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**NJSME GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 16, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting**

9:45 AM Welcome, General Business – John DuPont, President  
10:00 AM Session #1  
11:00 AM Session #2

**Session #1 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM ( 1 PDHs)**

**Speakers:** Michael Thulen, Jr., State Director Rural Development USDA  
Christine Schmelzle, Community Programs Director  
Maryann Tancredi, Business Programs Director  
Geraldine Manganaro Acting Single Family Housing Director  
Janis Rega Area Director  
Ken Drewes Business Management Officer

**Topic:** **US Department of Agriculture Rural Development Funding Programs**  
USDA is the lead Federal Agency helping rural communities grow and prosper. USDA provides loans, grants and technical assistance to build critical infrastructure including water systems, transportation infrastructure and housing. Hear how the program works and how your community qualifies.

**Session #2 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (1 PDHs)**

**Speakers:** Gabe Lederman, Mid-Atlantic Region Territory Manager, Wapro Inc.

**Topic: Holding Back the Flood- Technology for Flow Management**

WaStop's patented design provides an improved technology for protection against flooding, odor control and backflow prevention.