

# Meeting Notes

Rensselaer County MS4 Communities Meeting  
East Greenbush Town Park  
November 15, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

The meeting opened at 10:05 a.m.

After introductions, the group discussed the dates on next year's meetings, which will stay on the third Tuesday of every other month - 1/17, 3/21, 5/16, 7/18, 9/19, 11/21. The January and March meetings will be at HVCC.

Mr. Daley then talked about the Tomhannock Watershed Protection Plan, which is completed. The issue with the tomhannock Reservoir is that the City of Troy owns it but has no controls over the land use in the watershed. The Rensselaer Land Trust received funding through WQIP to purchase land or easements to preserve lands. Watervliet had received funds to purchase lands around the Watervliet reservoir.

Sand Lake had some mining actions occurring. Rifenburg wants to start a new mine. Presently they operate the Hoffay mine which is having some reclamation occurring. There is also the Bonded/ Clemente mine that is looking to expand beyond Stop 13 road.

Ms. von der Heide stated that it was almost 20 years ago when CDRPC first contacted her on the start-up of the new MS4 permit requirements and getting communities ready to submit their NOIs. A party to celebrate was discussed with locations such as Browns or the Captain JP. Who to share the party with - do we want folks like the Riverkeeper, student groups, chapters, NYWEA. Independent of the anniversary, have students do something regularly.

Sand Lake had an audit in September. The paperwork was coming. The Town runs a pretty good program with documentation and inspection forms for everything. The Highway log did not have all the training and dry weather inspections on it. Since everybody in the area has been audited, the audits are cycling back.

Discussion then ran to training . There are many new DEC staff that require training. If it were possible, could the building inspectors and code enforcement officers join DEC staff on their inspection training? There is also CPESC training available for those who want full CPESC credentials.

New DEC regulations - there was a modification of the permit for deeper wells. There is a dust control requirement to reduce silicosis.

A discussion of the stormwater and other pollution requirements that have changed Onondaga Lake, where 20 years ago, the water was unswimmable and now it is clean.  
The new permit is expected sometime in early 2023.

The next meeting will be on January 17, 2023 at 10 AM at HVCC.

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