

FINAL Minutes for April 12, 2023

Larry Maznek called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.

Attendees: Present were Paul and Darlene Johnson, Pete and Pauli Johnson, Nathan and Sarah Warner, Dan Smart, Emi and Cameron Reid, Larry Maznek, Wade Pelham and Cat Bardwell. No one attended via Zoom.

March Meeting Minutes: The Minutes were reviewed and minor changes made to add Chelsea and Zack Goss as attendees. Nate Warner made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes with changes. Pauli Johnson seconded this motion, and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

Treasurer's Report: Mandie Hagan was not available due to traffic on her route back from Maine; this will be discussed at our next meeting.

DES Report: Wade Pelham reported that a last-minute difficulty prevented Anthony from attending today. Wade gave a presentation review of the 1600 Rules, which are currently in the "re-adoption period". There will be one more stakeholder meeting coming up both in person and virtual on Wednesday, May 3, which are required for the Rules. Apparently the DES lawyers have decided DES cannot release the proposed to the general public, so Wade presented a synopsis rather than detailed changes.

Wade attended the GSOWA Conference which he stated went very well. He mentioned that Heidi Loricella gave a very good presentation on non-flushable wipes at the Legislative Breakfast. DES will also be present at the upcoming Wild NH Day.

At DES, Judy Houston has left for another job at DES; her position remains unfilled and there haven't been any applicants for the job. In the meantime, any communications should be routed through Anthony.

Wade passed around a handout summarizing the proposed changes to sewage regulations and discussed the information in the handout, answering questions as asked. The handout and summary pertained only to the proposed septage rules. He covered the Definitions section, Hauler rules and discussed each rule in order (1607 through 1613.)

Next stakeholder meeting is Wednesday, May 3 at 11:00 am. It will be both in person and online; if you wish to attend, Wade or Cat can provide details for you. Larry and the group thanked Wade for his presentation! That was well covered.

Water Council Report: Larry Maznek reported on the meeting today. Discussion on the Governor meeting with a complaint against DES. The AG's office is to chair a group with three representatives from the water council and the AG will recommend streamlining by removing 12 council members and considering whether the complaints are valid or not. Nate asked about if that is to eliminate a quorum and this was discussed. Water Council brought up the need for stakeholders/DES to write the rules and why not talk to stakeholders first. Discussion on pre-evaluation rules per GSOWA. The AG will review the input and be at the next meeting to discuss.

GSOWA: Eastern Pipe sold to Wind River. Ryan and Mark retired. At the GSOWA Conference, a last-minute change was made due to concerns about a snow day possible on the 2nd day. A change was implemented to Tuesday and some people didn't go and requested refunds. Larry Maznek noted the Board declined to refund,

and there was quite the brouhaha. Despite the bone of contention, and some vendors leaving early, there was still a decent turn out at the Conference.

GSOWA is going to have an Evaluators Course in May (no date yet); an Installers Course is not being held at this time. There is a Designers Course (see Larry) that you can go to and apply the CEU's. That began in March.

Meeting Locations: Last month members were to check into some locations (Tuckaway Tavern and a diner in Bradford were mentioned. No update has been received on those locations. Cat has reserved Cracker Barrel for May and June meetings. To update: May and June meetings will be at Cracker Barrel in Londonderry, also at 6:30. A new suggestion was made for Country Spirit in Henniker for a future meeting, which Cat will check on. Also for River's Edge/Indian Mound. We will update as necessary.

Website outsourcing: There has been no change since our last meeting, however Sarah at DJ's Septic gave a great recommendation for their web person. She will send information on him. He maintains their site, uses GoDaddy and he's very good at it. We will discuss this further at our next meeting. There was some discussion about moving our email to Gmail. Requested that these be added to next meeting's agenda.

New Business:

Discover Wild NH Day: We were asked to provide 6 more porta toilets. Darlene will call Drop1 to manage. Table coverage was discussed. Wade volunteered DES assistance if we need it since they will be there. Trash cans were discussed. NHWPC is providing pizza for all volunteers. Flyers were made for NHASH Get Pumped extra \$10 rebate.

Scholarships: There are more scholarships to review; the problems with our email and website being down delayed receiving them. This will be discussed again next month.

Move Funds: Darlene stated that usually we vote to move funds at this meeting into scholarship and Get Pumped. Cameron Reid made a Motion to Move \$500 into the Scholarship funds and Pauli Johnson seconded this Motion. All in favor. Motion passes. In addition, Nathan Warner made a Motion to move \$500 into the Get Pumped Account; Darlene Johnson Seconded; All in favor. Motion passes.

Archive: Darlene talked about archiving NHASH records. They have a lot of boxes of materials covering decades of NHASH meetings and events. Discussion on this. Darlene would like NHASH to buy a scanner and move these records into the computer age, destroying old records once they have been scanned and backed up. After discussion, it was decided that NHASH can buy the scanner and drive and Darlene and Paul's office help will scan to hard drive and eliminate the hard copy records.

Emi made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm; Pauli seconded, and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted by:

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