

Stormwater Coalition of Tompkins County

Meeting Agenda

January 15, 2020

Attendees: Jessica Verrigni, Scott Gibson, John Zepko, Dondi Harner, Jaimie Potter, Jason Heremza, Kara Burgis, Debra Hanas, Brooke Greenhouse, Barry Goodrich (6 voting members present)

Jessica Verrigni presented on the Chemung County Stormwater Coalition. She discussed how the coalition was created, funding, and duties/tasks completed by their stormwater team. The presentation was provided to Angel and Angel will email it out as a pdf to coalition members. Some interesting points that I noted include:

- Their budget is \$300,000 a year for three staff members (Stormwater Engineer, Stormwater Technician, Stormwater Educator). 62% of the total cost comes from Chemung County (186,000).
- The Stormwater Engineer reviews roughly 35 SWPPPs a year for the municipalities that are part of the coalition. You can go to: chemungstormwaterprojects.com to view SWPPPs and review letters. This website was created so all the SWPPPs and review letters were public and to keep everyone honest about review submittals and responses provided.
- Jessica inspects post-construction practices every 3 years and goes through the checklists in the NYSDEC Maintenance Manual to ensure practices are still working. A letter is sent to the practice owner letting them know she'll be coming to inspect. Jessica helps municipalities with self-audits as needed.
- Jessica organizes and conducts employee pollution prevention/good housekeeping training.
- Jessica also noted that Jimmie Joe Carl, the Stormwater Engineer, will conduct pre-swppp meetings with the contractor's engineer to discuss curve numbers, soils and other topics where there might be disagreement on in a SWPPP. They make sure they agree on the curve number and soils before a SWPPP is even developed.

The coalition contract was approved. Dave Sprout made a motion to approve the contract, John Zepko seconded, all others provided "yes" votes (total of 4 yes votes). If you did not sign the

contact at the meeting, please have your appropriate municipal official sign it and return it to Angel.

Coalition financial officer was brought up and no one is willing to take on the position. It will stay with Town of Ithaca for now.

Angel has set up a NYSDEC 4-hour Erosion and Sediment Control Course for February 6th at 8am. If anyone is interested, please contact her.

Angel showed the group the Stormwater Bus Ads and asked for a vote on approving the Cayuga Transit 2020 Contract for advertising. John Zepko made a motion to accept the Cayuga Transit 2020 Contract, Scott Gibson seconded, and there were 4 yes votes. Three bus ads (Queen, King, and Tail) will be placed on buses for a two-month period. Members also requested the text size be increased and the "learn more at" be eliminated. Ange will discuss the changes with Cayuga Transit/Cayuga Radio Group to see if they can edit the ad and at what cost.

Angel discussed the stormwater website and that updates were made. Some members search for the website online and noted that the site is being misdirected and there are problems with it. Angel will follow up on this and try to figure out what is happening.

Next meeting is March 18th at 1:30pm at the TC Highway Facility.