



## **Granite State Onsite Wastewater Association – February 22, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:** Chris Albert, Tom Canfield, Bruce Fillmore, Jim Hanna, Carl Hagstrom, Larry Maznek, Aaron Wechsler (until 5pm), Gary Spaulding **Absent:** Micah Denner, Chris Kent **Staff:** Matt Gatzke

Meeting started at 4:35pm.

**Special Guest:** Rafe zoomed in to showcase a new product he wanted the boards reaction to. It is a flagpole unit that disguises a septic vent (high and low). Board gave some feedback and the departed the meeting.

**Minutes of January 25, 2022 Board Meetings:** Motion was made and seconded. During discussion Matt to remove line about DES taking a position on bills. Agreed to take that out of minutes. Motion as amended was approved.

**Review of January 31 Financial Report:** In absence of the treasurer, Matt gave brief review of financials. \$96,000 in the bank. Second pandemic-time dues renewal was much stronger than prior year. Outstanding dues are for known members some of whom will renew when attempting to register for the conference. PayPal holds onto sums of money was a while so not all reflected in the report. Differences in names from GSDI and GSOWA creating delay in system to make payments to our bank account. Next report will reflect greatly increased conference revenue. Motion was made and seconded. Motion was approved. Matt brought up need for an interim treasurer to cover while Micah is away on Guard duty. We need to get a budget for review and discussion. We will have revenue from conference in play to work on a more realistic budget.

**Programs and Conference Update:** Matt addressed the role of board members at the conference. Walked through the process of stamping credit forms. Asked for volunteers and made assignments for session coverage to act as hosts and help with form stamping. Reviewed room locations and parking rate. Chris A. asked that we have quick phone session to reconfirm plans for Rob and Phil's session. Discussed lack of activity on annual meeting. Director at large spot open along with the treasurer. Board members to check in with members at the event about possibly running. Micah Zoomed in at this point.

**Legislative and Rules: HB:1293 – to stop homeowner designs.** Committee seemed positive that it ought to pass. Tiny House bill has been ITL'd so it is dead. Referred to ACEC bill report from Alex K.

**Vice Chairman Reports (Designers):** Carl reported the same issue as last month. Problems with people calling water tables when they are not designers. Mostly evaluators. Nothing new about that topic. Reminded people to register for the conference. Matt mentioned late mailing by Eljen to attract attendees.

**Vice Chairman Report (Installers):** Jim reported challenges of the inflation of pricing for all septic system components. Pipe is really high in price. Can find most things but so expensive.

**Vice Chairman Report (Pumpers):** Larry discussed frozen pipes. Plumbing and piping is the issue. Issues with pump lines with 90 degrees elbows causing problems for jettors to clear pipe.

**Vice Chairman Report (Evaluators):** People asking when we will host the next class. Committee needs to work on the course curriculum and how to test toward the state exam. Larry agreed to instruct and Micah believes that he should be done with his tour of duty by first week of May and available. Tom will work with the class and setup the Homemakers location. Ask Chris Kent's son to be one of the instructors. Micah may have a person who could teach or help out.

**Meeting Adjournment:** Motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 5:25 p.m.