

Stormwater Consortium Meeting Notes

Notes submitted by: Mary Hegarty

Meeting Date: November 17, 2009. 2:00 to 3:45 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, NY 10980

Present: Joe Caruso, Town of Haverstraw; K. Luke Kalarickal, Town of Clarkstown; P. Joe Corless, W. Haverstraw and Pomona; Jim Dean, Superintendent of Highways, Orangetown & SWCD; Bruce Peters, Orangetown Engineer; Vin Morgan, Trustee, Village of Upper Nyack; Rachel Barese and Larry Torro, Greater Hudson Valley Engineering; Frank Fleischer, RC Drainage Agency; Kevin Maher, Town Engineer, Stony Point; Ted Dzurinko, Town of Ramapo; Mike Sadowski, Town of Ramapo; Eve Mancuso, Villages of Nyack, Piermont, Haverstraw and Wesley Hills; Chuck Stead, CCE; Dana Treacy, CCE; Mary Hegarty, SWCD

- Contracts with CCE:** Chuck opened the meeting with an update on Education and Outreach programs that he is setting up for the MS4s and their CCE contract. Best dates for him to offer programs/trainings are Tuesdays and Wednesdays and best dates for most municipalities are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Chuck discussed the following educational programs/trainings:
 - an eco-lawn/rain barrel/rain garden education program to offer in each town,
 - Training/program for members of the Landscape Association
 - Best Management Workshop with Don Lake. Mike Sadowski said he'd prefer a training for public works/highway employees over a training on surviving an audit b/c most towns have been audited already and that training might not be as relevant now. Ramapo and Stony Point offered their offices for employee training.
 - Barbara Kendall can offer 2 trainings:
 - _____? (Chuck I didn't get down what you said for this first training)
 - Green Regulations for MS4s – the new regs that come into effect in March 2010. Barbara could do a training on this- possibly in April.
- New 5 Year Permit – NYSDEC is accepting comments:** NYSDEC is having a public meeting about the new permit in Putnam County. Mike Sadowski, Chuck and Kevin Maher agreed to attend and car-pool together to this meeting on December 1st.
- Dana Treacy, Organizational Guidance on our By-Laws and organizational structure:** Chuck introduced Dana Treacy, she is _____ need her title _____ with CCE. Dana guided the members to discuss the following questions:
 - What is the purpose of the Stormwater Consortium, why do you attend the SC meetings, what is your role in the SC, how have you benefited from being a member of the SC, what role does CCE play in the SC, discuss the SC becoming a non-profit or just an association with by-laws, and where would you like to see the SC in 3-5 years.

Everyone agreed that the two main purposes of the SC were to get grants (this being the most important) and also to share information and services. A subcommittee was formed consisting of Mary Hegarty, Mike Sadowski, Dana Treacy and Luke Kalarickal to review the By-laws, make changes/additions and return their suggestions to the full SC membership before the next meeting on December 15th. They will return their suggestions to the full SC membership via email. Members were strongly encouraged to review that email (the revised by-laws) before the Dec. 15th meeting. By-laws Subcommittee will meet on November 25th at 10am at the Ramapo Public Works office.

4. **Round 8 & 9 Grant Update:** Rachel introduced Larry Torro the new Office Manager of Greater Hudson Valley Engineering. Tom Vanderbeek has left GHVE Company. Rachel is up to speed on the grant administration. Rachel requested more detail from some municipalities on the grant submittals, NYSDEC needs hours, salary and fringe of each employee and each task, she handed out a sample as a guideline. Rachel will send an email or talk with the municipalities who needed more detail. Jim Dean reiterated that it is NYSDEC who requires such detail for the grant. Rachel also stated that everyone can amend their previous Round 9 submissions to include the balance of 2009, (the original cut off was for June 2009), but now everyone can submit for time/tasks until the end of 2009. Rachel needs this amended documentation by Jan. 1st.

5. **Upcoming Events:**
The New York Metropolitan Chapter of the American Public Works Association and the Rockland County Soil & Water Conservation District is presenting a Seminar on:
NPDES- Best Management Practices for Developing an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Program
The Click, Listen and Learn Online Computer Seminar will be held on:
November 19th from 11am - 1pm at the Town of Orangetown Highway Department (Rockland County)
Located at 119 Route 303, Orangeburg, NY 10962

6. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, December 15th at 2 pm at CCE. Chuck should alert all members to please read the revised By-Laws (revised by the new by-laws subcommittee), which will be sent to them via email before Dec. 15th (Chuck will send email) and it's important that SC members attend the December meeting to vote on revised By-laws.