

**Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance Meeting**  
**North Cornwall Township Office**  
**Monday, May 21, 2012**  
**2:00 pm**

**Minutes**

- I. Welcome/Introductions** – Present: Mike Booth, Jeff Whalen, Kris Troup, Robin Getz, Phylis Dryden, Gordon Kirkessner, Sheila Wartluft, Cheri Grumbine, Steve Sherk, Liz Freeman, Jim Fisher, Michael Dryden, Michael Schroeder, Commissioner JoEllen Litz, Erik Harmon
  
- II. Meeting Minutes** – A **motion** was made by Getz/Kirkessner to approve the April 12, 2012 meeting minutes as distributed. Motion carried.
  
- III. Stormwater Financing Workshop** – Wartluft, Grumbine, Harmon and Troup attended the May 14<sup>th</sup> workshop in Mechanicsburg on stormwater financing. The workshop was provided free of charge by AMEC Consultants. All attendees agreed that the featured speaker, Elizabeth Treadway, the former Director of Public Works for Greensboro, North Carolina and current Vice President for AMEC, was excellent. She provided a wealth of information on establishing an effective, efficient storm water management and maintenance program and the sustainable financial foundation that must be built to support it.
  
- IV. NFWF Technical Assistance Grant** – Troup reported that he and Jon Poff gave a presentation to the County Commissioners on May 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding the LCCWA application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) technical assistance grant program. The Commissioners voted to support the County being the sponsoring agency for the grant application, on behalf of the LCCWA. The NFWF Technical Assistance Grant would provide an evaluation of the LCCWA organizational structure and would result in a series of recommendations on the next steps to improve and focus the organization. Troup assembled the technical assistance grant application and submitted it to NFWF on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The technical assistance grant program has a rolling deadline, where action is taken on the applications on a monthly basis. We are hoping to receive a response from NFWF in June.
  
- V. Congressman Gerlach’s Letter** – Commissioner Litz lead a discussion on a response letter that she received from Congressman Gerlach. In his letter, Congressman Gerlach stated that he has been told by Michael J. Fox of the Pennsylvania Storm Water Coalition that, “It appears that both EPA and DEP have verbally agreed that municipalities will not be responsible for storm water within “urbanized areas”, and only be responsible for storm water activities within “conveyance systems” that are under municipal control and operation.” Kirkessner, and others in attendance, are going to reserve judgment on this statement until they see it in writing from EPA and/or DEP. It is believed that the statement in the letter is a matter of rhetoric.

**VI. Jonestown Borough Proposed Storm Water Fee** – Erik Harmon gave a brief presentation regarding Jonestown Borough’s proposed storm water fee. The fees collected would assist with needed stormwater improvements in the borough and with continued maintenance and operation of their existing stormwater facilities. The proposed fee for single family residences would be \$15 per quarter, while the fee for all other parcels would be based upon the amount of impervious surface on the property. Harmon indicated that non-profit agencies, including churches, schools, cemeteries, etc..., would **not** be excluded from paying the stormwater fee. Jonestown would be the first non-home-rule municipality in the state to adopt such a fee. The Borough is hoping to implement the fee before the end of the year.

**VII. New Urbanized Area Maps** – The new urbanized area maps, based on 2010 census data, will be available in October 2012. According to a statement made by Barry Newman (PADEP) at the PSATS Convention earlier in May, it is likely that the new/expanded urbanized area maps will be implemented into the MS4 Permit process mid-permit cycle (in 2014). We’ll have to wait to see the effect that this will have on municipalities in Lebanon County.

**VIII. Other Business** – Michael Schroeder announced to the group that his Quittapahilla Creek Garbage Museum grand opening will be on June 9<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to attend. The Garbage Museum’s Inaugural Plastic Garbage and Artifact Hunt Extravaganza will be held June 17-19.

Phylis Dryden, Commissioner Litz and Schroeder talked the efforts to clean up garbage and debris blocking the Quittie behind Wendy’s and Harold’s Furniture in North Cornwall Township. The son of the manager at Wendy’s is organizing a clean-up for his Senior Project.

Reminder to all MS4 municipalities: MS4 annual reports are due to PADEP by June 10, 2012 and September 14, 2012 is the deadline for submission of the Notice of Intent to Discharge Storm Water for the new NPDES/MS4 permit cycle.

**IX. Next Meeting** – A doodle survey will be sent to the group to schedule the next meeting. Steve Sherk will check on reserving the Jackson Township Office Meeting Room for the next meeting.

**X.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:03 pm.