

# Meeting Notes

Rensselaer County MS4 Communities Meeting

Zoom

November 17, 2020

10:00 a.m.

The meeting started at 10:05 on zoom. After brief introductions, the meeting continued into Local BMPS.

Mr. Daley stated that CDRPC is looking to update the Tomhannock Watershed Protection Plan that they had created in the 1990s. They are working with the City of Troy, WPIC and the Rensselaer Land Trust and Rensselaer Plateau Alliance. There is limited enforcement that Troy can take since the watershed is outside of Troy's boundaries. They need to coordinate with the towns of Pittstown and Brunswick. The Land Trust and Plateau Alliance have worked to get grant funding to protect some properties in the watershed. Ms. Myers stated that she had been on the reservoir this summer surveying for invasives. There were 80 acres of invasives, 5 water invasives in all, including water chestnut and milfoil. The survey work was done in coordination with PRISM. Troy was looking to get grant funding to purchase a harvester for the water chestnut problem. The City of Watervliet was also looking to get a harvester for their reservoir. Ms. Myers recommended that each city have their own so that they don't spread other invasives, such as milfoil. Ms. Myers also stated that she found HABs in the reservoir and was told to report it to the Health Department. The Health Department wasn't too interested, and recommended that she report it to DEC, which she did. The HAB was listed on the HAB map. Ms. Barrie stated that Snyders Lake also had a HAB bloom a few weeks ago during the spell of warm weather.

Ms. Barrie stated that the lawyers have the draft permit. Ms. von der Heide stated that the permit was supposed to be out a year ago.

Ms. von der Heide asked whether the date and time (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 10 AM) still worked for the MS4 Communities Meetings. The attendees stated that it did. East Greenbush stated that we can use the same link.

Ms. Koziol stated that he had been working on a local law on trying to reduce required town road widths for new construction but ran into fire departments stating that the fire codes require wide roadways. It was mentioned that shared driveways presently require a sizeable width to allow fire apparatus. A lane needs to be 12 feet with a 20 foot entrance way. Ms. von der Heide stated that perhaps the extra width that won't be used by anybody but the fire apparatus can be porous pavement. Mr. Daley stated that the City of Albany had used porous pavement for a 2-foot edge of pavement for Ramsay Place, which used to be a boulevard. This area is close to Hackett Boulevard and the porous pavement is an attempt to reduce stormwater which has been flooding the area more recently.

The next meeting will be held January 19, 2021 at 10 AM via Zoom.

Attendees:

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Next year's meetings:

January 19, 2021

March 16, 2021

May 18, 2021

July 20, 2021

September 21, 2021

November 16, 2021