

**Thompson's Point Wastewater System Advisory Committee
Minutes for Meeting on May 13, 2020 @ 4:00 PM
Via Zoom**

In attendance:

Leaseholder Representatives: Tom Maffitt*; Dick Tonino*

System Operator: Steve Williams

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

Town Administrator: Dean Bloch*

Not present:

Miles Waite*

James Faulkner, Selectboard Representative*

Mary Mead

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

Agenda

- System start-up; process, timing, problems, lessons learned
- Communicating with camp owners about system start-up (via emails)
- Making North Shore Road (and other areas) more freeze-proof
- Planned repairs and upgrades

System Start-Up

Steve reported that the start-up was difficult—they did things differently because Steve and Jake couldn't work together, due to social distancing. Steve and Jake were the back-up for each other in case either got sick. Steve said there were also a lot of people walking on Thompson's Point roads, which made it slower to move around.

Steve said that there are not many people staying at the Point so far. A few camps do not have their power connected.

Steve said the inventory of spare parts is good. He has seven pumps on hand.

Steve moved the electrical connection on Bill Rutter's camp, so he doesn't have to go through Barbara Glade's camp

One camp had a frozen ejector due to power being shut off too early in the fall.

With regard to lessons learned about emergency planning—Steve recommended checking to see what Shelburne's plan is, and revisiting this in the mid-summer or end of summer. Additionally, perhaps the committee should discuss the inventory on hand at its fall meeting.

Communicating with camp owners about system start-up

People thought emails generally went well. One concern was expressed by a leaseholder (not a TWAC member) regarding the fact that the emails came from the Thompson's Point Leaseholders' Association, and not the Town or the TPWAC.

Two reasons for advance notice (even in a non-pandemic year) were noted: (1) some camp-owners want to have their camps prepared in advance of their arrival, and so want to know when this is possible; and (2) Steve is concerned about camp-owners showing up before their camp is ready, in terms of the wastewater disposal system.

However, the committee felt that, in a normal year, notice to leaseholders about opening is not needed unless there's a problem. Dick said it can be reiterated at the annual leaseholders' association meeting in August that camp-owners should check with Steve before arriving, including waiting for a confirmation back from Steve.

Making North Shore Road (and other areas) more freeze-proof

Steve noted that North Shore Road is colder, windier, and has very shallow soils. The ejector stations are vulnerable to freezing if that line is opened too early. Chris said that if it's insulated, it will need to be insulated completely, because partially insulating could end up trapping the cold within the system. North Shore Road also has more tanks, cribs and ejector stations, which are more vulnerable components. No action to be taken.

Planned repairs and upgrades

Steve said the new electrical control panel has been built, and will be installed next week. The last one was 25 years old. The installation will take about one week, during which time Steve and Jake will operate the system by hand. Chris suggested planning the next TPWAC meeting in mid-July at the time of the annual inspection.

Other Business

Dick asked if Steve has a chipper. Tom asked about the Thompson's Point Association Water System.

Adjournment

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

The committee adjourned at 5:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Bloch