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## **LISWIC Meeting Minutes November 30, 2007**

### **1. Roll Call**

The following is a list of attendees for the November 30th meeting:

Phyllis Wittner, Chair	Town of Mamaroneck
Leonard Verrastro	Village of Mamaroneck
Charles Strome	City of New Rochelle
Terri Rouke	Village of Pelham
Dan Sarnoff	Scarsdale
Maryalice Barnett	Pelham Manor
Nancy Seligson	Town of Mamaroneck
Anne McAndrews	Village of Larchmont
Steve Otis	City of Rye
Chris Bradbury	Rye Brook
Pat Ferracane	NYSDEC
Brian Murphy	White Plains
Bud Nicoletti	White Plains
Cesare Manfredi	FCWC

### **2. Approval of Minutes – October 19, 2007**

The minutes for October were approved with amendments.

### **3. Draft MS4 Permit – Summary of Major Changes**

Pat Ferracane of the NYSDEC presented a summary of the proposed amendments to the SPDES General Permits for Stormwater Discharges. The drafts are available on the NYSDEC website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8694.html>. Changes are proposed to the permit regulating construction activities, GP-0-08-001 and the permit covering Municipal Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s), GP-0-08-002. The new permits will go into effect on January 8, 2008. Written comments on the revisions must be submitted to the NYSDEC by December 10, 2007.

#### **4. Draft MS4 Permit – Proposed Requirement**

Cesare Manfredi, President of the Federated Conservationists of Westchester (FCWC), presented comments on the proposed draft SPDES permits. In the wake of the April floods, FCWC requested that the State not only regulate stormwater quality, but stormwater quantity. Their letter specifically requests that the NYS guidelines be rewritten to require that the post-construction volume of stormwater being discharged from a site be no greater than pre-construction volumes.

#### **5. Acceptance of the Annual Report**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Report was accepted.

#### **6. Suggestion: Dredge Disposal and Beneficial Use**

Discussion deferred until next meeting.

#### **7. Request – Byram Watershed Coalition**

The Byram Watershed Coalition asked if LISWIC was interested in partnering with them and expanding our region to include the entire Long Island Sound Watershed. It was decided that this was not possible at this time.

#### **8. Report- WC Environment and Energy Committee**

Discussion deferred until next meeting.

#### **9. RSWMD Update**

- Larchmont and Rye are expected to pass their resolutions of support.
- Assemblyman George Latimer inquired if each municipality could request home rule as a group or do we need to do this separately. This cannot be determined until a draft is prepared. Phyllis Wittner, Steve Altieri and Lester Steinman have scheduled a meeting with Orrick Bond Council to determine how to proceed.
- The County's Environment and Energy Committee, chaired by Legislator Thomas Abinanti, has proposed the creation of a Countywide Drainage and Flood Management Agency. Phyllis Wittner, Al Gatta and Lester Steinman were invited to attend a meeting to discuss this proposal where they explained LISWIC to the Legislator and discussed the progress made towards the creation of a RSWMD.. To read more about the meeting, please visit:

[http://www.westchesterlegislators.com/Committees/2006\\_2007Term/Environment%20and%20Energy/Media/November30\\_2007.html](http://www.westchesterlegislators.com/Committees/2006_2007Term/Environment%20and%20Energy/Media/November30_2007.html)

#### **10. Set the Next Meeting Date, Time and Place**

The next LISWIC Meeting will be held on **Friday, January 11, 2008 at 8:30 AM** in the Mamaroneck Town Center Court Room.