

October 23, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for the 2013-2014 MS4 Annual Report. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Michael Sweeton
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo
Councilman Russell Kowal
Councilman James Gerstner
Councilman Mickey Shuback

Attorney for the Town, Jay Myrow

LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on October 15, 2014. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – This is an annual filing requirement with the New York State DEC. We have an MS4 designated area and it's essentially the area surrounding Greenwood Lake, that's in the Town of Warwick. We have an annual requirement to file on efforts that we make to protect the MS4 area. They have several measurement criteria's public education outreach efforts, public involvement and participation efforts, monitoring and correcting of illicit discharge protection and elimination and post construction stormwater management and the fourth control has to do with construction site stormwater management. Essentially what you want to do is prevent illicit discharges into the MS4 area. These could come from homeowners, these could come from construction sites where people are disturbing the land and you are getting runoffs that are going into water bodies that are critical to protect. In this case it's Greenwood Lake and its tributaries and streams that feed it. Our report has been up on the town website for the public to review and tonight we are holding a hearing on our efforts in that. We work with a groundwater guardian program. We're a groundwater guardian community and there are groundwater guardian programming that is done in our elementary schools. They teach young children about the importance of not dumping things into streams or down the storm drains. We monitor in our building department construction sites and also reports of illegal discharges. It could be a failing septic system, it could be a contractor causing runoff off the property. We monitor those through the current year and we correct through our building department those violations if they are truly existing. We run our education programs, we run our hazardous household waste collection day promotions. All of that is in our report and we will send it off to the DEC at the conclusion of the hearing.

There were no public comments for or against this public hearing.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Gerstner that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays)

7:35 p.m.

10-23-14 C.P.

Marjorie Quackenbush, Town Clerk