

Minutes for April 10, 2024

Larry Maznek called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Attendees: Present were Larry Maznek, Paul & Darlene Johnson, Nathan & Sarah Warner, Pauli & Pete Johnson, Wade Pelham, & Cat & Chuck Bardwell. Kim Hatch and Dave Bagley attended via Zoom.

Meeting Locations: Sarah and Cat have been exploring options. Sarah suggested Hobbs Tavern located at 2415 White Mountain Hwy, West Ossipee, NH 03890. Cat has left messages for the manager, Rob, and is awaiting a call back.

March Meeting Minutes: The March Minutes were reviewed. Kim Hatch made a motion to approve the March meeting Minutes as presented; Pauli Johnson Seconded this motion and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

Treasurer's Report: Mandie is away this month; Cat reported on each of our accounts and balances are as follows:

4/10/24 Get Pumped Account \$1,114.57

4/10/24 Scholarship Account \$2,340.48

4/10/24 Operating Account \$7,775.92

4/10/24 18-month CD \$6,102.91 (Operating Account funds)

A Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read was made by Darlene Johnson, Second made by Pauli Johnson, and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

DES Report: Wade Pelham said the MCL's (maximum contaminant levels) came out. While wastewater is not immediately affected, it will be down the road. Currently we have 201 companies permitted in New Hampshire. Inspection schedules are in process. DES will be at the Spring Trade Show this weekend. The ongoing 1600 Rules process: everything is moving forward, and they are on the joint legislative committee's April 19 Agenda. This should put the Rules in place sometime this summer.

Water Council Report: Larry Maznek reported that at today's meeting, they went over procedures for any upcoming trials via the Attorney General's office. Also discussed details on drinking water backflow protection for public water supplies.

GSOWA: Larry Maznek reported there is a conference on Monday and Wednesday, May 16 and 18 on septic evaluators course at Kent Septic. Call Matt at GSOWA to sign up. There's

been an ongoing difficulty with the designers and installers course between DES and GSOWA. Apparently, a recent meeting about the situation did not go well.

SCHOLARSHIP: We received four applications this year. The Committee recommends giving out three (3) \$500 scholarships this year. One to Ben Winter who also received a scholarship last year; one to Tyler Kleinsasser, and one to Ryan Christiansen. There was some discussion about the candidates and why they were chosen. Nate Warner made a Motion to Approve the Scholarships as recommended; Kim Hatch Seconded and all were in favor. *Motion passes.*

Cat will send out letters to all candidates to notify them of their status.

NHASH CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: This Committee had two meetings in the last month and completed the review. Several minor and clarifying changes were made. Cat has posted both the current Constitution and By-Laws and the REVISED version on our website. Cat will be broadcasting this information to all members to review and vote on at the next meeting in May.

New Business:

Larry Maznek has noted that our Purpose in the Constitution and By-laws is clearly outlined (Section 1.2 a through c). He has also identified some problems within our industry with haulers not complying with guidelines. After some lively discussions, it was decided to create a committee to review the problems and how NHASH can educate both consumers and haulers to best practice standards. A committee of Larry Maznek, Nate and Sarah Warner, Kim Hatch, Paul and Darlene Johnson and Pete and Pauli Johnson has volunteered. Cat will join to take notes for the group. The Committee will meet on May 1st via Zoom at 6:30 pm. Larry shared a proposed 30 second infomercial that everyone received and will use as a basis to come up with proposed education materials and venues. Social media, radio, tv, town newsletters were among the options discussed to promote this educational endeavor.

All business concluded, Nate Warner made a **Motion to adjourn** the meeting; Pauli Johnson seconded, and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cat Bardwell

Administrative Assistant

New Hampshire Association of Septage Haulers