

July 15, 2010

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for the 2009 MS4 Annual Report. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, July 15, 2010 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 Leonard DeBuck
Councilman James Gerstner
Councilman Mickey Shuback

LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on July 7, 2010. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – The New York State DEC passed about five years ago, well the legislature passed regulations to be enforced by the DEC for areas known as MS4's. The Town of Warwick does have an MS4 area and it is the area surrounding Greenwood Lake. The purpose of designating these areas is to help improve the health of the water bodies and the wildlife and environment of these areas. There's a series of steps and procedures that the Town, if they have one of these areas, is obligated to craft a program for and then make progress to achieve goals in each of these five areas. As part of that we are also obligated to file an annual report with the DEC. It is available and it has been available on our website the townofwarwick.org under the Environmental Awareness section under Residents- Town Hall. It is there for you to look at and we are required to have a hearing on it and essentially the Town is obligated to insure that there are no illegal discharges occurring to the MS4 area, which is the lake and its surrounding watershed. Those discharges could be in the form of homeowners who are discharging lines from their house, washing machines diverting it into Town infrastructure which then finds its way into the lake, failing septic systems and construction activities. If there are construction activities going on there are regulations that builders have to follow to ensure that if they disturb anything on site that nothing washes off the site and gets into the lake. We did pass an ordinance about a year ago for a septic inspection and pump out procedure for homes in the MS4 area and our building department has been enforcing that regulation. This is all aimed at preserving and protecting the health of the lake. The document is available and has been available, it is here and the Clerk's office will have it. The purpose of this is to get any comment if anyone has any on that. This also includes house keeping internally in the Town as well, so our DPW has been trained to observe and detect illegal discharges and they also have reviewed their own house keeping procedures. We have with the Orange County Soil and Water Authority

mapped outfalls that find their way to the lake and our DPW monitors those now to see if there's anything flowing or increasing through those. It's a lot of paperwork, but I think it's a good thing.

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)

7:34 p.m.

07-15-10 cp.

Marjorie Quackenbush, Town Clerk