

Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance Meeting
North Cornwall Township Office
Tuesday, January 29, 2013
2:00 pm

Minutes

- I. Welcome/Introductions** – Present: Kris Troup, Phylis Dryden, Steph Harmon, Sheila Wartluft, Elizabeth Freeman, Mike Booth, Commissioner Bill Ames, Commissioner Jo Ellen Litz, Robin Getz, Cheri Grumbine, Jim Fisher, John Brenner, John Poff, Steve Sherk

- II. Meeting Minutes** – A **motion** was made by Booth/Dryden to approve the November 2, 2012 meeting minutes, as distributed. Motion carried.

- III. Public Education/Outreach Grant** – Steph Harmon reported that the LCCWA Education/Outreach advertisement ran in the *Lebanon Daily News* in October and the banner ad was present on the *Lebanon Daily News* website from mid-October to Mid-November. A new advertisement and the website banner are scheduled to run again in April 2013. As a result of the fall 2012 campaign, 13 people took the associated online survey for a chance to win a rain barrel. Harmon, Troup, Grumbine, Wartluft and Getz will meet to review the advertisement for the upcoming April campaign.

Coleen from the *Lebanon Daily News* contacted Getz regarding the potential for moving the LCCWA spring advertising campaign into the *Valley Profile* edition, which will be published on February 22nd. The final deadline for submission is Feb. 4th. The consensus of the group was to keep the *Valley Profile* idea in mind for 2014, but to proceed with the 2013 advertising campaign in April, as previously discussed.

Dryden brought a copy of the January 14, 2013 *Lebanon Daily News*, which included a page called Kid’s Scoop. The entire Kid’s Scoop page was filled with stormwater related activities and educational material for kids. Municipalities may want to include this page in their annual MS4 report, as a component of their education requirement.

- IV. NFWF Technical Assistance** – Troup reported that the scope of work for the NFWF Technical Assistance Grant was approved by NFWF in the first week of January. The study was set to begin in January, however, Troup and Mike LaSala from Land Studies have been playing phone tag for a few weeks. As soon as it can be arranged, LaSala and Dennis Auker will meet with a group of representatives from the LCCWA to begin work on Task 1 in the scope of work. Troup expressed concern that the timetable for completion of the study remain at a minimum of six months.

- V. Jonestown Borough Storm Water Fee Ordinance** – Harmon reported that the storm water fee ordinance was passed by Jonestown Borough Council and implementation is set to begin in early 2013.

VI. Status of stormwater ordinance updates – Steve Sherk reported that Jackson Township, Cornwall Borough and S. Lebanon Township have adopted their updated stormwater ordinances. N. Cornwall Township’s updated ordinance is scheduled for adoption in March. Poff reported that he is crafting Lebanon City’s updated stormwater ordinance, which should be ready for adoption by mid-2013. Troup reported that the County’s updated Ordinance should be ready for adoption in the next few months.

VII. Other Business – Phylis Dryden reported that the large tree across the Quittapahilla Creek behind Wendy’s Restaurant in North Cornwall Township has been removed. Additionally, Mike Schroeder found several “devil ducks” at a stormwater outfall behind Harold’s Furniture/The Hearth Restaurant in N. Cornwall Township.

Troup asked if any municipalities have received a response from PA DEP regarding the new MS4/NPDES Permits, which are due to be issued in March. No one has received a response from DEP. Jim Fisher indicated that Barry Newman and his assistant, Khirit, have both retired from PA DEP’s Stormwater/Water Quality Division. Contact will be made with Jeff Whalen (DEP Municipal Services Representative) to find information on the new contact people in DEP’s Stormwater/Water Quality Division.

Commissioner Litz reported that the 25th Anniversary Swatara Sojourn is coming up on May 4-5, 2013. She requested that municipalities pass proclamations as they have in the past. Commissioner Litz also suggested that the LCCWA should have a social media presence on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest.

Harmon reported that there are several small grant programs available to assist with educational water quality related projects: PA American Water grant program, Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts grant program, Water Resources Education Network grants and Growing Greener.

VIII. Next Meeting – A doodle survey will be sent to the group to assist with scheduling the next meeting.

IX. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 pm.