

MADISON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

July 27, 2016

MINUTES

Time of Meeting: 7 pm.

Location: Meeting Room B

Attendance: Tom Hansen, Abi White, Peter Pastore, Graham Curtis

1. **Citizen's comments:** None
2. **Membership:** Graham Curtis has been approved and is now a member of the WPCA.
3. **Minutes:** There was no quorum for the June meeting. The meeting minutes from May 25th were finalized and posted on the website.
4. **Health Director's Report:** Trent Joseph was not present. But Tom Hansen met with Trent on 7/19th and delivered his report as follows:
 - **DEEP correspondence:** Trent has received some correspondence from DEEP regarding stormwater compliance (MSR 4). Hansen advised him to coordinate with DPW. There was no other DEEP correspondence related to the WPCA activities.
 - **Septic Systems:** Trent is now issuing a formal "Permit to Discharge" for each new or repaired system. Helpful to the homeowner/buyer and real estate agents when working on a transaction. New fees go into effect on September 1st. \$100 for a new system; \$75 for a repair; \$125 for plan reviews; subdivision plans \$100/lot. There is also a charge for soil testing.

Trent has developed new application forms and inspection forms.

In June, there were 25 repairs and 4 new systems. None of the permits needed to be modified. There was one complaint. No failures. One repair included a conversion from a cesspool to a septic system.

Maria is keeping the records of pump outs and repairs. Hansen requested a 6-month summary report at her convenience.

- **New Projects:** Cottage road apartments. 4,900 gpd system? Possible super fund site? Trent looking into this. Hansen questioned the flow number since it looks to be contrived to fall below the DEEP system threshold of 5,000 gpd.

There is a new marina proposed for route 1 across from Friends & Company restaurant. Trent is reviewing the septic system design.

- **Community Systems:** Nothing to report for Oxford Fells, Legend Hill or Buck Hill.
- **Community Treatment Systems:** Nothing to report on the Mews.

- **DEEP General Permit:** It is Hansen's understanding that unpermitted discharges such as Young's village and some condominiums need to file a new General Permit (DEEP). We will explore further and then contact these properties to determine their compliance.
- **DMRs:** No violations.

5. Old Business:

- **Wastewater Facilities Planning.** This continues to be a major initiative. Tom Hansen reports that there is no progress as the selectmen and finance board are not responding to the WPCA request for funding. A DEEP administrative order is in the works.
- **WPCA resource mapping.** No progress.

1. New Business:

- **Downtown Sewering:** It has come to the WPCA's attention that the selectmen, planner and other boards are actively seeking input from engineering firms for a downtown sewerage project. The WPCA has not been a part of these discussions but some engineers have been interviewed. One issue of concern is that the Town thinks that there is unused capacity at the treatment plant for the Mews (community system) that can be used to support another properties downtown. This is probably not true and the WPCA needs further information. At the very least, the WPCA should be included in these discussions.