

Meeting Notes

Rensselaer County MS4 Communities Meeting
East Greenbush Town Park
September 18, 2018
10:00 a.m.

The meeting started at 10:12 a.m. Introductions were made and Mr. Saville was welcomed back.

The second item on the agenda was the purchase of *New Training Videos* “*SPCC – for Municipalities*” for municipal oil facilities, “*Environmental Responsibility and Management Systems*”, and “*IDDE – A Grate Concern.*” Ms. von der Heide stated that she had been requested by Mr. Koziol to purchase some additional training videos. There are presently three training videos that had been housed in Wayne Bonesteel’s office – Storm Watch, Storm Warning and a construction-oriented erosion control video. The oil facility video would help educate for communities which have fueling stations and other petroleum material facilities. The IDDE video would pertain to all MS4s. The attendees voted to purchase the videos unanimously. Mr. Bradley stated that there should be training set up county-wide. In previous years, Wayne Bonesteel and Scott Gallerie held training sessions in the spring for all interested highway departments where all were trained in stormwater issues. An attempt to work with the new County Engineer to continue county-wide training will be made.

The third item on the agenda was *Local BMPS*. A developer was selling off property and decided to reshape in front of a house and filled in federal wetlands. Army Corps was informed. Another case of a homeowner filling in federal wetlands and then placing the property up for sale occurred in a separate community.

The Part 360 presentation in April has led to Poestenkill following up on their town salvage/junkyard permits as the operations correspond with separate sections of Part 360.

Ms. Barrie stated that she had received a call from the public about a private garbage hauler parking in a residential area. There were no leaks or garbage in the truck. There is no DEC law against this and the DEC can’t enforce a municipal law any more than a municipality can enforce a DEC law.

The discussion then turned to the new MS4 permit. Ms. von der Heide gave a brief update of what was discussed in the MS4 Workgroup meetings. New mapping requirements have been discussed including the mapping of catch basins including depth and piping including size and direction of flow. Additional information including roadways and land use or land cover will also be required. Prioritization of outfalls for IDDE programs was also discussed. Under the list proposed by DEC, in some communities, all outfalls would be high priority.

The discussion then led to a discussion of the testing of waters from outfalls that naturally flow in dry weather. The Arsenal had an outfall which was tested which showed high iron content. No

source of the iron was discovered and it was determined that the groundwater had a high iron content (as is found in much of Rensselaer County). A discussion of natural contaminants ensued which led to the discussion of salt piles. The Port of Baltimore has BMPs for their large salt piles.

The discussion then turned to additional contractor training. It was discussed that another session should be held in late winter/early spring in Schodack.

A discussion of Castleton's examination of outfalls led to the discussion of erosion along the Hudson River shoreline. The Muitzes Kill is eroding the land under the railroad tracks in the southern portion of Castleton.

The next meeting will be in the Schodack Town Hall on November 20, 2018 at 10 AM.

Attendees:

Brian Davidson	Schaghticoke
Bill Bradley	Brunswick
Paul Barringer	Poestenkill
Nick Petramale	East Greenbush
Scott Gallerie	East Greenbush
Richard Saville	Castleton
Padraic Ellis	Castleton
Mike Wager	Sand Lake
Martin Daley	CDRPC
Mark Hendricks	Rensselaer
Philip Koziol	Laberge Group/Schodack/Sand Lake
Nadine Fuda	Schodack
Mary Barrie	DEC Reg. 4
Linda von der Heide	Rensselaer County