

Minutes for June 14, 2023

Darlene Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

**Attendees:** Present were Paul and Darlene Johnson, Pete and Pauli Johnson, Dave Bagley, Kerry & Brian Labrie of Drop One Portables, Dan Smart, Gregory Scott for Larry Maznek, Wade Pelham and Cat Bardwell. No one attended via Zoom.

**May Meeting Minutes:** The Minutes were reviewed, and one correction was made to the DES Report. Pauli Johnson made a motion to approve the May meeting Minutes with the correction noted. Dave Bagley seconded this motion, and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Mandie Hagan was not available so this will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**DES Report:** Wade thanked all of us for the input on the Rules process. They have gone to the legal team for review. Once Legal is done, the Public Comment period will take place. Wade will advise us of that. Then the rules will be sent to the Water Council. The next step will be to answer all the public comments. They are hopeful the Rules will go into effect this fall.

There was discussion about the permitting of holding or transfer tanks (Permit by Notification) between Wade and some of the members.

The closing of lagoon systems work continues; sampling was done in Sutton last week. Sutton is not taking septage at this time.

Wade and Jim were at the Lebanon wastewater treatment facility today. Lebanon is considering changes there to improve the facility and take more wastewater.

**Water Council Report:** Greg Scott reported for Larry Maznek that there was no report this month.

**GSOWA:** Greg Scott reported for Larry Maznek that there was no report this month.

**Meeting Locations:** Country Spirit is unable to accommodate our group. They don't have a separate room large enough for us. We have scheduled Alan's of Boscawen for September's meeting, the River's Edge Grill & Tavern in Center Ossipee for October's meeting. River's Edge is located at 310 NH-16B, Center Ossipee, NH 03814. November will be held at Rowell Services and food will be ordered from Hart's Turkey Farm. There is no meeting in December.

**Website outsourcing:** The Sub-Committee has chosen a designer and decided that keeping our current site and making revisions and tweaking it is the better way to go. They have a goal to have the website fixed up before September in order to participate in Septic Smart Week and have a new/better way to select our members for septic services in place by then.

**New Business:**

**Electing Board of Directors:** Discussion on the current directors and removing Kevin Enright as he has not been to a meeting all year. Dan Smart volunteered to replace Kevin and serve on the Board for 2023/2024. All remaining Directors to continue as last term. A **Motion to accept** the Board with Dan replacing Kevin was made by Darlene Johnson; Second by Pauli Johnson. All agreed, *Motion passes.*

New Board:

Larry Maznek, President  
Darlene Johnson, Secretary  
David Bagley  
Chad Herrin  
Dan Smart

Pete Johnson, Vice President  
Mandie Hagan, Treasurer  
Ray Bellemore  
Emerall Reid  
Nathan Warner

**New Member Package:** Cat and Darlene have been working on this as a project. Many of our new members have asked for information and any system that we may have had in the past has been lost between Admins. An introductory/welcome letter was decided on. Darlene and Cat worked on ideas and a package was presented with a welcome letter, a sheet listing our officers, meeting dates and “mission” statement, which is the purpose of NHASH from our By-Laws, our NHASH Website Member Listing form (which was revised during this meeting) and includes the Get Pumped! and the What’s Flushable Brochures along with the small Get Pumped! magnet. After some minor revisions, a **Motion to Accept** the new member package with revisions was proposed by Darlene Johnson and Seconded by Pauli Johnson. All in favor; *Motion passes.*

There have been delays getting Cat the information to send packages to new members. Solutions were discussed, and Darlene stated that it had previously been the administrative assistant’s job to get the mail and deposit checks, etc. connected with this. While NHASH was between assistants, Mandie picked up the mail and took care of the checks. It was decided to place this administrative function back with Cat effective September 1; Cat will also get a postal box in Derry. Cat will make changes to letterhead, forms and brochures, etc. to be ready for September 1 and that will simplify Mandie’s job. Cat will also scan all incoming checks, invoices and new member forms to Mandie and deposit the checks as FSB has a branch not too far from Cat. Thank you to Mandie for stepping up when this was needed! Darlene made a **Motion to Update** the mail and deposit procedures; Dan seconded, all in favor. *Motion passes.*

**Septic Smart Week:** Septic Smart week is September 14 – 19. Discussion on some type of media blast by placing advertisements with Spectrum Magazine and WZID radio station for this event. Cat Bardwell contacted some realtor friends, 3 of whom agreed to take donations of our DES materials and pass them on to clients. Cat is in process of connecting with them to give them their “packages”. Darlene made a suggestion to have a “Septic Sam” cartoon around the state to raise awareness and advertise Septic Smart Week – maybe make a game of it as was done by Chronicle with “Where’s Fritz”.

A new brochure for NHASH was discussed – something that can be given out during Septic Smart Week, and Wild NH Day and any other time we would like to promote our Association. Darlene and Pauli have information that was formerly used, and they will pull something together and see about having a designer make a nice tri-fold brochure for us. The goal would be to have this available by September 1.

Speakers: Cat has spoken with an attorney she knows to come in and discuss estate planning geared toward the business owner. After discussion, it was decided to schedule this after the first of the year. Darlene knows someone at DOT who may be able to come in to speak about Transportation/Truck requirements – maybe this fall. Darlene will inquire; Cat will schedule the attorney.

Dan made a **Motion to adjourn** the meeting at 8:10 pm; Dave seconded, and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cat Bardwell

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New Hampshire Association of Septage Haulers