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Tony,

Here are a few takeaways from the CWQC Plan-

1. All permits are available to the public; CWQC group can inquire at their leisure if new permits have been issued within the SLZ district.
2. There is no specific town ordinance about septic systems in the SLZ, all parties follow the Maine Subsurface Wastewater Rule book.
3. Oversight of all septic systems within 500' of lakes and streams is not practical.
4. The current SLZ permit application has been updated to require pre- and post-photos.

My opinion of what is the biggest factor in water quality is the public and private roads and their drainage into the watershed, next would be fertilizers used around the lakes, and followed by erosion. Septic systems are just a small part of the water quality problem.

The plan that was drafted has lots of useful information for now in in the future. I think everyone can do better at preserving our water quality, but there is a price for that, and landowners also have rights. This is a fine line to walk, but some of the ideas are worth looking into, while others are not practical in my opinion.

I have inquired about getting video footage of all the ponds and watersheds in Casco, and some companies could not give a ballpark price, and others have stopped doing this type of work. I would guess that the cost would be in the ballpark of \$50K if not more.

I can discuss further if you would like.

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