

**Thompson's Point Wastewater System Advisory Committee  
Minutes for Meeting on August 12, 2020 @ 4:00 PM  
Via Zoom**

In attendance:

Leaseholder Representatives: Tom Maffitt\*; Miles Waite\*; Dick Tonino\*

System Operator: Steve Williams

System Engineer: Chris Galipeau, Civil Engineering Associates, Inc.

Selectboard Representative: James Faulkner\*

Town Administrator: Dean Bloch\*

Not present:

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Mary Mead

\* signifies "voting member" in accordance with the Thompson's Point Wastewater Disposal System Ordinance

Agenda

- Update on the season; usage/flows, repairs and upgrades made, any problems/concerns
- Planned repairs and upgrades during the remainder of the season

Update on the season

Steve said that two new Variable Frequency Drives (VFD) were installed—this is due to "dirty power", i.e. when power goes off, then flickers when it comes back on. They were \$1,100 each, for a total of \$2,200. To make up for the cost, Steve suggested not re-topping the driveway to the wastewater plant, which was budgeted at \$2,000.

Tom asked if we can just turn off the VFDs when the power goes off, so they aren't subjected to the flickering when power returns. Steve said yes, when we know—but we didn't know it was going off. GMP just turned it off without notice.

Miles suggested adding a generator; there was discussion that this could also help with emergency preparedness. Steve said that a generator and transfer switch would cost \$50,000 - \$60,000. Since Thompson's Point system is a small generator of wastewater, it's not required by the state to have a generator. With regard to emergency preparedness, Steve said few if any camps have generators—so they're not going to have water service during a power outage—and therefore there won't need wastewater disposal.

Steve said he does carry an inventory of spare pumps, so that he can replace those that burn out due to the flickering power.

Steve confirmed that the new programmable logic controller (PLC) has been installed.

Steve said that the main electrical breaker box is in bad shape, due to it being outside and subject to the elements. He has had Pratt and Smith provide a cost estimate to replace it—the estimate is

\$7,500. This will be done in 2021. Dean asked about relocating the panel to the inside—Steve said the environment inside the building is more corrosive.

Steve said that 550,000 gallons of wastewater have been run through the system. He believes that evaporation is probably high due to the heat. He anticipated that usage for the season is going to be high because campers are not going to want to leave, due to the corona-virus situation.

It was asked if a message has been or will be going to camp owners that they need to leave promptly by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Dick said that message was given at the annual meeting of the Thompson's Point Leaseholders' Association (TPLA). It was discussed that if anyone is planning to stay after October 23<sup>rd</sup>, they should let Steve know.

Planned repairs and upgrades during the remainder of the season

There are no additional repairs or upgrades planned for the remainder of the season.

Adjournment

Tom motioned to adjourn, Dick seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The committee adjourned at 4:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Bloch