

Meeting Notes

Rensselaer County MS4 Communities Meeting
Schaghticoke Town Hall
March 18, 2019
10:00 a.m.

The meeting started at 10:10 a.m. As there was a new face at the table, introductions were made.

The second item on the agenda was the MS4 Communities Website. Ms. von der Heide handed the meeting over to Mr. Jaeger who had projected the website on the wall. At the time, the website's address was DavidJaeger96.WIXSITE.com/MS4ANDSWCD. (It is now active on www.Renscosoilandstormwater.org). Mr. Jaeger showed the different web pages including the Soil and Water pages as well as the stormwater pages. Comments on the webpage included adding the permit requirements on the websites, adding links to communities' websites, a page of examples of local BMPs including green infrastructure, and info required by the future permit. The website will be progressing as time permits.

The third item of the agenda was the Contractor Training on May 8th in the Schodack Town Hall. There is a need to get the word out. A question on whose responsibility it is to enforce that construction sites have folks with cards ensued with the discussion of how communities can fulfill their requirement of making sure that contractors have people with the required construction training. At the pre-disturbance meeting, the communities should ask for copies of the cards. Additionally, when inspecting the site, ask for the card.

The fourth item on the agenda was Local BMPs. The first discussion was on above-ground storage tanks. Above-ground petroleum storage tanks with 1,320 gallons or greater need to [have a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan \(SPCC Plan\) per 40 CFR Part 112](#). Many existing facilities and proposed facilities are un-aware of the requirement to have a [SPCC Plan in place \("prepare, implement and maintain"\)](#). Any on-site above-ground storage tanks should be part of the SWPPP post construction BMP. The tanks fall under EPA Spill regulations as well as [6 NYCRR Part 613 Petroleum Bulk Storage also regulates Aboveground Storage Tanks \(AST\)](#). Canopies for fueling are not required under law but are a BMP. There needs to be a self-locking mechanism and a breakaway hose system that will shut off the fuel should the hose break off. These areas would be considered "hotspots" under Sections 2.2 and 4.41 of the NYS Stormwater Design Manual that will also require [redundant pre-treatment, 100% WQV provide in each pre-treatment practice](#).

The discussion then went into "hot spots." In Plattsburgh, there was an automotive maintenance facility which was a tire changing place only. Although it was an automotive maintenance facility, it really wasn't a "hot spot" since the facility did not deal with fuels or other automotive fluids. [Tire changing facility may be considered to not be a hotspot if all operations are](#)

inside the covered facility, only providing tire changing and no repair services, in building floor drains to oil water separator and holding tank (or sanitary sewer connection).

The discussion then diverged into subdivisions which have sections that are not contiguous. A subdivision had frontage lots on two separate town roads and multiple lots with common driveway. WQv calculated for the entire subdivision and practices provided throughout the subdivision. Since the properties are not contiguous and therefore not part of a larger common plan of development and can be considered as separate developments.

This discussion then continued into subdivisions with one driveway for multiple lots. The driveway, under code, is required to handle fire apparatus with a turnaround. To get around this requirement, developers need to change the access. A discussion of a development where the runoff from the development will affect neighboring properties.

Mr. Barringer mentioned that he attended free FEMA 4-day training for Flood Plain Managers. He did not initially realize that he was the Flood Plain Manager when he started with Poestenkill and the training opened his eyes to the requirements needed. Under flood plain law, anything that happens in the flood plain is development. There is a need for new flood plain maps in Poestenkill (DEC is working on new maps for the County except the northern most communities which just received new maps a few years ago.) Base flood elevations are needed for all properties in or near the flood plain. Rensselaer County or CDRPC should look into sponsoring the training locally so that more local building inspectors who are the flood plain managers can go. Mr. Barringer also stated that it would be better to split up the training into separate one-day sessions so that the training can sink in before the next training since the training is intense.

Mr. Daley stated that CDRPC will be holding its Planning and Zoning Workshop on May 29th in Hudson Valley Community College. The courses include Site Plan Review and Stormwater, Infrastructure Funding, the new Stormwater Permit, Community Solar, Creating Ag Business in Cities, Zoning Law updates and more. Sign up link is located on the CDRPC website (www.CDRPC.org).

The next meeting will be held at the Poestenkill Town Hall on May 21st at 10 AM.

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