

MINUTES OF MS4 COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 14, 2015

Present: Paul Shepherd, Peter Reich, Chris Tehan, Laury Dowd,  
Absent: Butch Labrozzi, John Colby, Jay Card, Billy Banks

The committee reviewed some of the new DEC information on newly-designated MS4s and qualifications for exemptions. It was suggested that the Village of Dering Harbor might be eligible to ask for an exemption as the population was under 1,000.

There was review of photographs of serious stormwater runoff on Crescent Beach from county-owned Shore Road. Jay sent the photographs to Suffolk County with a request that they address and remediate the issue.

The committee reviewed some of the recently-raised issues regarding Fresh Pond. Mr. Novak indicates that there is blue green algae, although Mr. Grand feels there is no problem with water quality. Pursuant to testing after Mr. Novak's complaint, Scott Kishbaugh of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation reported that Lab results from a sample collected earlier this week from Fresh Pond on Shelter Island showed only low levels of blue green algae. The committee felt that this was positive, and that current signage indicating that Fresh Pond was not a bathing beach was adequate.

The committee reviewed the activities of the Peconic Estuary Protection Committee which the town opted-out of joining this year on financial grounds. Laury was asked to follow-up with Michael Collins and new coordinator Rachel Gruzen on progress with an eye towards participation next year if it is accomplish useful goals. SEMO program manager Eileen Keenan has retired.

The committee reviewed the generic specifications Southold shares with its applicants to guide them in controlling construction stormwater runoff. It included specifications for properly installing hay bales, silt fences and grading and surfacing construction driveways to minimize rainwater and silt discharge into roads and storm drains from construction sites.

Chris said that it would be valuable to do a pre-construction site inspection of larger building projects. That would enable the building department to provide better guidance on construction runoff controls from the very beginning of the project. The town board members on the committee felt this would be a productive inspection and urged the building inspectors to do this regularly.

Committee members will review the specs with the goal of modifying the Southold generic specifications towards meeting Shelter Island's needs. This will be discussed and possibly finalized at a future meeting.

October is a busy budget period for the Town Board, using the meeting room. Therefore, the October meeting of the MS4 Committee is cancelled. The next meeting will be November 9.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.  
The next meeting is November 9, 2015.

The Meeting dates for 2015 are:

~~1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/19, 11/9, 12/14~~