

MS4 Stormwater Consortium of Rockland County

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 28 at 2:00 pm
Place: Room 311, Clarkstown Town Hall, 10 Maple Ave., New City
Present: David Foltz, Luke Kalarickal, Ted Dzurinko, Mike Sadowski, Jim Dean, Mary Hegarty, Doris Ulman, Joe Caruso

1. Update from IDO Committee

- A. Changes were made to final Illicit Discharge Ordinance (IDO) document at the recent (2/16/6) meeting and were e-mailed to all. Ramapo held a public hearing on Feb. 22; their Board will approve it on March 8. Public hearings on the IDO are also scheduled in Chestnut Ridge (3/18), Grandview (3/20), Pomona (3/27) and New Square. Orangetown's public hearing will take place in April.
- B. Mary will notify the group as to where the ordinance is included in other municipalities' codes.
- C. On March 14 at 2:00 pm (Building P, Yeager Complex, Pomona), IDO Committee will work on the Sediment/Erosion, and Construction ordinances – and will draft a general “Inter-municipal Agreement” to formally create a Stormwater Consortium.
- D. Barbara Kendall of the NYSDEC has offered to meet with the Consortium to explain how to use Gap Analysis in comparing new and existing ordinances. Each MS4 will try to bring its municipal attorney to that meeting, which will be held after the ordinance is in semi-final form. Possible meeting dates include April 4, 5, or 6 at 2:00 pm in Mary's office. Mary will send Consortium members a link (via e-mail) to the model ordinance.

2. Water Quality Improvement Grant

- A. Our contact is Natalie Browne, NYS-DEC, Region 3, Division of Water, 200 White Plains Road, 5th floor, Tarrytown, NY 10591; phone – 914-332-1835 x354; fax: 914-332-4670.
- B. WQIP Grant application is due to the DEC by March 31. The Consortium members agreed to apply as a group, through the Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), which will act as administrator of the grant. Mary will begin preparing the grant application and SWCD will be paid for time involved in grant preparation.
- C. SWCD will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Consortium, rather than with individual MS4s. The Consortium will first organize by having members adopt an inter-municipal agreement. Paul will send a rough draft of such an agreement to Consortium members and ask them to respond with suggestions-for-changes by March 10. DEC notes showed that the Consortium needs to be formally organized (through these agreements) by the time the grant contract is executed with the DEC.

3. Annual Reports

- A. DEC Update on the Year 3 Annual Report – The DEC informed Mary that there are no substantive changes in Minimum Control Measures (MCM) #1-5, but there will be changes in MCM #6. MS4s are advised to begin working on answering MCM #1-5 for now, until the final version is released around March 8.
- B. The Consortium agreed that it would be acceptable for Paul/Mary to send information to MS4s by March 31, in annual report format; the information should be separated by municipality.
- C. The Consortium agreed that MS4s could claim credit for work that was done by the SWCD, since each town has one representative on the SWCD Board, and each village is located within a town.

4. Update on recent trainings & classes

- A. Snow and Ice Control – January 24 & 31 by Dewey Amsler; 164 participants
- B. Wet Basement classes – currently being offered by Mark Russo in all five towns; very successful
- C. Roadway/side Maintenance – March 15 at Cooperative Extension, Stony Point; registration forms have been e-mailed out and are due by March 8.

– CCE will recruit groups at YouthFest (April 2) and throughout the year. The goal is to distribute 4,000 markers this year.

- E. Possible training for construction site operators – Mary Hegarty, Diana Hesse and DEC are organizing this, possibly for next winter; SWCD will cosponsor with DEC.
- F. Possible training for code enforcers – Course is being organized by Diana Hesse & DEC for autumn, 2006; SWCD will cosponsor with DEC; MS4s can claim credit on annual reports.

5. Other business:

- A. New environmental (stormwater) educator to start at CCE on April 17, 2006 – Jeff Geller
- B. Paul (CCE) distributed brochures aimed at encouraging businesses to keep litter/pollutants out of storm drains and stormwater. Most municipalities will send the brochure out with a cover letter, reminding businesses not to violate municipal codes for littering/pollution. Thanks to Mike Sadowski and Keep Rockland Beautiful, Inc. for their help in creating the brochure.
- C. On March 1, Paul will tape a PSA at Cablevision/News Channel 12 on stormwater pollution prevention; it will be aired on local cable channels in April and May 2006.
- D. The Consortium suggested that Paul write letters to municipalities that are not part of the Consortium, inviting them to join. Include county representatives (Joyce Altieri – Facilities; Skip Vezzetti – Highway; Drew Lehman – Solid Waste).

6. Next meeting: Thursday, March 23 at 2:30 pm at the Chestnut Ridge Village Hall; topics include ...

- What educational requirements can CCE help the MS4s accomplish in 2006-07?
- Public Service Announcements: What topics should be covered this year ... and during which seasons?