

# Meeting Notes

Rensselaer County MS4 Communities Meeting  
Bulmer Telecommunications Center, Meeting Room 1  
January 25, 2024  
10:00 a.m.

The meeting started at 10:05 a.m. As there were new faces around the table, introductions were made.

The second item on the agenda was the New MS4 Permit. Mr. Fortman stated that questions on the new permit should be sent to Christina Chiapetta (Christine.chiapetta@dec.ny.gov) . Ms. von der Heide handed out a task schedule that was created by another MS4 group leader that shows the compliance time table. The NOI must be file by February 20, 2024. There are several communities including Rensselaer County, which do not know who their NY.gov administrator is and can't access the system to download files, etc. or how to have the NOI filed. A yearly report for 2023-2024 is not required. An interim progress report needs to be filed on October 1 and again on April 1. Yearly reports will be due starting April 1, 2025.

For the most part, if a community has been following what DEC wanted, much of the requirements are already underway. New requirements are mapping, including a detailed base map with a comprehensive system map in 6 months. An Enforcement Plan is also due in 6 months.

Snyders Lake is now off the impaired waters listing, but Nassau Lake is now on it. It will be seen if the Town of Nassau will still be having a waiver from the program.

The next item of discussion was Local BMPs. Mr. Woodworth stated that the MS4 account had \$4,905.91 in it. Additionally, the Rensselaer County Soil & Water Conservation District was holding training on the FEMA National Flood Insurance Flood Maps, Letters of Determination and Map Changes on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at the Bulmer Auditorium at Hudson Valley Community College.

Mr. Sweiton stated that somehow, when he signed up to have a booth at the Flower and Garden Show, he was committed to provide a presentation at the event as well. A discussion of possible topics ensued, including teaching property owners what stormwater practices are and the stormwater permit. The Town of North Greenbush has found that property owners are removing the stormwater practices that are required, making the developer go after the property owners. The Town is creating a paper to give to property buyers explaining the requirements of the stormwater systems.

Other than the 4-hour training course specified in places in the new permit, there is no set training and YouTube or other training will suffice. The 4-hour training is presently done on-line by the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District.

The minutes of the last meeting stated that there were 2 problem child solar projects and Supervisor Salisbury and Mr. Frisino from the Town of Schaghticoke stated that these were not in the Town of Schaghticoke and their projects only had minor issues. They have projects at the town garage and closed landfill. A question on why the solar companies don't do a access road around their fields instead of through the fields was made. The longer the roadway the greater the cost.

Liberty Ridge in the town of Schaghticoke has a DEC Notice of Violation for a railroad ride and other items. The Town has additional issues with Liberty Ridge well. Liberty Ridge states that the uses are agriculture and DEC and the Town disagree.

The next meeting will be on March 19, 2024 at 10 AM in Room 150 of the Campus Center in HVCC.

Attendees:

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