



Granite State Onsite Wastewater Association – October 25, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Attending: (All on Zoom except where noted) Chris Albert, Tom Canfield, Chris Kent, Aaron Wechsler, Bruce Fillmore, Carl Hagstrom, Jim Hanna, Micah Denner **Absent:** Larry Maznek, Gary Spaulding, Tom Canfield, Chris Kent **Staff:** Matt Gatzke

Meeting started at 4:43 p.m. once a quorum was established.

Minutes of September 27, 2022 Board Meetings: Motion was made (BF) and seconded (CH). Motion approved.

Review of September 30, 2022 Financial Report: Matt reviewed report. Due still coming in. Balance sheet reflects incoming dues. Matt reported that another \$5,000 has come in since last statement. AR balance went from \$23K to \$17K. Micah had previously asked about the “Rebrand” line items. May need to move over QuickBooks charges to another line item. Rebrand should be removed. He informed board that QuickBooks is now charged monthly instead of annually since it is an online version. Motion was made to approve the financial (TC) and was seconded (CH). Motion carried.

Programs and Update: Matt held first committee meeting prior to board meeting but only Bruce and Jim participated. A grid was shared of open slots in need of filling with topics and speaker. Matt also reviewed all of those whose terms expires in March 2023. People need to confirm if they want to renew in their current positions. Speak about DES staff would be available to speak. Phil sent around our request but still lots of vacancies to fill, including some who might speak at the conference. We will be relying on our vendors for programs. Matt reviewed where we get our program ideas from (State staffs, Sara Heger, inspectors, OSHA, DigSafe, etc.). Need to chose Sara Heger topics now. Look at what 2022 programs we could repeat. All felt she was worth the investment. Bubbler systems (operation and maintenance) and jetting for pumpers. Chris K. suggested some sort of raffle or prizes for the association. Flagging items, probes, levels, spray paint for field work, etc.

Legislative and Rules: Pre-89 well issue never made it into the legislative session, so it will likely be introduced in next session. DES SSB rules will start up again in 2023. One of the changes DES has in maid is that all season water tables will be moving to 24” due to changes in technology. We need to focus on getting rid of perc tests. Use three classifications to eliminate the need for them. Soil profile types are important to focus on. There is always some form of media used. Tom spoke about process he had to go through to address a similar situation involving a new plan. Had to pull out laterals and could not jet the lines.

Old Business: None heard.

New Business: Chris A. introduced that NH Lakes asked if it is an accepted practice to use copper sulfate to kill tree roots by flushing it done the drain. They are concerned about the danger to lakes. Should GSOWA get behind a statement that we do not accept the practice of using copper sulfate to kill roots. Seasonal use may actually make tree roots more prolific. It has happened that SSB allowed replacement of line only and not leach bed. Considered a repair. The question do we believe the use of copper sulfate to deal with tree roots is a good practice? Such things should not take the place of proper maintenance. Proper maintenance is recommended and that toxic chemical not be used such as Copper Sulfate. MSDS sheet has a toxicity level. Matt and Chris should work on a letter about this topic. Give to NH Lakes and post on our website. BF made motion that Chris write a letter to the NH Lakes on the topic to support their position that copper sulfate should not be used and put on our website. TC seconded it.

Vice Chairman Reports (Designers): Nothing new to report.

Vice Chairman Report (Installers): Jim commented on inference that multiple “Do Not Backfills” might have an impact on your state permit such as “three strikes and you are out”. Chris to bring up with Dawn at a future date and action item.

Vice Chairman Report (Pumpers): Chris K. commented that at his shop, he bought a chain that slides over a pipe to compression rubber gasket.

Vice Chairman Report (Evaluators): Time for Tom C. to step away and let others run with the evaluator training program, including a rewrite on sections of the manual. He feels it could be a three-day session but that is a lot to ask of people. Maybe consider having an instructor go to companies for trainings.

Chris K. asked about Kevin Kent being on the board. Tabled until the spring when elections will be held.

Meeting Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 5:30 p.m.