

MINUTES of the DUNHAMS BAY WATER QUALITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE
Friday, June 28, 2013
3:00- 4:45 PM

Members present: Bill Baldwin, Cheryl Baldwin, John Salvador, Len Simms, Dick Lempert, Mark Handleman, MaryLou Lempert, Kathy Bozony, Barbara Simms, Phil Mitchell

Agenda:

1. FEMA grant

Kathy Bozony received a Community Resilience Innovation Challenge grant for \$35,000 from FEMA. There were 1,900 applications submitted and only 30 awarded. Kathy's application "ranked among the finest received." Funds will be used to support efforts in "solving the problems that threaten drinking water" in and around Lake George. The Dunhams Bay Water Quality Awareness Committee has become a member of a coalition of other area water quality awareness committees. The coalition has met a number of times already and is developing a work plan for the coming months. We will be meeting with Senator Little in the next few weeks to inform her of our specific committee's activities and the coalitions goals.

2. Buffer Lake George Project

The following six Dunhams Bay properties were chosen for the buffering project: Seeley, Clemons, Matthews, Ervolina, Morehouse and King/Maddocks. Kathy is waiting for plot plans to be completed by Brian Oligny of Oligny's Creative Landscapes and Country Design in Gansevoort. Once the designs are completed, we will be looking for volunteers to help with the planting.

3. Septic Survey progress

Len Simms reported that all pertinent septic information had been gathered from the electronic records of Warren County and the town of Queensbury. Building department paper files for specific properties were being pulled to see what additional information might be found regarding onsite wastewater treatment. A spreadsheet is being completed and shared with town officials.

4. Town proposal

Kathy Bozony and Len Simms will meet with Queensbury Town Supervisor Montessi, and Dave Decker (of the Lake George Watershed Coalition) on Tuesday, July 16th to discuss the formation of a "Responsible Management Entity (RME)/On Site Wastewater Management District" for Dunhams Bay. More information will follow.

5. NYS grants

The coalition of water quality awareness committees will be investigating grant money available through the Regional Economic Council. The exact nature of a grant has yet to be determined, but it is hoped that it might provide some financial help for homeowners who need to upgrade their onsite wastewater treatment system. An application workshop is being held at Adirondack Community College on July 19th. Barbara will be attending and any interested DBA member is welcome to join her.

6. Next steps

Seventeen Dunhams Bay homeowners have contacted Kathy Bozony regarding the algal blooms documented off their shoreline. It was the feeling of the committee that individual meetings with these homeowners should be scheduled and held as soon as possible. Kathy agreed to make the necessary calls to set up these meetings.