members reach out to friends or neighbors with pre 1973 systems in order to inform them of the funding and support the district can supply.

- b. It was also suggested that Board members reach out to district homeowners who's homes are currently listed for sale.
3. John Strough reported that there are four town employees who are trained to do inspections at a cost of \$250. Cameras are available and are used for the inspections.
4. Board members expressed an interest in having a second round of algae testing each season, which we would pay for. Barbara will contact Chris Navitsky with this request.

District Goals

The FUND's matching grant program and the District's pump-out reimbursement plan has prompted many homeowners to upgrade or replace their septic systems. However, we are not reaching enough District residents in order to meet our goals. John Strough will contact Town attorney, Robert Hafner, to see about adding some language which would mandate inspections and/or proof of pump-outs. Alan will compose a letter to District residents outlining the financial support available.

Transfer Law

The Town of Queensbury has enacted a Transfer Law requiring a septic system inspection upon sale or transfer of property. A provision allowing for the elimination of an inspection if a property is considered a "tear down" and a new septic system is being put in place is under discussion as an addition to the current law.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Next Meeting Date - Thursday, June 20th, 7pm, Supervisor Strough's Conference Room

Annual Meeting Date - Saturday, July 20th, 10am