

# NQWDD# 1 Annual Advisory Board Meeting

## June 29, 2020 4 - 4:40 pm via Zoom

Members participating: Alan Wrigley, Barbara Simms, Lenton Simms, Rich Gordon, Sal Ervolina, Phill Mitchell, Bud Maddocks

Others: John Strough, Tony Metivier

### Agenda items:

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

2. Election of Board Members:

The following Board Members were unanimously elected to a three year term: Sal Ervolina, Kate McCarthy, Sarah Landers and Rich Gordon.

3. Election of Officers:

The following members were unanimously elected to serve as officers: Alan Wrigley, Chair; Barbara Simms, Vice Chair and Secretary; and Sal Ervolina, Treasurer.

4. Treasurer's Report

Sal Ervolina reported that the District's balance at the end of May 2020 was \$23,831.28 and that no new applications for reimbursement of the cost of a septic tank pump-out had been received since our last Annual Meeting. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Alan has not heard anything from Ron Conover regarding the grant money that we have coming to our district.

5. Setting a tax rate for 2021

It was unanimously decided to change our tax rate for 2021. The new rate will be \$10.00 per household and \$5.00 for vacant parcels. John Strough was in agreement with this change.

6. Update from Chris Navitsky

- a. The FUND has placed 10 tiles in Dunhams Bay, 4 pairs along the east shore at depths of 1 meter and 4 meters and 2 on the western shore at a depth of 1 meter. The algae monitoring program has been expanded to include a greater analysis of the samples but will still incorporate the Palmer Pollution Index. Cooks Bay and Oneida Bay are being included in the study. Samples will be collected in July and September. A lab in Montana is being used for testing purposes.
- b. The grant program for Dunhams Bay is currently on hold pending assessment of the budget in light of the pandemic and possible impacts. Funds will hopefully be released later in the year.
- c. The FUND will announce a septic initiative on July 8th at 11 am. This press release will be followed up with a virtual meeting for the general public at a later date.
- d. The previous tile testing program has been discontinued.

7. Update from John Strough

- a. Chris Navitsky is working with the town on a LID (Low Impact Development) program
- b. The Rockhurst group is still working on procuring property for a community wide system
- c. The Transfer Law has worked well. It has been amended 2-3 times to make small adjustments. There is a group that is encouraging the expansion of the transfer law to include all

town properties. Since this would mean an increase in personnel in a time of budget constraints, its unlikely that this will happen at this time.

d. Town employees are trained by New York State to conduct inspections, use a sludge judge, and are able to get a camera when needed. John reported that of all the systems that have been inspected so far, 30% needed attention.

7. Member Items:

- a. The Septic Hauler list will be updated to confirm that the haulers' employees are knowledgeable and comfortable with our pump-out form. The form has not been changed and is available on our website.
- b. A Memo from Town of Queensbury attorney will be circulated to Advisory Board members. It indicates some of the measures we might pursue in order to encourage more Dunhams Bay homeowners to update or replace aging septic systems. John Strough feels that the Town Board would be receptive to adding such language to our district's guidelines. Members present were in agreement. A first step, suggested by Chris Navitsky some time ago, was to require proof of a pump-out every three years. The point was made that the newer systems are inspected yearly and often do not need a pump-out after three years. Board members are asked to review the memo and the Map, Plan and Report and to consider what we might want to be included in any further district requirements.
- c. Testing of drinking water taken from the lake. Len Simms has details and will distribute the Information to Advisory Board members.

8. Our next Advisory Board meeting will be held in the fall. Robert Hafner's memo is attached to these minutes. We should have comments ready for the next meeting.