

**Stormwater Consortium of Rockland County**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 20, 2011**  
**10:00am**

**Final Draft**

**Present:** Alan L. Englander, Village of Upper Nyack; Pat Brady, Town of Haverstraw; Mike Sadowski, Town of Ramapo; Haris Aljovic, Villages of Montebello and Chestnut Ridge; Jim Dean, Town of Orangetown; Luke Kalarickal, Town of Clarkstown; Doris Ulman, Villages of Chestnut Ridge, Grand View and Pomona; Kevin Maher, Town of Stony Point; Manny Carmona, Villages of Spring Valley and New Square; Ted Dzurinko, Town of Ramapo; Eve Mancuso, Villages of Piermont (Pending), Haverstraw, Nyack, Wesley Hills, Airmont, New Hempstead, Kaser (Pending), and South Nyack (Pending); Chuck Stead, CCE; Ann Marie Palefsky, CCE

**Called to Order: 10:10 AM**

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** Alan Englander moved to accept the July minutes, seconded by Kevin Maher, carried.

**Report of Officers:**

**Chairman Mike Sadowski** announced that on October 19 the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast New York Stormwater conference and Trade Show will take place in Beacon, NY. He distributed brochures for the event. The FEMA flood mapping open house sessions which were scheduled for September 7 and 8 at the Provident Stadium were cancelled due to the storm. They will be rescheduled in late October and he suggested residents be encouraged to attend so they could hear from the DEC and FEMA about changes to flood maps and the potential resulting impact on their homes. Mike advised that he sent a statement of support to the Corporation for National and Community Service to continue funding for the AmeriCorps program. Mike had information on the Rockland County Detergent Law and it was suggested by Eve Mancuso that a small blurb on this subject be posted on the website. Mike advised that the Lower Hudson Conservation District is making a video in which the Town of Ramapo's rain barrels are featured. This video can be used as outreach for the Consortium when it has been completed.

**Second Vice Chairman Jim Dean** reported that Westchester County will be having a Stabilizing Stream Banks workshop on November 2 at the Westchester County Center. US Fish and Wildlife and US Army Corps of Engineers will be presenting as well as having an optional visit to the Bronx River Bank Stabilization Project. You can go to [Westchestergov.com](http://Westchestergov.com) for more information.

## **Reports of Committees:**

**Website Committee** – Mike advised that he would be having a meeting of this committee in early October after he checked availability with Eve, Joe and Ann Marie. He invited anyone else who is interested to also join the committee. Mike advised that the PSA on salt should be placed on the website and the committee will discuss the proposed “Members Only” feature that may be added to the site along with reviewing the content that is currently on the site.

### **Illicit Discharge Committee**

Alan Englander advised that he had gotten no feedback since the last meeting on the MS4 Questionnaire he had developed. It was decided that another question would be added at the bottom. Question 13 will read “How do you feel the Consortium can best assist you in completing your program?” Eve Mancuso also suggested two additional questions, number 11 and 12 be added asking What type of forms are being utilized for inventory and Is testing being done and if so, what are the parameters? Alan will add the question and send the questionnaire via email to Chuck, Mike and Ann Marie who will get it to members prior to October meeting so it can hopefully be filled out by the next meeting. Eve asked what type of form is being used currently for reconnaissance inventory; the DEC form or perhaps a more simplified form. It was discussed that if the Consortium could come up with a standard form and every member used it, when audits were being conducted there would be a uniformity of information.

### **Technical Committee**

There was a discussion on the benefits of having a simplified self-audit form that all could use. Kevin mentioned that Barbara Kendall had a checklist that she had used as part of her workshop with the highway departments. He was willing to contact her to see if she had other similar checklists that could be used when conducting self-audits. The thought was that these could be developed for Consortium use with the logo and then everyone would be using the same form.

### **Financial Committee**

Mike Sadowski reported that there is still \$125,492.18 in unencumbered funds. He stated that Paul Trader had sent a letter regarding the \$500 reimbursement for each new village which joins the Consortium this year and how a letter can be sent to Soil and Water with a request for this money when the time comes. Mike asked to be cc'd on the letter. Other ideas for the use of this money were the reimbursement of one year's MSA costs of the program to Cornell (approximately \$47,000), specialty items for the website which might require additional consultant fees, or advertising expenses which could include the cost of running PSAs in the local media.

### **Old Business**

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

**Towns:** Orangetown, Stony Point

**Villages:** Haverstraw, Kaser, Hillburn, New Square, Piermont, Sloatsburg, South Nyack, Spring Valley, Upper Nyack

- b. **PSA deliverables 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**– Chuck provided a list of programs being offered from October – March, 2012. He has also completed a salt PSA which will run in October. Ann Marie distributed CDs which include all items pertaining to deliverables for the first two quarters of the year. They could not be emailed as each packet was too large to send. Ideas for new trainings included the possible development of some form of employee training, training for management companies of strip malls on impervious surfaces and some sort of stream stewardship program which might include various water sources throughout the county. Mary suggested the Watershed Innovation Network had worked with the Sparkill group on this type of education and might be a resource to contact.

- c. **Stream Monitoring Supplies**

Chuck provided a summary of the data that the Americorps member Blake had gathered during the summer on various ponds and lakes in Rockland County. He also showed the Orvis bag and supplies which Blake had used to gather this information. Mike said he would like Mary, Eve and Chuck to still get together and discuss the type of materials that could be purchased for a Consortium stream monitoring kit. He would like a recommendation at the next meeting of what type of supplies might be in that kit.

## **New Business**

- a. Elections for Vice Chairs

Mike said one officer has to be from a village and Jim and Charles need to decide if they want to hold office another year. He will take nominations at the next meeting. Eve stated that last year Jim had been head of the Nomination committee to elect the officers for the Consortium.

Alan and Kevin said they would like to carpool with Chuck to attend the Stormwater Conference and Trade Show on October 19.

The Soil and Water District will be having a training at the Fire Training Center for contractors on November 15 from 9 – 1 pm. This is required every four years so both Mike and Eve requested lists of attendees from the past years to see who still needs to attend this session.

**Upcoming Meetings**

October 18 at 10:00 AM at CCE

November 15 at 10:00 AM at CCE

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am with a motion from Alan, seconded by Eve.