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NQWWDD#1 Advisory Board,
Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7pm - 8:05

Members Present: Alan Wrigley, Sal Ervolina, Matt O'Hara, Barbara Simms, Sarah Landers, Phill Mitchell, Kate McCarthy

Other attendees via conference call option: Connie Smyser, Cheryl Baldwin, Henry Butkiewicz

Chair Alan Wrigley opened the meeting

1. Barbara reported that since the passage of Local Law No.12 of 2022, the officers of the Advisory Board have met with Town of Queensbury personnel from the Building Code and Enforcement Office. John O'Brian and Kate Deck have modified two town documents for our use. One is titled "North Queensbury Waste Water Sewage Disposal Information Form" and the second is "NQWWD Inspection Checklist." Both documents are currently being used during inspections related to property transfer situations. The Advisory Board approved of their use.

John and Kate have also been researching properties in our district in order to make sure that the Advisory Board has the most up to date septic information possible. Kate shared a spread sheet she's created for our district at that February meeting.

2. The Advisory Board approved a number of items related to inspections and fees:

- Town of Queensbury personnel will conduct the inspections
- Twelve properties will be inspected this season. A decision will be made at the next Advisory Board meeting as to which 12 properties are to be inspected.
- The District will pay the \$275 dollar inspection fee from our treasury
- The District will reimburse homeowners with Enhanced Treatment Units (ETU's) \$275 dollars once every five years in order to help defray their yearly maintenance cost
- The District will no longer be able to reimburse homeowners for pump-outs. (The Town is authorized in the legislation to seek a septic hauler for our District, which may result in lower costs.)

3. Issues to be addressed before our next meeting:

- Status of ETUs' inspections. The Advisory Board feels that the legislation is clear in that ETU's are exempt from the five year inspection/pump out

requirement as long as the homeowner has a five year maintenance agreement in place and an inspection of the system is conducted annually. We are waiting for town personnel to clarify their opinion on this matter.

- Alan will be contacting those homeowners who have no septic records in the town files.
- Alan will also be contacting Eric Murdock (the engineer who designed, installed, and currently inspects many of the ETU's in our District). The Advisory Board is interested in meeting with Eric regarding the inspection/pump out program for our District.
- Barbara will contact Kate Deck to inform her of the District's intention to pay the inspection fee so she can modify the Town's Information Form.

4. Barbara reported on some information from Chris Navitsky (LGA, Lake George Waterkeeper.) Chris stated that while there are no more specific grants for residents of Dunhams Bay, there are 25, \$2,000 dollar grants available for homeowners around the lake. The money is available for engineering costs. Contact the LGA at (518) 668-9700 for more information.

5. If any District resident paid the 50 dollar septic fee shown on the LGPC dock and mooring bill there are two ways to receive a refund. You may contact the park commission directly at (518) 668-9347 And ask for Erica. She will arrange for a check to be sent to you. If you're not in any hurry for a refund, the park commission will conduct a full review of payments at the end of April and refund any District resident who inadvertently paid the 50 dollar fee.

6. Additional Advisory Board members are needed. Anyone who is interested in serving on this very important Board should contact Alan Wrigley at 518-677-8819 or wrigleylaw@aol.com.