

MADISON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

December 18, 2019

Minutes

Time of Meeting: 6 pm

Location: Meeting Room B

- 1. Attendance: Present** - Tom Hansen, Graham Curtis, Mark Aron, Peter Pastore, Tom Lonsdale

Absent – Trent Joseph

- 2. Minutes:** Review of minutes from September 2019. Minutes were approved with revisions (spelling: Item 7 “Town”)

- 3. Citizen’s comments:** None

- 4. Health Director’s Report:** Trent Joseph was not in attendance. Tom Hansen met with the Health Director and gave the following report.

- No progress on the WPCA request for analysis of septic system issues in Smith Bay. Trent and Hansen reviewed a recent SOURCE newspaper article on the subject.
- Arbor Lane. No developments. WPCA has asked Trent to be alert for potential development here that may facilitate extension of public water.
- No new developments regarding DEEP General Permits for properties with multiple septic systems (camps, etc.). The WPCA has asked for information regarding any properties in Madison that have or should file this permit.
- Trent and Hansen discussed the guidelines for Wastewater Management Districts and Innovative/alternative septic systems. Hansen provided Trent with the draft ordinance and guidelines drafted by the WPCA in 2016.
- Trent is presently working on several interesting installations. Potafino’s Pizza and the adjacent Anytime Fitness, North Madison plaza. New engineered system. Dunkin Donuts (Route 1) recently installed an engineered system with *Soil-Air* system. Working on a difficult system for Christy’s restaurant (West Wharf).
- Order letters sent to properties on Old School House Road and Magnolia Road.
- The DEEP Department of Aquaculture is considering opening new shellfish areas in Smith Bay and Twin Cove areas. Water testing is underway.

- 5. Madison Water Pollution Control Plan**

- No suggested edits/changes/comments

- 6. Discussion of septic problem areas**

- **Flooding in Smith Bay area.** The Health Department and WPCA are aware of persistent flooding conditions that are occurring in the area known as Smith Bay. This area was identified in the 2016 Town of Madison Coastal Resilience Plan as an area of concern due to density of development, elevation of the properties (especially Toffee Lane and Overshore Drive). The resiliency study recommended that this area be considered for a community wastewater system.

Update: See Health Directors report, item 4 above.

- **Beach communities.** The WPCA has asked the Health Department to identify certain seasonal beach communities that are required to submit general permits to DEEP.

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

The general permit includes an engineering report documenting the wastewater flows and the wastewater disposal systems in use.

Update: See Health Directors report, item 4 above.

- **Arbor Lane.** The WPCA has asked the Health Department to determine if water service could be, or should be, extended down Arbor Lane in the future. Such an extension could be pursued in conjunction with any planned development of properties in this area.

Update: See Health Directors report, item 4 above.

7. Strategic Plan for the Town of Madison.

- Hansen reports that there has not been a response to WPCA comments. No new meetings are planned..

8. Downtown sewer study. There is no update.

9. Update on the Madison Resiliency Committee.

Graham Curtis provided a report. The resiliency guidelines from the state include planning for a 20" rise in sea level by 2050. The committee is working to identify planning strategies for infrastructure, municipal buildings and septic systems. With regard to septic, the resolution would be installation of community sewers. The resiliency areas of concern are also problematic for septic systems for several reasons. Coordination of efforts will continue. Areas of concern being discussed in the Surf Club and properties on Middle Beach Road, among others.

10. Meeting schedule:

The year 2020 meeting schedule was presented. Meetings will be the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6 PM. A **motion** was made by Peter Pastore to approve. Seconded by Curtis. Unanimously approved by voice **vote**.

11. Citizen comments: None

12. Adjourn: 7:30 PM

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