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Storm Water Consortium Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Date: February 15, 2011, 10AM to 11:30PM at CCE, Stony Point, NY

Present: Charles Sawicki, Village of Suffern; Jim Dean, Orangetown; Kevin P. Maher, Town of Stony Point; Ted Dzurinko, Town of Ramapo; Mike Sadowski, Town of Ramapo; Alan Englander, Village of Upper Nyack; Eve Mancuso, Villages of Nyack, Haverstraw, Wesley Hills, Piermont; Luke Kalarickal, Town of Clarkstown; P.J. Corless, Villages of Pomona and West Haverstraw; Manny Carmona, Villages of Spring Valley and New Square; Haris Aljovic and Martin Spence, Villages of Chestnut Ridge and Montebello; Mary Hegarty, County Soil and Water Conservation District; Rachel Barese, Greater Hudson Valley Engineering, Civiltec; Chuck Stead, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland; Nick Marenko, intern Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland

Minutes for December 15, 2010 Meeting

Meeting was called to order and there was some discussion about keeping drafts marked as such and documents that were adopted marked as such. This led to a short discussion of the Dec. 2010 minutes and the following corrections were made:

In the attendance section Martin Spence representing Chestnut Ridge and Montebello, as well as Alan Englander representing West Nyack were added, Eve Mancuso and Ted Dzurinko both of whom were listed were twice were edited correctly.

Under the Technical Committee report dialog between Rachel Barese and Kevin Maher was edited to read more clearly.

Under Grant Distribution Committee Mary's role on this committee was clarified and the second line referencing the caps as having been established by the NYS DEC was clarified.

Old Business:

Round 9 Grant Distribution Vote: Mike reported that he sent the letter to Soil and Water and that checks were cut but before going on to the Round 9 vote he asked if there were any Round 8 issues to be discussed, there were none. Rachel announced that everyone got their 50% match across the board. With that Mike called for a vote on Round 9. Joe motioned for the vote and Luke seconded that motion, it carried with a full tally.

Mike will now write another letter to Soil and Water.

Jim suggested that the Consortium do some public relations on the reception of the funds. This was agreed upon by the consortium and the date chosen was March 7th which would then be included in the deliverables for this round. The place was planned to be at Cornell and Jim said that he could supply one of those big poster board checks for the event.

Remaining Funds Discussion: Mike talked about what the administrative costs going to Civiltec and to Soil and Water were. Rachel told him that 70 grand had been allocated for the

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costs and that 10 grand were going to Soil and Water. Still there is 124,000 in remaining funds. Mike reported that the Grant Subcommittee had met in January and had formulated some ideas as to the remaining funds, these ideas included:

- 1) Paying Cornell's fees for a year which gives the Towns a break or...
- 2) Forming a 5014C3 organization which opens up the Consortium for additional grants or..
- 3) Using the funds to engage another consulting firm for future grants or...
- 4) Using the funds to buy air time for public relations and education.

The first idea concerning paying Cornell in advance was discussed but there was some concern as to how much each MS4 fees could be afforded given that some of the members were not awarded. Jim believed that if they put money aside for the Towns fees it would still show as money going out, so he believed it would need further discussion.

This brought up the subject on how to get the remaining villages to join and another suggestion for the remaining funds was offering them a 50% match to the application for their first year of membership. Eve mentioned that funds could be spent on a website engineer and on maintenance.

Returning to the subject of voting on administrative costs, Mary asked about voting on invoices but Mike said that voting would have to wait until more details were reviewed. Rachel indicated that GHVE still holds the contractual agreement in name but was currently administered by CivilTec (see Rachel's representation at top of page).

Jim clarified that Soil and Water operated in consort with GHVE but Mike believed that GHVE being a different entity he would like clarification and back up of same. Jim agreed that would be appropriate.

Charles asked Mike what further information Mike was talking about.

Mike said in respect to acceptance of the documents requested. Ted asked for a special meeting on this. Jim then observed that since this was under a contractual agreement it could be included under a Round 9 vote. Having heard no one object to this, Mike asked if the Consortium wanted to go for the vote.

Ted motioned to approve payment to Soil and Water and to GHVE subject to back up documentation justifying their invoices and approved by the Executive Committee (Mike and Charles). Kevin Seconded this motion and it was carried by a full tally.

Mike asked Mary to send him the documentation he spoke of.

In Other Committee News:

Kevin reported that the technical committee sought to define appropriate responsibilities within gated communities and he felt that the DEC was at best evasive so the question remains about the responsibility of detention basins on site within gated communities. He talked about the Green Infrastructure Regulations piling on and becoming more complex. He believed that the 'self reporting' checklist was where things were going.

While he was talking he mentioned that come March 20th Don Lake will be up at Middletown at the Psych Facility doing a workshop on Managed Re-development. Alan asked if there was going to be another infrastructure class. Mike said DEC was still going to do one in Manhattanville. He was hoping to go to that one as he is concerned about how a project gets established preliminary.

Mary mentioned that she talked with the Soil District in Albany and heard that the EPA was critical of the MS4 Program in general. Kevin added that he believes that Albany is looking to go beyond the fifty five measures and that more measures will most likely be added as they are very hyped on going green.

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Mike asked Chuck if Paul was moving on that and Chuck told him that Paul was in discussion with the County that week. Chuck promised to report on it come the next meeting.

Clarkstown Environmental Summit:

Chuck reported showed a model of the new tri-fold he had ordered for the Consortium Educational work. He had laminated some photos and some diagrams for the Stormwater display and asked for feedback. He said that he and Nick (intern) and some other college undergrads from Ramapo would be handling the tables at the Summit on March 5th and that he would report on the event at the next meeting.

Kendall BMP Workshops:

Chuck also reported that he and Nick would be at the Environmental Education Symposium at Field Stone School with the same table and tri-fold flyers on the 2nd of March.

Chuck reported that the Kendall BMP course at Orangetown DPW was a success with sixty workers in attendance.

Chuck also reminded the Consortium that the Kendall Best Management Classes at the DPW garages would be held at: Ramapo on the 25th of Feb; Clarkstown on the 23rd of Feb; Haverstraw on the 9th of Mar; and Stony Point on the 16th of Mar; all of this assuming that more snow cancellations did not further postpone this work.

Alan Motioned to end the Meeting and Joe seconded it.

Next Meeting was set for March 15th.