

Stormwater Consortium of Rockland County
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2011 10:00am

Final Approved Version

Present: Alan L. Englander, Village of Upper Nyack; Ted Drurinko, Town of Ramapo; Mike Sadowski, Town of Ramapo; Joe Corless, Villages of Pomona and West Haverstraw; Charles Sawicki, Village of Suffern; Doris Ulman, Villages of Chestnut Ridge and Pomona; James Dean, Town of Orangetown; Bruce Peters, Town of Orangetown; Bryon Rose, Villages of Montebello and Chestnut Ridge; Pat Brady, Town of Haverstraw; Kevin Maher, Town of Stony Point; Dennis Letson, Town of Clarkstown; Mary Hegarty and Sonia Mason, RC Department of Soil and Water Conservation; Ann Marie Palefsky, CCE

Called to Order: 10:10 AM

Review and Approval of Minutes: It was noted that final draft of May 17, 2011 minutes under New Business listed Orangetown DPW was having an open house when actually it was Orangetown Highway Department as Orangetown does not have a DPW. Motion to approve minutes by Alan Englander, seconded by Charles Sawicki, carried.

May 17 minutes need to be posted on website. Minutes from April 26th meeting need to be posted on CCE website as well. It was not known if April minutes that Ann Marie produced was the final version.

Report of Officers:

Chairman Mike Sadowski advised that the CPSWQ Exam was being held today in Westchester and thought Manny Carmona from Spring Valley might be there as he had expressed an interest in taking this exam. It will be held in Monroe on July 12 if anyone is interested in being certified in sediment and erosion control. Mike passed out a flyer for a Municipal Planning Federation Water Resources in Suburbia – Selected Findings from RC Water-Resource Study which is being held tonight at Haverstraw Town Hall from 7 – 9 pm. He stated FEMA and DEC had conducted community coordinator meetings about changes to the FIRM maps and as this is a year- long process you can still access proposed maps to determine the accuracy in your community.

Both Vice Chairman Charles Sawicki and Second Vice Chairman James Dean expressed concern that the yearly plan needed to be laid out more efficiently, broken into quarters and tied into the reporting that they are required to complete on a yearly basis. There needs to be sign-in sheets, evaluations, course syllabus (can be copy of power point presentation) and clear designation as to what participants from each town or village participated.

Reports of Committees:

Website Committee –Mike Sadowski showed map of participating towns and villages in the Stormwater Consortium. Non-participating members were noted in white. Map will be placed on the website.

Illicit Discharge Committee – Alan distributed a questionnaire consisting of 8 questions which he asked members to review and get back to him with any questions or changes they may have. It was noted this could be for internal and external purposes as it might serve as an aide to prepare for external audits which are being conducted. Questionnaire is attached.

Technical Committee –Mike Sadowski had a copy of the Municipal Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping Program Assistance document which was created in May 2006 and sent to him by Kevin Maher. He will forward the link for this to Chuck to send out to members. By the September meeting he would like to have a self-assessment piece either as a check list or excel file that members could use. It was suggested to have sign off areas where three people could sign off when assessment was completed. Immediate supervisor, department head and municipal representative were possible examples given. Kevin Maher from Stony Point said he could put together such a document. Patrick Brady asked if there was interest in a presentation on the recent changes in regulations for MS-4s and Mike said possibly there could also be a presentation on that as well as construction permit changes. He asked Pat to forward him the outline of the presentation.

Financial Committee – Mike Sadowski stated that there is \$125,492.18 in non-encumbered funds. In addition to this amount, \$3,000 has been set aside to supplement in \$500 increments any new villages which join the consortium. There are also monies set aside for administrative needs and Public Service Announcements.

Old Business

- a. **MS4 Contracts** –have been sent out. Ann Marie reported Airmont, Nyack and Wesley Hills have already returned them. Since some members said they had not received them it was asked that contracts be sent to elected officials and cc'd to MS4 contact.
- b. **June deliverable** – Ann Marie distributed list Chuck had compiled for March and April. Members agreed that number of hours was not necessary and list as it stands is not acceptable for auditing purposes. There needs to be a clear designation of town or village of attendees, evaluation summary and syllabus of what was taught. Joe Corliss suggested these materials be sent quarterly to members via email to reduce paper costs. It was also suggested that these items need to be tied to the measures that each MS-4 is accountable for. This item will be revisited at the July meeting and Ann Marie will work on gathering these materials for that meeting.

New Business

Mary Hegarty introduced Sonia Mason, her assistant in her storm monitoring projects, and advised they would be conducting a 45 minute overview of what they accomplish when monitoring a

body of water. She said she would share her data sheets, demonstrate a kick sample and the resulting identification of the insects which are found. She advised the equipment she uses has a total cost of \$2,000 and the consortium might want to only purchase those pieces most relevant to their needs. She stated the question they might want to ask themselves is “What does the MS-4 want and what would you pull out from the kits”?

The group left the premises at 11:05 am and arrived soon after at a small stream running through the Philip J. Rotella Memorial Golf Course in Haverstraw. Sonia with Mary’s assistance collected samples of bugs for the group to inspect and performed a turbidity test. Sonia and Mary discussed some of the other equipment in a typical kit and reviewed the Physical/ Habitat Survey, Chemical Data Reporting Sheet and the Benthic Macroinvertebrate Sample Sheet.

After some discussion about the possible purchase of at least the chemical components of the kit, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Next Meeting Dates:

July 19th at 10:00 AM

No August meeting.