

DRAFT Minutes for May 10, 2023

Larry Maznek called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm.

Attendees: Present were Paul and Darlene Johnson, Pete and Pauli Johnson, , Emi and Cameron Reid, Larry Maznek, Chad and Kathy Herrin, Ray Bellemore, Wade Pelham, Anthony Drouin and Cat Bardwell. Mandie Hagan and Dave Bagley attended via Zoom.

April Meeting Minutes: The Minutes were reviewed and Pauli Johnson made a motion to approve the April meeting Minutes as submitted. Emi Reid seconded this motion, and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

Treasurer's Report: Mandie Hagan reports the following balances:

Checking account:	\$9,730.56
Incoming dues of	\$215;
Paid out	\$114, \$24, \$1,051 and \$731; \$15.99, \$2,265.50, \$300 Interest of .10.
Scholarship account:	\$2,229.42
Donation rec'd of	\$500; Interest of .07
Get Pumped account:	\$1,134.46
Paid out	\$20 to customer; interest of .01

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report made by Darlene Johnson; Second by Ray Bellemore, and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

DES Report: Anthony Drouin presented a review of the 1600 Rules, which are currently in the "re-adoption period". Darlene passed out handouts for people to review. Anthony has to set the schedule with the legal team before getting the rules to the Water Council, which is presently anticipated to be August 9. June and July will be used to review and iron out the rules with the DES legal team per RSA:45A. They may need to make some legal changes due to interpretation of the law.

There was a phosphorus discussion as it pertains to the rules, and as relates to surface water and algae. Legislature is looking to create laws to deal with this, so be prepared for changes with regard to farm fields. They are using the NY "P" index. Note that soybean and corn take up lots of phosphorus. Bio solid sites are looking into this.

Above ground storage tanks – not required to permit in the past; this is changing. Permit by Notification (PBN) was discussed. DES will be talking to individuals on that issue. A PBN permit is easier to obtain than other permits. Volume for storage tanks being bumped up to 30,000 gallons. There were questions and discussion on this by attendees.

Nov 26 is the date the new rules become active, if adopted. The old rules will stay in effect until new ones are adopted.

Lagoon systems are becoming an issue. DES is looking at solutions as time goes on. Per the Power Point presentation, DJ has given a list of questions that Anthony will answer and send a written response to us in Q&A format. There were questions on truck to truck transfer within a company. Porta Potty needs to track their numbers.

PFA's being updated by law – working on that. There may be multiple standards, but not affecting septage.

Anthony is doing a toilet paper study this summer. TP has a significant impact on PFA's and is a smoking gun. TP companies may be required to remove PFA's, same with wipes. Porta Potty members should give Anthony samples of what they use to supply their customers.

Anthony encouraged everyone to get involved in the Public Hearings process once they have been scheduled. Our organization needs to be heard. The last stakeholder meeting was the final one for this rule readoption. Wade will advise us when those hearings are scheduled.

Larry Maznek and the NHASH members thanked Anthony for his presentation.

Wade reported that the Vehicle Inspection Schedule is ready and passed out information.

Water Council Report: Larry Maznek reported that the AG did not show up at today's meeting as planned, so that has been postponed. Water table rules were reviewed at that meeting and Larry states they were straight forward.

GSOWA: There will be an Evaluators Course starting on May 16 at Electricians Hall. Field Day is May 20th in Hooksett.

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: June meeting 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 Dave Bagley will check on. Also we have scheduled for River's Edge Grill & Tavern in October for that meeting. River's Edge is located at 310 NH-16B, Center Ossipee, NH 03814. We will update as necessary.

Website outsourcing: Darlene got another quote for this. She suggests that it would be best to have a sub-committee take over to work on this. The gentleman recommended by Sarah and Nate seemed to be really good and asked more questions than the other candidates and Darlene was impressed by his knowledge and his competitiveness in the market.

Discussion on what we are looking for this candidate to do, to include re-design and maintenance of the NHASH website making it easier and better to select a member/hauler; search engine optimization and hyperlinks to our haulers sites. Cache/key words should also be discussed and a budget may need to be allocated. Volunteers for this committee were asked for and Emi Reid made a Motion to set up a sub-committee with the volunteers; Pauli Johnson seconded this and all were in favor. *Motion passed.* The new Website Outsourcing sub-Committee is Pauli Johnson, Emi Reid, Darlene Johnson and a member of Ray Bellemore's staff who is knowledgeable about these things (Ray will provide his name and contact information.)

New Business:

Due to new donations to the Scholarship Fund, the Committee asked to award a second Scholarship this year. Cameron Reid made a **Motion to award a second scholarship** and Darlene Johnson seconded this. All agreed. *Motion passes.*

Scholarships: Scholarship recipients have been selected – we are awarding two scholarships to:

Ben Winter of Sandown who has a grandparent working for Pete's Septic and will be attending Paul Smith's College seeking a degree in Forestry.

Courtney Ruest of Candia, who will be attending University of New England seeking a degree in Marine Biology

Septic Smart Week: Discussion on participating in this September event and placing an advertisement. It was suggested by Darlene that we place a small ad this year and discuss a greater participation next year. We may be able to get a grant to do something more next year to raise septic awareness and options were discussed. It was suggested that asking some local realtors/real estate agencies to participate by giving them resources to share with their buying customers. DES has many brochures, magnets and decals that can be provided for this. Cat Bardwell offered to contact some realtor friends to see if they would accept donations of these materials and pass them on. Discussion on making another brochure for Septic Smart Week to offer another \$10 discount as we did for Wild NH Day, giving customers an option to save \$20 on a septic pumping.

Emi made a **Motion to adjourn** the meeting at 7:50 pm; Chad seconded, and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cat Bardwell

Administrative Assistant

New Hampshire Association of Septage Haulers