



**MINUTES
MIDDLESEX COUNTY
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION/WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE
MIDDLESEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MEETING CENTER
January 13, 2014
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 Tomaro	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	Present
Michael Hill	Freehold Soil Conservation District	Present
Brian Carr	Middlesex Water Company City of Perth Amboy	Not present
Stephen Pospiech		Not present
Leigh Anne Hindenlang		Not present
Andrew Toth		Not present
Donald Newton	Borough of Sayreville	Present
Joe Damien		Not present
Tim Eppinger		Not present
Dawn Corcoran-Gardella	Township of Piscataway	Present
Vincent Martino	Middlesex County Planning Board	Not present
Siegfred Hubak	Township of Woodbridge	Not present
Alice Tempel	Borough of South Plainfield	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
Anne Zeman	League of Women Voters	Not present
Ron Yake	Township of Plainsboro	Present
Les Varga		Not present
John Riggs	Township of Monroe	Not present

I. Roll Call (continued)

George Ververides Mirah Becker Laurie Sobel Nicholas Tufaro Alexander Zakrewsky	Middlesex County Office of Planning	Present Present Present Present Not present
Sharon Martens	Middlesex Cty. Dept. of Public Health – Environmental Division	Not present
Ken Klipstein Kathy Hale Richard Anthes Elsye Foladane	NJ Water Supply Authority	Not present Not present Not present Not present
Richard Fitamant Kevin Aiello	Middlesex County Utilities Authority	Not present Not present
Daria Ludas	Borough of Jamesburg	Present
Doug Robertson Glenn Sandor	Township of North Brunswick	Not present Not present
Allan Williams	Highland Park Environmental Commission	Present
Rick Lear	Middlesex County Parks and Recreation Department	Not present
Michele Bakacs	Rutgers Cooperative Extension	Present
Judy Shaw	Bloustein School -- Rutgers University	Not present
Denise Nickel	Middlesex County Improvement Authority	Not present
Suzan Colon	Old Bridge Twp. Environmental and Open Space Committee	Present
Sara Malone	Rutgers Sustainable Raritan Initiative	Not present
Heather Fenyk Jacqueline Durlin Brittany Musolino	New Brunswick Environmental Commission	Present Present Present
Lauren Petrie	Food and Water Watch	Present
Briana Suffy	City of New Brunswick	Present

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – November 18, 2013

The minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2013 were distributed prior to today’s meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as presented.

III. Presentation by Brittany Musolino – Raritan Scholar Intern

Ms. Brittany Musolino, a Raritan Scholar Intern, made a presentation on Developing a Community Based Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Plan for New Brunswick and Highland Park. A copy of her presentation is attached to the minutes of today’s meeting.

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

Mr. Hill provided a project update. A memorandum which provided an update on the Manalapan Watershed projects was also distributed to the members. Princeton Hydro is attempting to identify a new NJDEP representative for the project since Ms. Romagna has retired. Municipal comments on the project sites have been received from Manalapan and Monroe Townships and Mercer Soil Conservation District. No feedback was received from the Middlesex or Monmouth County Mosquito Commissions. In regards to Station 48, the private homeowner was sent a certified letter which was never picked up. Middlesex County has provided feedback on the shoreline stabilization at Station 37 and the Floating Wetland Islands.

V. Lawrence Brook Watershed Flood Control Project (LBWP)

No report was available at today's meeting.

VI. Green Brook Flood Control Commission

Mr. Ververides reported that the Office of County Engineering is in the process of reviewing the maintenance requirements for the project.

VII. Sustainable Raritan River Initiative (Sara Malone)

No report was available to today's meeting.

VIII. Raritan Basin Watershed Plan/Raritan Basin Watershed Alliance (NJWSA)

Nothing to report.

IX. Middlesex County Wastewater Management Plan (WMP)

Ms. Becker reported that a bill is being proposed by the NJ State Legislature which would extend the deadline for completing the SSA map and plan for two years. NJDEP staff is confident that the bill will be signed by the Governor before the January 17th deadline. The Board of Chosen Freeholders have not adopted the SSA map to-date. Staff also helped author a letter to NJDEP from the NJ County Planners Association regarding their input on the water quality management rules.

X. Watershed/Water Quality Management Plan Implementation Projects

- D & R Canal Tributary (Franklin) Project (NJWSA)
- Cedar Grove Brook (Franklin) Watershed Restoration Plan (NJWSA)

Nothing new to report.

XI. Correspondence

- Informational Items on the Sarlo Bill

The members received a copy of the Sarlo bill and an article from The Star Ledger on the delay of the water quality management rules.

XII. Old Business

- State Strategic Plan

Nothing to report.

XIII. New Business

- **Rutgers Environmental Stewards Program**

Ms. Bakacs stated that the Rutgers Environmental Stewards Program for this semester has begun. This program provides training and experience which equips participants to contribute effectively to the process of finding solutions for environmental problems in the communities of NJ. Internship projects are being sought. Interested groups or organizations should submit a one page proposal to the program. Details on the program can be found at <http://envirostewards.rutgers.edu>.

XIV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

XV. Next meeting, date, time and place

The next WRA meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the first floor planning meeting center. The Raritan Scholars that were assigned to the Middlesex County Office of Planning will be making presentations at that meeting.

XVI. Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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