

# WQIAB Policy Revision Summary

This cover sheet describes a recommended revision to the WQI process, broken down into 5 “chapters” to hopefully make communication of the funding amounts and restrictions in the process.

## Doc 1 - Flowchart and Process Summary

This document details major milestones in the I/A system construction approval, State and County rebate process, and the Shelter Island WQI funding process.

1. The explanations will forewarn applicants that the process may take 1 ½ to 2 years start to end,
2. Does not list rebate amounts or criteria, should be open to future updates without Town Board approval,

## Doc 2 - FUNDING POLICY AND RESTRICTIONS

This document describes the recommended changes to the WQI AB rebate eligibility and funding support to applicants – *and includes the most significant changes in eligibility criteria and the size of possible funding.* There are a few areas that the WQI has questions on that need input from the Town Board and Town Attorney. Description by section:

### **B.2. Base Innovative Advanced OWTS Grant**

NEED INPUT FROM TOWN BOARD on REBATE AMOUNT: WQI recommends increasing the maximum Base Grant from current \$6,000 to \$12,000.

NEED INPUT FROM TOWN BOARD on APPROVAL PROCESS: Two options –

Option #1 - Maintain approval of the Base Grant based on a reduced evaluation from current to 1) Location Sensitivity; 2) Nitrate Reduction Scoring (Kilograms per year); and 3) Type and/or condition of Existing System,

Option #2 – Eliminate the approval process and open eligibility to all residents.

NEED INPUT FROM TOWN BOARD on APPROVAL PROCESS: The WQI majority recommends making any increases in the size of rebates retroactive to cover approvals in the time period where the base rebate was reduced to \$6,000.

### **B.4. Pressurized Shallow Drainfield Grant**

NEED INPUT FROM TOWN BOARD on REBATE AMOUNT: WQI recommends increasing funding support from the current \$2,000 to a maximum \$5,000 grant.

### **B.5. Suffolk County Mandated Private Well Relocation grant.**

NEED INPUT FROM TOWN BOARD on REBATE AMOUNT: WQI recommends increasing funding support from the current \$2,000 to a maximum \$4,000 grant.

## **C) Expenses Eligible or Not Eligible for Rebate**

Minor revisions to clarify approved/disallowed types of costs.

## **D. Restrictions On I/A Capacity, Mandated Upgrades and Time Limit on Future Home Improvements**

### **D.2 Homeowner Initiated and SCDHS or Town building code mandated system upgrades**

NEED INPUT FROM TOWN BOARD/ATTORNEY on APPROVAL PROCESS: WQI majority recommends allowing funding support for upgrades to replace block cesspool systems, including those that would appear to be disallowed by Town Code legislation section 43-10.4 (i.e., when upgrade is mandated by SCDHS).

### **D.4 Time Limit on Future Home Improvements**

WQI recommends establishing date of the SCDHS Red Stamp as the start of this time limit. Alternate – Green stamp.

## **E. Definitions**

Two new definitions – “Catastrophic Emergency Cesspool Failure” and “Block Cesspool Status as categorized by SCDHS definition”. Added to both “Project meeting this definition is eligible for SI funding support, regardless of project benefit point value criteria or if the application would disallowed by Town Code legislation section 43-10.4”. This NEEDS INPUT FROM TOWN BOARD

## **Doc 3 - Application FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS**

This update to the Application Form is intended to streamline the process. This version reflects some of the requirements established in the Funding Policy and Restrictions section.

## **Doc 4 - REQUEST FOR PAYMENT FORM / REQUIREMENTS /**

**CHECKLIST** This updated document clarifies instructions for applicants to follow when they request the rebate. The checklist also identifies the Building Department requirements applicants must complete (Septic Registry and Well Registry). Nitrate Calculation Form unchanged.

## **“Doc 5” Conditional Rebate Agreement and Certification**

Two documents - the Conditional Rebate and the Certified Release of Information. Town Attorney is document owner.

WQI REQUESTS TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW RED-LINED COPY AND REVISE AS NEEDED. Update to clarify the ‘start’ date for time limited requirements (e.g., limit starts at date of Red stamp, Green Stamp, Conditional Rebate date or other date).

## **Doc 6 - Report to the Town Board**

This update illustrates changes in the Funding Policy and Restrictions, some of which may not be approved.