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Storm Water Consortium Meeting Minutes:
Draft sent to Mike Sadowski on 10/21/2010
Meeting Date: October 21, 2010 at CCE, Stony Point, NY

Present: Charles Sawicki, Village of Suffern; Kevin P. Maher, Town of Stony Point; Ted Dzurinko, Town of Ramapo; Mike Sadowski, Town of Ramapo; Luke Kalarickal, Town of Clarkstown; Frank Fleischer, Rockland County Drainage Agency; Jim Dean, Rockland County Soil and Water Conservation District, Town of Orangetown; Mary Hegarty, Rockland County Soil and Water Conservation District; Pat Brady, Town of Haverstraw; Haris Aljovic, Village of Montebello and Chestnut Ridge; Eve Mancuso, Village of Nyack, Haverstraw, Wesley Hills, Piermont; P.J. Corless, West Haverstraw and Pomona; Chuck Stead, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland.

Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm.

Report of Officers:

Presidents Report

Mike called for a motion to accept the minutes of Sept Meeting (with changes as requested) Joe motioned and Eve seconded the motion, it was passed. Mike then announced that he would be attending *Beyond Pipe and Pond: A Research Based Approach to Stormwater Treatment System Selection* on Tuesday **Oct 26** at Norrie Point in Staatsburg. He also announced that there was still room for registration with the *Construction Site Contractors & Operators Erosion and Sediment Control Required Training*, 4 hour course at the County Fire Training Center on Thursday **Oct 28**.

Vice Presidents Report

First VP: Mike announced that Vin was stepping down and that there would be a discussion as to his replacement under New Business.

Second VP: Jim reported on the educational agreements CCE was under contract with the Consortium to fulfill which included the following:

- A) Planning Zoning Board Workshop(s) which may be a class or a series of classes offered to help members of local planning and zoning boards understand best management practices.
- B) Additional Classes and Workshops: for General Public, Commercial Property Owners and Site Contractors, Landscapers, Municipal Employees, and classes for garage maintenance workers on BMPs.
- C) Six Public News Articles
- D) Three PSAs
- E) CCE Information Center: continued ongoing resource for the community at large.
- F) Website Service: enhancement of the Stormwater pages on the CCE website.
- G) Minutes: supplied by the CCE educator

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H) Site Visits: the educator being available for site visits to the MS4s

Joe asked that the above be listed in the minutes. Jim announced that at the November meeting he would be reporting on what has been accomplished thus far this year and what was in the works for the near future.

Reports of Committees:

Website Committee

Mary Beth Ramos presented a workshop in accessing the Cornell Website and illustrated what could be possible with enhancement of the Stormwater pages. First she walked through the Cornell Site and then demonstrated the options that currently exist. She offered to insert a relevant photo for the Stormwater home page and indicated the need to update the PSAs. There were some suggestions which included increasing the size of the warning icon for the 'do dumping into storm drains' image. Mike suggested that the Website Committee make plans to meet with Mary Beth in the coming days. Eve and Pat both asked about hooking up a link to participation and Mary Beth said she would explore the options and be ready to offer a variety of them to the Site Committee.

Illicit Discharge Committee

With Vin now out of the Consortium Mike asked Pat to head up the committee and Charles to work with him on this. Chuck offered to meet with them at CCE when they are available.

Old Business:

- A) **United Water meeting of 10/14:** Mike and Mary reported on their meeting with Steve Goudsmith United Water's Manger, Communications and Community Relations, in order to inquire just how they promote education and learned that UW brings in educators as needed and does not have an on board educator. Mike asked if the Consortium could be included when courses were offered so that the MS4s could pick up the credit for taking them and asked if the Consortium could provide additional materials. When discussing grant possibilities with UW they were told that UW has formed a separate 501C3 foundation and the Consortium can apply to them for grants. (Note: UW calls this the United Water Foundation Inc. and the two sheet application available on line clearly establishes by the header logo that Suez/United Water is the funding source.) The Consortium can apply for more than one grant but there is a cap on how much can be funded and the various grants can be related but need to cover separate projects. (Note: Chuck has been working with this foundation and has been told the cap is up to \$1,000.) Mary invited UW to attend the Consortiums meetings at any time and Steve suggested that the Consortium write an article for their Conservation Guide.
- B) **County Status:** Chuck reported that Paul said the CCE Board was fine with the county becoming a non-paying/non-voting affiliate member of the Consortium. There then was a discussion about how to word that agreement which Chuck will take up with Paul. Jim then talked about just who to send this to as it will require two agencies to be associated with this sort of affiliate membership. It came down to the Charles Venzetti at the High Way Department and Jerry Wolf at the Facilities.
- C) **Technical Committee:** Mike said that the first member of this committee is yet to be determined based although at present Kevin of Stony Point agreed to be on the committee and it is expected that Orangetown and Clarkstown will be able to each provide a name to serve on this committee at the next meeting.

- D) **PSA Ideas** (and some notes on the Clarkstown Enviro Summit: Jim and Chuck are working on a lawn debris PSA and will have something to consider by next week. Chuck suggested that the Consortium have a presence at the Clarkstown Enviro Summit come March 5th as it would be an opportunity for the Consortium to engage in a public persona, take questions, and make a presentation on their operation. Mike suggested that Chuck filter through the Summit's email correspondence and send along to the Consortium anything that would be relevant to the event so they could learn more about this project.
- E) **Report from the Tenth Annual Storm Water Conference:** Mary and Eve reported that the format at this event (held at Dutchess Manor in Beacon) was very good and that Pat Ferracane offered excellent updates on new regulations and gave sound advice as to how to deal with them. Generally there was a strong theme of Green Design throughout the conference. Jim noted that Mary has been involved with this event from its beginning.

New Business:

- A) **Report on TZ Bridge/I-287 Corridor Project:** Chuck reported on the current status of this project and suggested that the Consortium keep a close eye on its early planning stages as the high speed rail embankment would mean a great deal of storm water mitigation adjustments. He will continue to attend any meetings the Legislature holds on this and Eve will continue to attend the meetings held in Westchester.
- B) **Replacement of the First Vice Chairman:** Jim motioned that Charles be nominated and Joe seconded that, Eve was also nominated but when Charles agreed to the nomination Eve was happy to step back. The Consortium would then like to propose that Charles Sawicki be voted on for replacing Vin Morgan's position as First Vice Chairman and this will be the nomination taken from the floor on this day October 20th. At the next meeting on November 16th an election will be held with a ballot that will also have a write in space for any other candidate that may be considered. There is also the potential for another nomination to come from Consortium members on the floor on the day of the election.
- C) **Discussion of Grant Distribution:** Mary reported that 25% of the grant funds have been received by Soil and Water, that sum comes to \$182,515.50. There was discussion as to how the funds will now be distributed. Joe asked if this meant that every MS4 member will receive 25% of their request. This will be figured out at a special meeting where as Jim noted compliance with DEC requests will be the guiding factor. There was a cap of \$3,000 that needs to be verified. Jim suggested that Mike appoint a designated committee for this work. Mike asked for volunteers and Eve and Pat offered but when it was indicated that the Town of Haverstraw was not going to be a recipient Pat dropped and Joe agreed to serve on this committee. This committee it was decided would be called the Grant Distribution/Receiver Committee. Eve, Joe and Mike will hold a meeting shortly.

A call came from Mike to end the meeting, Joe and Pat motioned and it was passed by all.

Meeting ended at 2:56 pm