

Mason County Onsite Sewage Advisory Committee

Meeting minutes for 8/13/19

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Roll call and Determination of Quorum
 - Present: Dale, Jim, James, Wes
 - Absent: Darin, Micah, Thad, Kim, Toby, Keith
- 3) Guest Introductions
 - Alex Paysse (Mason County)
 - Rhonda Elliott (Mason County)
 - Evie Fagergren (Representing Shellfish farmers- has submitted application to join)
 - Constance (Hood Canal Co-Chair Watershed Coalition)
- 4) Approval of 7/17/19 minutes. Tabled due to lack of quorum.
- 5) Public Comments – None.
- 6) Old Business
 - 6.1 Online RME updates
 - Dale gives background of Online RME
 - Alex discusses timeline, rollout of program hopefully starting ~January after finalizing contracts, default question sets, data transfers, etc.
 - Alex goes into more detail regarding questions in O/M and Pumper reports, asking for input/review
 - Discussion occurred regarding jetting services and whether it needs to be included in reports as it is becoming more common. Committee would like to add this question.
 - Constance asked whether “Airbnb” or RVS or other random structures should be documented/included in these reports if they are concerned about not being connected to septic systems.
 - Dale asked whether there are regulations regarding how many RVs can be lived in on a property.
 - Alex responded and said it is a building/planning issue and described department stance on the matter.
 - James asked whether a question could include the verification of the inlet of septic tank (sewer line from house to tank). It could just involve flushing the toilet and checking. Alex and Dale agreed that it would be difficult for providers to check this requirement as homeowners are not always present. Alex proposed having a question like “issues with sewer line to tank?”
 - A proposed Q OSS appears to have regular use. James suggested a full hydraulic test to be done with the flow per day for a septic system to adequately test drainfield. Standardized hose test for hydraulic load? Wes does a “Garden hose in the tank for 20 minutes” but sometimes flow rates are inadequate and unreliable to test.

- Jim suggested having a question that would force the provider to look into the history of this system. Alex proposed the question “Has the system had any unsatisfactory events in the past and have they been addressed before or during the current inspection?”
- Constance asked a question about the HCRPIC program- Phase III Final Report. She suggested providers be invited to PIC water quality seminars with homeowners. Cross training for homeowners and providers together.
- Alex agreed that it would be great for the providers to be educated on water quality work.
- Constance suggested a grant to fund a Septic Summit for Hood Canal. It could help bring providers and homeowners from Jefferson, Kitsap, and Mason County, with the tribes to talk about septic maintenance.

6.2) Building Permit policies

- Dale wants to simplify flow chart for reviewing building permit review process. Says he is doing some work on it.
- Evie asked about WAC changes. Alex replied that the WAC 246-272A for OSS is being revised.

7) New Business

7.1 Providers Meeting

- Group reviewed proposed agenda

8) Next Meeting Date

- September 10, 2019 at 430pm