

**Town of Johnston, Rhode Island**

**Wastewater Management Board Meeting Minutes**

**Chairman**

**Members**

**JamesMcHale**

**William**

**Northup**

**ViceChairman**

**William**

**Cuddigan**

**BartCatanzaro**

**Rita**

**Cesario**

**Secretary**

**Tom**

**Pizzi**

**JoeMcCauley**

**Ed**

**Davidson**

**Roll Call. The September 21st JWWMB Meeting was called to order by Chairman McHale at 7pm. All members were present. Ed Davidson was not present.**

**Reading of the Minutes Motion was made by Bart to waive the reading of the June 15th minutes, seconded by Jim.**

**Old Business New criteria from DEM for failed systems. RIDEM wants future Septic System reports to include one of 10 failure items that DEM requires to fail a System.**

**Motion was made by Bart to adopt DEM`s new criteria for failing a**

**system (copy attached), seconded by Joe all members were in favor. Motion was made by Jim to have Ed Davidson send a copy of the new rules to all inspectors on the Town list, seconded by Tom, all members were in favor.**

**New Business 47 Shore Dr. an oily substance was observed on top of the Lake in the rear of the home. The owner had moved away and the Town filled the cesspool in. Jim stated that this problem might correct itself but the JWWMB should keep tabs on the site.**

**New rules for corresponding with Town agencies. Bart made a motion to wait 10 days prior to mailing out public notices so that the Mayor, Town Council and the Town Clerk (who have been forwarded a copy of such notices) will have sufficient time to review and make comment, seconded by Rita all members were in favor.**

**Discussion regarding Inspectors soliciting business. Residents have complained about companies trying to solicit business using the Boards regulations about Inspections and Pumping. Bart stated that companies should not be telling residents when they should have their system inspected or pumped out. Jim suggested that the Board send a letter to the Town Solicitor regarding the Boards questions .The subject will be discussed at our next meeting.**

**Loan Program a discussion about advertising the Loan Program in the Sunrise or other media to inform the residents that there is money**

available at a low percentage rate to help repair a failed system. Bart reminded the Board that there is still about \$27,000 at the old rate of percentage. The Board will find out if the rate can be changed to the current rate.

Tom made a motion to take an ad in the Sunrise for the Loan program pending the outcome of the remaining \$27,000. Motion was seconded by Rita all members were in favor.

**Updated Complaint Summary** Since the June meeting the Failed System reported are 6/24/09 - 47 Shore Dr. Report of cesspool overflow. Appears to be ok.

6/24/09 - 24 Orleans St. Report of cesspool overflow. No signs of problems

7/21/09 - 25 Shore Dr. RIDEM Failed System Residents sent a letter about the Loan Program.

9/1/09 - 70 Reservoir Rd. Recorded notice from Building Official has being unsafe. Building Official has ordered the home vacated.

9/1/09 - 38 Shores Dr. Water Dept received a complaint from a neighbor that System was overflowing into the Oak Swamp. Site was checked by Public Works and Ed Davidson both reported no apparent problems.

9/17/09 - 968 Plainfield Pike RIDEM has failed the System, the Board will have Ed take a look at the site and report back at our next meeting.

**Public Input A Town resident addressed the JWWMB about additives for Septic Systems and his own use of Rid-x. The Board discussed the use of additives with the resident. The Board made it clear that it does not recommend the use of additives. RIDEM prohibits the use of certain additives and URI does not recommend the use of additives.**

**RIHMFC Loans Nothing to report at this meeting.**

**Date of Next Meeting October 19th 2009**

**Motion to Adjourn motion was made by Tom seconded by Joe**