

Meeting Notes

Rensselaer County MS4 Communities Meeting
East Greenbush Town Hall
March 21, 2016
10:00 a.m.

The meeting started at 10:08. Introductions were made due to new faces around the table.

The second item on the agenda was the Annual Report. Ms. von der Heide reminded that the annual report is due on or before June 1st at the DEC Headquarters. To not have the annual report to DEC Headquarters on June 1st is considered by the EPA to be a permit violation. To those new to the MS4 program, the annual report needs to have a public comment period and needs to be presented at a public meeting. Those needing help should contact Ms. Barrie or Ms. von der Heide.

The third item on the agenda was Contractor Training. Contractor training will finally occur on March 29th at the Schodack Town Hall. Seats have filled up quickly. We may want to do another training session in the future.

The fourth item on the agenda was the Draft MS4 Permit. Ms. Barrie stated that she had heard nothing about the next draft. The Multi-Sector General Stormwater Permit is coming out soon.

The fifth item was the website WikiWatershed at <https://wikiwatershed.org/>. This website provides watershed information, modeling capabilities and an educational program for site visitors. The watershed information can't be saved but you can print to PDF, which creates a PDF file that can be saved.

The sixth item was Local BMPs. The Town of Brunswick and Ms. Barrie have been dealing with a logging disaster operation. The operators claim exemption due to the silviculture exemption, but there is no forestry plan and the operation is a one off deal where the site will primarily be clear cut. A SWPPP is required also because the logger is making permanent roads prior to development. A Notice of Violation was given due to the fact that there is no forest management plan and that there was no following best management practices for site development. A discussion ensued on forest management plans. Mr. Halford stated that there is funding available through NRCS for the creation of forest management plans for private owners as well as governments.

There is an issue of garbage blowing out of garbage trucks.

East Greenbush has found that ????? has worked well using their sheepdog(s?) to keep the geese away from Hampton Manor Lake. This has led to better water quality in the lake.

A discussion then occurred on what constitutes the need for a construction permit and what constitutes soil disturbance.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 10 AM in the Brunswick Town Hall.

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