



Granite State Onsite Wastewater Association – Draft Board Meeting Minutes -- June 25, 2024

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

Meeting started at 4:40 p.m.

Minutes of May 28, 2024 Board Meeting: Tom made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Larry seconded. No discussion heard. Motion was approved.

Review of May 31 Financial Reports: Matt reviewed balance sheet with a balance of \$116, 189.77 Monies still earning interest in the treasury bills, Not a lot of receivables this time of year. Will work on one last effort to get unpaid members to renew or void the invoices. Matt will pursue the two outstanding vendors from the spring conference. No further questions. Tom made motion to approve the report. Seconded by Carl. Motion carried.

Education/Conference Recap: Matt confirmed contract to be signed for March 31-April 1, 2025 conference date. Planning committee should begin to meet in September.

Legislative and Rules: Bills we have been watching are either already signed by the Governor or will be soon. Next step is for DES to create draft rules and changes related to the laws. Again, we are not able to be included in the initial discussion but have to wait for the initial draft. September is what they are working toward to have draft together.

Old Business: Need to continue pursuing members to join the board either as a director or a committee member. Perhaps Mike Surette or Anthony Jones.

New Business: Board agreed to take the month of July off due to busy season and less concerns or priorities right now. Chris will reach out to Tom Burack to have an initial discussion about a retreat or have him attend a board meeting to get a sense of what we want to do.

Vice Chairman Reports (Designers): Carl reported that professionals in the field are curious about what the change in water table separation will mean for them, but need to wait for DES to create related rules.

Vice Chairman Report (Installers): Jim reported that plastic pipe prices have stabilized, but you often need to call several vendors to get the pipe that you need. Tom mentioned situation in Rollingsford where a ME installer built a system but is not permitted to do so in NH. Discussion about the homeowner install passing. Not yet addressed by rule. Tom called Dave Aiten but he was not yet ready to say if someone could do it.

Vice Chairman Report (Pumpers): Larry mentioned that pumpers are reporting that other pumpers are “skimming” the tanks and not properly emptying the tanks. Some argue the need to leave some for microbial action, but fact is they are not taking a full load when they are charging for it.

Vice Chairman Report (Evaluators): Matt commented that he has been in touch with OPLC and as of today, none of the SEP class participants has taken the exam. Larry commented that the application is confusing as it seems to indicate that you still have to have 25 inspections documented before taking the exam.

Meeting Adjournment: Motion was made by Tom and seconded by Chris to adjourn meeting at 5:07 p.m.