

Stormwater Coalition of Tompkins County

Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2015

Attendees: Steve Wright, Creig Hebdon, Paul Hansen, Barry Goodrich, Dave Sprout, Marty Moseley, Brent Cross, Darby Kiley

Coalition dues were discussed, because Angel was late in sending out the request for 2015. Due to the tardiness of this year's request, Angel asked when she should send out the request for 2016. Coalition members advised that it should be sent out in June of 2016.

The draft 2016 coalition budget was discussed. An expense report and account balance was provided to the coalition by Creig Hebdon. Based on the expenses to date, coalition members discussed how to modify the 2016 budget, because we're currently spending more than we are taking in. This is not an issue at this point, as we have an excess of funds. However, due to the presence of an active coordinator and cost of stormwater ads, the current excess will be decreased within the next year or two. Coalition members also agreed that a quarterly account balance should be provided. Coalition members will continue to work on the 2016 budget and they requested that Angel provide an accounting of her time in 2015 and the associated cost. The coalition bylaws came up as part of this discussion and the need to update the bylaws was discussed. Angel will email out the bylaws and the discussion to amend them will continue.

Meeting minutes and their location were also discussed. Angel was asked to post the meeting minutes on the coalition website.

The coalition members also discussed the necessity to vote on trainings and training events. The members were in agreement that a vote is not necessary, agreement to hold the training by present coalition members is sufficient.

Angel shared some education and outreach ideas from the Environmental Finance bootcamp that was held for Caroline, Danby, and Newfield last week. A summer stormwater series was discussed and holding a rain barrel painting event. Coalition members discussed conducting a rain barrel making workshop at Water Week. Angel also discussed the publication that was provided to boot camp participants titled "Local Government Stormwater Financing Manual: A Process for Program Reform." If there is any interest in reviewing this manual please let Angel know.

A green infrastructure incentives program for private landowners has been discussed at previous coalition meeting. Angel discussed the item again as funding sources are available for such an effort.

Angel let coalition members know that the Green Infrastructure Grants Program (GIGP) needs projects in the Southern Tier so if municipalities have projects, this could be a good source of funding.

Angel asked coalition members if any training is needed this winter. Brent Cross expressed interest in more detailed green infrastructure training. Coalition members agreed that this would be a good training. Angel will reach out to John Dunkle to determine costs for training.

Creig Hebdon discussed the City of Ithaca Flooding Task Force with coalition members so that all members are aware of the City's efforts. He discussed the flood inundation and watershed studies that will occur as part of this effort. Coalition members were interested in knowing if the City would be reaching out to upstream municipalities.

Coalition members also discussed the need to officially designate a fiscal officer and coordinator at an upcoming meeting. The MOU with soil and water also has to be renewed and Soil and Water has to sign a third party certification with the coalition.

Next coalition meeting will take place on December 16th at 1:30 at the Town of Ithaca DPW facility.

Reminder – Drainage Law Training on November 17th (9 am – noon)