

## **Thompson's Point Wastewater System Advisory Committee Minutes for February 12, 2015 @ 4 PM**

Committee Members In attendance: *Voting:* Tom Maffit, Miles Waite, Dean Bloch, Fritz Tegatz; *Non-voting:* Steve Williams, System Operator, Chris Galipeau, Consulting Engineer  
Committee Members Absent: Rick Pete  
Others: Jeannine McCrumb, Town Planner/Zoning Administrator/Deputy Health Officer/Sewage Officer

### Agenda

- Approve budget
- Newsletter to be mailed with wastewater bills
- Fee for winter construction (for pressure tests)

### Budget

A question was raised about when trash collection is needed. Steve said generally no trash is generated when the system is shut down in December, January, February. In March, April May, pick-ups are needed 1/week, and the rest of the year pick-ups can be once every two weeks. Dean will check with Casella about arranging pick-ups to fit that schedule.

Steve said he hadn't done any work on the tanks—he pulled a muscle, and it was too cold to do the work.

He buys tanks from Champlin Associates @ \$1,700/tank + shipping = \$1,875/tank. There was some discussion about getting a second quote. Steve said we should buy two tanks—we don't have any spares. Steve said it would be \$15,000 for two tank replacements, including the cribs.

Steve said alarms are \$4,500 each. Pipe supports: 28 = \$3,000.

Observation ports—Steve said he could vacuum; if it takes a day, he would charge \$800.

Miles said to do the pipe supports, and vacuum if the tanks are less than \$15,000.

Chris said the permit requires that the pipe supports be repaired or replaced. Chris asked about just replacing the pipe supports that are broken. Steve said we could do half this year and half next year. This would be \$1,500 this year and \$1,500 next year. Everyone agree with this, and with vacuuming if the tanks are less than \$15,000 total.

**Tom motioned to approve the budget:** total expense of \$155,243 including \$42,800 payment to the sinking fund, with funding coming from \$950 annual fee/hook-up and \$0.053/gallon fee.  
**Miles seconded the motion. Vote 4-0; passed.**

Steve will price out replacement of the mounds and pumps for capital planning. We will need to see if the \$150,000 cap on the Maintenance and Rehabilitation Fund (“sinking fund”) should be increased.

Chris said the O & M manual is outdated. He has been taking notes, and will review with Steve.

Newsletter

Members said the newsletter looked good, and thanked Jeannine.

Fee for Winter Construction

Chris suggested holding a pre-construction meeting, and charging a flat fee that everyone pays, plus extra if there's damage.

Jeannine said we could use average costs of pressure tests from the last few years. Steve will look into past costs.

The next meeting will be scheduled for May.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean Bloch