

# Meeting Notes

Rensselaer County MS4 Communities Meeting  
Brunswick Town Beach  
September 20, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

The meeting opened at 10:17 A.M. After the introduction, discussions were on general topics.

The town of Sand Lake was very busy with lots of buildings, primarily single and two-family housing, but pools and other things as well. With little rain, there were no problems.

The Hannaford in Brunswick just opened. The store is on a site that regularly flooded, and much fill was brought in to raise the site. Stormwater issues are expected as approximately 160 acres of drainage goes through a 12-inch pipe onto private property. The property owner did not want to have the developer do anything. To keep the water out of the site, a berm was built to keep water on the surrounding farm fields.

In Brunswick, a new medical office building is in the planning stages that will be using an underground treatment system that will be located under the parking lot. The discussion ran to how long will the treatment system work before it gets clogged, as there is no way to clean out the treatment chamber? Another development across from Hannaford encroached on National Grid property where some of the earth moving for a stormwater detention pond occurred on a substation property. National Grid requested a project shut down due to their perceived threat to the substation, but the town determined that the substation itself was not endangered by the action and referred the problem to National Grid's attorney.

Mr. Koziol stated that Annsville in the western part of the state had three solar projects with one approval proposed for it. The town is small and has no zoning or solar law, so little could be done to regulate the site. They recommended that the Tug Hill Plateau Commission review the projects.

The Town of Sand Lake will have a DEC audit of their stormwater program the last week of September. The discussion then went to the truck washes. Sand Lake has an interior bay where the trucks are washed out with an oil/water separator and then the vac truck sucks out the sump pit to be hauled away. HVCC also has an indoor truck and vehicle wash that their automotive training classes also uses. They use a hazmat company to take away the dirty water since they don't know if there are other vehicle fluids in the water.

The Town of North Greenbush has been having residents in older areas of the town asking about their drainage in areas where no stormwater facilities exist. They are also expanding a water main and have been having a problem getting pipes. At present, they are getting a rationed amount of pipe monthly.

In East Greenbush, the Town Center project on Columbia Turnpike is moving along in construction. The town is extending Temple Lane and has run into not being able to get structures. They do have pipe, though. They have a 110-unit development on Mannix Road as well as a future solar farm in North

Greenbush that needs access through East Greenbush. The Town is getting calls from developers on apartments and is updating its zoning law as well. They have also had an inquiry about a dispensary on the Columbia Turnpike.

A last comment was that it was heard that the Public Necessity Law was being used to override zoning for a solar farm in the western part of the state. No confirmation of the location. It is expected that if this has occurred, that the solar developers will use it when their need arises expected that if this has occurred, that the solar developers will use it when their need arises.

The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2022 at the East Greenbush Town Park.

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