



MINUTES
MIDDLESEX COUNTY
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION/WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE
MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS MEETING ROOM
September 17, 2018
1:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Williams at 1:30 p.m. Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 and the NJ Water Quality Management Planning Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15-9.3(b)7, have been complied with and are entered into the minutes of this meeting. A salute to the flag was observed prior to the start of today's meeting.

I. Roll Call

Attendance was as follows:

William Robins	Borough of Dunellen	Not present
Theodore Chase, Jr.	Township of Franklin	Present
Freeholder Charles Kenny	Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders	Not present
Alan Godber	Lawrence Brook Watershed Partnership, Inc.	Not present
Will Sigle		Not present
Sewell Peckham	Borough of Helmetta	Not present
David Hall	Township of Old Bridge	Not present
Dawn Mc Donald	Borough of Spotswood	Not present
Margaret Drozd		Not present
Michael Hill	Freehold Soil Conservation District	Present
Brandon Goldfine	Middlesex Water Company	Not present
Stephen Pospiech	City of Perth Amboy	Not present
Leigh Anne Hindenlang		Not present
Andrew Toth		Not present
William Kurzenberger		Not present
Donald Newton	Borough of Sayreville	Present
Dawn Corcoran-Gardella	Township of Piscataway	Not present
Jason Friedman	Middlesex County Planning Board	Not present
Siegfred Hubak	Township of Woodbridge	Not present
Alice Tempel	Borough of South Plainfield	Not present
Brian Racin	Borough of South River	Present
Bryan Bidlack	Township of South Brunswick	Not present
Leigh Jones	Township of East Brunswick Water and Sewage	Not present
Ron Yake	Township of Plainsboro	Present
Les Varga		Not present
John Katerba	Monroe Township Utility Dept.	Not present
Ryan Herkert		Not present
Doriann Kerber	Borough of Milltown	Not present

I. Roll Call (continued)

George Ververides Louis Greenwell Mirah Becker Laurie Sobel Nicholas Tufaro Lori Kahel Alex Zakrewsky	Middlesex County Office of Planning	Present Present Present Present Present Present Not present
Sharon Martens Gary Rojek	Middlesex Cty. Dept. of Public Health – Environmental Division	Not present Not present
Richard Wallner Edward Kuchie	Middlesex County Office of Engineering	Not present Not present
Kyle Clonan	NJ Water Supply Authority	Present
Richard Fitamant Kevin Aiello	Middlesex County Utilities Authority	Not present Present
Daria Ludas	Borough of Jamesburg	Not present
Glenn Sandor	Township of North Brunswick	Not present
Allan Williams	Highland Park Environmental Commission	Present
Rick Lear	Middlesex County Parks and Recreation Department	Not present
Michele Bakacs	Rutgers Cooperative Extension	Not present
Sara Malone	Rutgers Sustainable Raritan Initiative	Not present
Suzan Colon	Old Bridge Twp. Environmental and Open Space Committee	Not present
Heather Fenyk	Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership	Present
Bill Schultz	Raritan Riverkeeper	Present
Keith Jones	City of New Brunswick	Not present
Joseph Meyer	SUEZ Water	Not present

II. Approval of the Minutes of the May 14, 2018 Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2018 were distributed prior to today’s meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Hill and approved to adopt the minutes as presented.

III. Presentation – Middlesex County Comprehensive Master Plan

Mr. Louis Greenwell, Director of Comprehensive Planning made a presentation on the vision for the Middlesex County Comprehensive Master Plan. See presentation attached to the minutes of today’s meeting. A question and answer period was held. The members were concerned with climate change, stakeholder involvement, development and redevelopment, contaminated sites, COAH, housing, the public engagement process, and shared services.

IV. Middlesex County Wastewater Management Plan (Mirah Becker)

Ms. Becker stated that staff is in the process of addressing the third rounds of comments from NJDEP. The document must be done by November 1, 2018. Mr. Yake asked when municipal outreach would begin. Mr. Becker responded that it will begin after green light is received from NJDEP.

V. Manalapan Brook Watershed Protection and Restoration Plan (Freehold Soil Conservation District (FSCD)/Middlesex County)

Mr. Hill stated that the project is still waiting for disbursement of funds for the remainder of the work from NJDEP.

VI. Lawrence Brook Watershed Partnership (LBWP)

No report.

VII. Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership (LRWP)

Dr. Fenyk gave a brief report on LRWP activities. She distributed a calendar of upcoming events (attached). Two weeks of summer camp with youth were held. Thanks to Middlesex County the engineering and construction have been completed for a footing that will hold sculptures throughout the watershed. The first sculpture will be installed in Boyd Park. The State of the Lower Raritan Report will be released in November or December. LRWP continues to distribute posters and curriculum to all high schools. There is also a curriculum guide available on the LRWP web site. Visit the LRWP website at <http://lowerraritanwatershed.org/> for more information.

VIII. Sustainable Raritan River Initiative

No report.

IX. NJ Water Supply Activities/Projects (NJWSA)

- **Raritan Basin Watershed Plan/Raritan Basin Watershed Alliance**
- **D & R Canal Tributary (Franklin) Project**
- **Cedar Grove Brook (Franklin) Project**

Mr. Clonan gave an update on the Cedar Grove Brook Project. NJWSA is working with Franklin to upgrade four storm water basins in the town. They all feature low flow concrete channels. The idea is to retrofit those basins before the sediment enters the Cedar Grove Brook and into the canal. The project will be using 319 grant monies from the State. Monitoring stations have been placed to receive pre-monitoring data.

X. Middlesex County Flood Control Commissions

- **South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission**

No report.

- **Green Brook Flood Control Commission (Middlesex County)**

Mr. Ververides stated that work is continuing in Middlesex Borough. Meetings are being held with property owners. Most of the work in Bound Brook has been completed. Considering the recent storms, no flooding issues were reported.

XI. Correspondence

- Announcement -- NJ Future – Developers' Green Infrastructure Grants

Ms. Becker distributed an announcement regarding NJ Future's Mainstreaming Green Infrastructure program (attached). NJ Future will identify and support two private sector development or redevelopment projects in the Highlands or Kirkwood-Cohansey Aquifer regions that make exemplary use of green stormwater infrastructure. The program presented in the handout and it is well written and impactful. Ms. Becker suggested that the WRA consider using this program as a template for developing the same thing in our watershed.

XII. Old Business

There was no Old Business presented at today's meeting.

XIII. New Business

- Bylaws

Mr. Williams informed the members that he, Mirah, and Louie Greenwell had met a few weeks ago. Mr. Greenwell had some comments on the bylaws and possibly broadening the areas that the WRA is responsible for. Namely, stormwater management responsibilities. A subcommittee will be formed soon. Mr. Williams will work with Ms. Becker to send out some invitations for the subcommittee meeting.

XIV. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment at today's meeting.

XV. Next meeting, date, time and place

The next WRA meeting will be held on November 5, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Freeholder Meeting Room, County Administration Building.

XVI. Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

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