

NQWWDD #1 MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2022 7pm - 7:35 via ZOOM

Members Present: Alan Wrigley, Barbara Simms, Len Simms, Sal Ervolina,
Bud Maddocks, Kate McCarthy

Others Present: John Strough, Tony Metivier, Chris Navitsky

John summarized our progress to date. He noted that the Advisory Board had previously looked at a draft of a local law which would allow the Town to “monitor” septic systems, including provisions for “regular inspections.” The Advisory Board had asked, at that time, for the addition of an enforcement piece and the draft document was referred back to the Town attorney. In the mean time, the Lake George Park Commission began drafting their own set of septic system regulations.

Supervisor Strough summarized some aspects of the Park Commissions proposed regulations. Each homeowner would be charged \$50.00 annually and their system would be inspected every five years. A pump-out would be required at the time of inspection. Septic system design standards would be included in these regulations.

This meeting was called in order to discuss the status of the Local Law that was drafted last year and also to discuss the impact of the LGPC’s proposal on our plan to move forward with mandated inspections.

Chris Navitsky offered some clarification. Households with Enhanced Treatment Units (ETU’s) would be exempt from the \$50.00 yearly fee since they currently have a maintenance contract. Chris felt that the timetable for implementation of the LGPC’s regulations was unknown since there are several state agencies involved. The LGA has allocated \$14,000 for our district which would provide \$250.00 per household towards the cost of the inspection. Currently, our district pays for 1/2 of the cost of the pump-out.

Alan offered some information gathered from a conversation with Dave Wick. Mr. Wick stated that our district would not be excluded from their regulations but we could petition for an exemption during the public comment period.

John summarized the email that was sent to Advisory Board members prior to this meeting.

Questions and comments from Advisory Board members

1. What would be the pump-out requirement for LGPC?
The LGPC's proposed pump-out schedule would be every 5 years.
2. What would be the time table for the town if we decided to move forward?
John felt that new legislation could be passed by this summer.
3. Additional funds are available from our district to further off set pump-out costs.
4. Being able to prioritize the inspection schedule is important for us.
5. It was suggested that Leah look at the structure and yearly rotation of the LGPC regulations and match ours to theirs.

A motion was made to urge the Town attorney to proceed with the development of our local law. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Strough will contact Leah and tell her that we are going ahead with the original draft . A new draft will be circulated as soon as possible.