

Stormwater Consortium of Rockland County
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2011
10:00am

Final Draft

Present: Alan L. Englander, Village of Upper Nyack; Pat Brady, Town of Haverstraw; Joe Corless, Villages of West Haverstraw and Pomona; Mike Sadowski, Town of Ramapo; Haris Aljovic, Villages of Montebello and Chestnut Ridge; Luke Kalarickal, Town of Clarkstown; Doris Ulman, Villages of Chestnut Ridge, Grand View and Pomona; Ted Dzurinko, Town of Ramapo; Eve Mancuso, Villages of Piermont (Pending), Haverstraw, Nyack, Wesley Hills, Airmont, New Hempstead, Kaser (Pending), and South Nyack; Maribeth Ramos, CCE; Ann Marie Palefsky, CCE

Called to Order: 10:07 AM

Review and Approval of Minutes: Alan Englander moved to accept the September minutes, seconded by Harris Aljovic, carried.

Report of Officers:

Chairman Mike Sadowski announced that the Lower Hudson Conservation video is completed and does contain a segment on rain barrels. He shared information on a bus tour in Dutchess County on green infrastructure projects which costs \$8.00 to attend and is being sponsored by the Dutchess CCE. On November 15 the Annual Erosion and Sediment Control Training course will take place at the Fire Training Center which must be attended every three years.

First Vice Chairman Charles Sawicki reported that having just gone through his audit; he was surprised that a major focus of the audit was on educational outreach. Joe Corless stated that this validated the importance of having CCE provide deliverables for the Consortium as it is difficult to get through the audit without these deliverables.

Reports of Committees:

Website Committee –Mike, Joe, Eve and Ann Marie met on November 5 in Ramapo to discuss what the Consortium would like to see in their website. Maribeth Ramos, Communications Coordinator at CCE demonstrated changes which had been made as a result of that meeting. It was decided to not password protect a members only portion but instead list items such as the Barbara Kendall power points from her classes with a statement saying that CCE can be contacted by Consortium members for copies. The Stormwater Consortium Contact List will be updated. Ellen Chorba will send out the list to all members and ask the members to respond with

who the appropriate Stormwater Consortium Technical Designee should be and also list anyone else they would like to see as a contact on this list. Some villages/towns may want the village clerk and some the stormwater consortium member who attends the meetings. If we don't hear from you then we will leave the contact for your town/village as it currently exists.

Illicit Discharge Committee

The questionnaire was emailed to all members with the additional questions which were suggested at the last meeting. Some members have already returned the completed survey. All are asked to do this by the next meeting so an inventory of the responses can be done to assist in focusing future programs on any weaknesses that may exist.

Technical Committee

Kevin had obtained the checklist from Barbara Kendall that she had used as part of her workshops with the highway departments. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting as Kevin could not be present at this meeting.

Financial Committee

No change in the balance of unencumbered funds. Mike asked that CCE bill for the remaining \$500 for new villages who have joined the consortium this year. Mike asked to be cc'd on the letter. Mike suggested that a vote be taken at the November or December meeting on uses for some of the remaining funds. One idea was to hire a professional grant writer with some expertise in writing grants with the DEC.

Old Business

- a. **MS4 Contracts** To date the following towns and villages have **not** returned their MS4 Contracts:

Villages: Sloatsburg, Hillburn

- b. **PSA deliverables 1st and 2nd Quarter**—there were no comments on the distribution of the deliverables on a cd by CCE so CCE will continue to make deliverables available in this format.

- c. **Stream Monitoring Supplies**

Mike would like Chuck, Mary and Eve to still come up with a list of recommended supplies. This will be tabled until Chuck returns from medical leave.

- d. **Nominations for Vice Chairs** – Send any nominations to Mike Sadowski as the First Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair positions need to be filled. Charles and Jim are

willing to serve a second term. These nominations will be voted on at the December meeting and the term starts on April 1.

New Business

Barbara Kendall will be giving two workshops in November on Green Infrastructure: A New Approach to Stormwater Mangement on November 7 and Construction Site Stormwater Management on November 29. Both will be held at CCE and the signup sheet will be emailed to Consortium members to share with towns and villages.

CCE is having a Water Day on November 5 at CCE. Classes will be available on water conservation, rain barrels, mold and drainage issues and water gardens. Information is available on CCE's website.

At a future meeting there will be a discussion and vote about Rockland County becoming an affiliate member of the Consortium similar to CCE and Soil and Water.

Upcoming Meetings

November 15 at 10:00 AM at CCE

December 20 at 10:00 AM at CCE

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am with a motion from Ted, seconded by Eve.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Marie Palefsky