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LISWIC Meeting Minutes February 17, 2006

1. Roll Call

The following is a list of attendees for the February 17th meeting:

Phyllis Wittner, Chair	Town of Mamaroneck
Dan Sarnoff	Village of Scarsdale
Mike Wiener	Village of Larchmont
Leonard Verrastro	Village of Mamaroneck
Liz Feld	Village of Larchmont
Terri Rouke	Village of Pelham
Christopher Tallarini	City of Rye
Omar Small	City of New Rochelle
Steve Otis	City of Rye
Victor Carosi	Village of Rye Brook
Elizabeth Paul	LISWIC Coordinator

2. Update Board of Representatives List

The Board of Reps list will be sent to everyone before the next meeting to confirm the names of all representatives.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for January 20, 2006 were approved as submitted.

4. SUD Update

A letter will be sent to each participating municipality's Mayor or Supervisor explaining the project and requesting a contact who can provide information pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the stormwater sewer system. Included in the letter will be a list of required information. The project manager will be Richard Franzetti of Malcolm Pirnie.

Scarsdale will send out bills for the grant match for approximately \$4,500 per municipality. Larchmont Village, at its next board meeting will consider participating in the project. If they decide to participate, the amount of funding required by each municipality will be

reduced accordingly. Employee time spent on the project should be tracked, as in-kind services can be applied to the grant match.

5. Distribution of “Correcting Improper Sewer Connections” Brochure

Copies of the brochure were distributed at the meeting. Additional copies are available if needed.

6. Form DPW Education Committee?

The County expects to have a hands-on erosion and sediment control workshop in December that will be geared towards DPW staff. At last month’s meeting, Cesare Manfredi suggested that we contact Pat Ferracane of NYCDEC if we were interested in having our own program. It was decided that it would be best to see what the County program had to offer before holding a separate training seminar.

The group discussed the use of LMCTV and other local cable stations to air educational films including EPA’s “After the Storm” and videos that were created for the Harbor Festival. A simulcast cable program can be arranged if desired. A professional would be needed to create a program, paid for by a grant or using LISWIC funds. In addition, the creation of a map would be helpful to show residents the watershed and how stormwater pollution impacts all of us regardless of where we live.

7. Collaborative Projects – Cornell Cooperative Extension

Jim Lee of Cornell Cooperative Extension contacted us about a possible collaborative project. One idea was the creation of educational materials on lawn care practices and the use of native plants to reduce phosphorus and nitrogen pollution. Westchester County is working with Grassroots Environmental, a group that has created videos and educational materials on organic gardening and lawn care. Jim Lee and a representative of Grassroots Environmental will be invited to a meeting to discuss this. The meeting could be video taped for broadcast.

8. Sanitary Sewer Overflow Meeting

Scott Pickup has been asked to invite Lenny Myerson of NYSDEC and Adam Zabinsky of the Westchester County Dept. of Environmental Facilities to a meeting to discuss the topic of sanitary sewer overflows. They will be asked to attend the March or April meeting.

9. Announcements:

A tank failed at a bus garage on 5th Avenue in New Rochelle releasing 500 gallons of fuel into the Pine Brook. A smaller incident impacted the Mill Pond. In addition, there was an accident on route 95 where a tanker crashed, creating a fuel spill. Secondary containment systems are now required on tanks over a certain size. Booms are placed in the waterway to attempt to contain spills when they do occur.

Peter Korn is applying for an International City/County Management Association (ICMA) award for LISWIC. Dan Sarnoff is working on putting together the information for this award.

EPF grants are due in March. Grants are being awarded for nonagricultural nonpoint source abatement and control and MS4 – Phase II Stormwater Implementation projects. Scarsdale is

submitting an application for a complimentary project for the work done at their high school. Mamaroneck Village and the Town of Mamaroneck are also working on grant applications.

The Village of Rye Brook is working on a stream bank restoration project in cooperation with the Westchester County Planning Department and the Soil and Water Conservation District. The County received a grant to remove encroachments into a Village park by placing property markers. They then propose to remove invasive species and restore the banks of the Blind Brook using native plants. A previous project was completed that restored vegetation along the brook, reducing goose populations. Westchester County has been responsible for many similar restoration projects throughout the County. More information is available on the County web site:

<http://www.westchestergov.com/planning/environmental/AquaticRestorationSites/index.html>

Maintenance of restored areas is essential and can be difficult. Invasive species take over or DPW staff may accidentally mow restored areas.

9. Set the Next Meeting Date, Time and Place

The next LISWIC Meeting will be held on **Friday, March 24, 2006 at 8:30 AM** in the Mamaroneck Town Center Court Room.