

**NORTH QUEENSBURY WASTE WATER DISPOSAL DISTRICT #1
ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 20, 2024 10 am - 11:15
MINUTES**

Advisory Board Members Present: Alan Wrigley, Matt O'Hara, Sal Ervolina, Barbara Simms, Dan Slote, Bud Maddocks, Kate McCarthy, Phill Mitchell, Connie Smyser, Henry Butkiewicz

Additional Dunhams Bay Association Members Present: Approximately 26

WELCOME

Alan Wrigley, Advisory Board Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He introduced the members of the Advisory Board including four new members, Henry Butkiewicz, Kate Lapham, Dan Slote and Connie Smyser.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 5, 2024 MINUTES

The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Sal Ervolina, reported the District's balance as of June 30, 2024 to be \$25,739.90 which included \$4.01 in interest, and \$650 in taxes collected in 2024. There have been no requests for reimbursements so far this year.

A question was raised about moving our funds to an account that would yield a higher interest rate, but Sal explained that our account is managed through the town and we have no control over it.

A resolution keeping the current taxing rate at \$10 for each residence and \$5 for each vacant lot was unanimously approved.

Election of Board Members for a three year term

Phill Mitchell, Alan Wrigley, Matt O'Hara, and Henry Butkiewicz were unanimously elected for a term of three years.

Election of Officers for a one year term

The following officers were unanimously elected for a term of one year:

Alan Wrigley - Chair

Matt O'Hara - Vice Chair

Sal Ervolina - Treasurer

Barbara Simms - Secretary

Alan updated the attendees on the 2023 - 2024 inspections

2023 Season

Seven properties were chosen. Two were planning on being done in 2023, two are being sold (with replacement being required), and three have shown minimal progress.

2024 Season

Seven new properties were chosen. Two properties replaced their systems, two are on hold pending variant approval and three have made no attempt to contact the Town.

In addition to these properties, two systems were voluntarily replaced and two were in the middle of an upgrade.

Summary as of July 2024

There are 30 properties (out of 60) in our district with new or upgraded systems making them compliant with current standards. The Town is monitoring 14 properties.

Changes to the legislation

Alan explained that the district will reimburse the cost of the inspection fee for conventional systems and ETU's at the rate of \$275, once every five years. We were notified by the Town Treasurer that residents needed to request reimbursement before money would be paid out. Six conventional systems and six ETU's are available for reimbursement each year.

Other concerns/questions

1. How is the Town monitoring properties that fail to comply?

After being notified of having a failed system, the owner of the property is required to submit a notarized letter of intent. If no action is taken within "a reasonable amount of time" an "Order to Remedy Violation Notice" is issued. After 30 days, if there is still no action, violators "may be assessed against the real property." Other actions are specified in Local Law #12 2022.

2. Only one professional is approved to do inspections of the Clarus system.

Alan Wrigley will contact John O'Brien and Eric Murdock to discuss the possibility of approving an alternative professional.

Lisa Cadena and Matt O'Hara volunteered to do some additional research on the same issue.

3. Connie Smyser spoke about her experience with the installation of a new septic system and her satisfaction with the process. She worked with SRA for the design and Ruben Ellsworth for the installation.

Alan Wrigley adjourned the meeting at 11:15