



MINUTES
MIDDLESEX COUNTY
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION/WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE
MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS MEETING ROOM
March 13, 2017
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.	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	Not present
Brandon Goldfine	Middlesex Water Company City of Perth Amboy	Present
Stephen Pospiech		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
Vincent Martino	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	Not present
Les Varga		Not present
John Katerba	Monroe Township Utility Dept.	Not present
Ryan Herkert		Not present
Dorian Kerber	Borough of Milltown	Present
George Ververides	Middlesex County Office of Planning	Not present
Mirah Becker		Present
Laurie Sobel		Not present
Nicholas Tufaro		Not present
Alexander Zakrewsky		Not present

I. Roll Call (continued)

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
Ken Klipstein Bob O’Neil	NJ Water Supply Authority	Not present 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	Not present
Sara Malone	Rutgers Sustainable Raritan Initiative	Not present
Denise Nickel	Middlesex County Improvement Authority	Not present
Suzan Colon	Old Bridge Twp. Environmental and Open Space Committee	Not present
Heather Fenyk Brian Kempf	Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership	Not present Not present
Bill Schultz	Raritan Riverkeeper	Present
Scott Tarnoski	New Brunswick Water	Not present
Kimber Ray	The Watershed Institute	Not present
Joseph Meyer	SUEZ Water	Present

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – January 9, 2017

The minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2017 were distributed prior to today’s meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as presented.

III. Presentation of a WQMP Amendment Application for Stanton Girard/Kendall Woods Village – Block 96, Lot 29.01 – South Brunswick Township – Affordable Housing Site

Ms. Becker presented a staff report on the above referenced WQMP Amendment. The amendment proposal would expand the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (SBRSA) sewage treatment plant sewer service area by adding 7.5 acres to include portions of Block 96, Lot 29.01 and Block 96, Lots 29.02, an 11 acre parcel in South Brunswick Township. The amendment area would allow Stanton Girard to develop a multi-family complex that, in its latest concept, is expressed as 200 rental units with a mix of bedroom configurations for 160 market priced units and a 20 percent affordable housing “set aside” of 40 units within the entire 11 acre tract. Approximately 3.5 acres are presently within the sewer service area (SSA). South Brunswick Township municipal government has issued a resolution endorsing an affordable housing redevelopment plan to partially meet the requirements of a court order to provide affordable housing within the Township.

III. Presentation of a WQMP Amendment Application for Stanton Girard/Kendall Woods Village – Block 96, Lot 29.01 – South Brunswick Township – Affordable Housing Site (continued)

Environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) have been assessed to determine what areas of the proposed project site are appropriate for inclusion in the SSA. ESAs are defined as contiguous areas of 25 acres or larger consisting of habitat for threatened and endangered species as identified on the Landscape Project Maps of Habitat for Endangered, Threatened or Other Priority Species, Natural Priority Sites, Category One (C1) special water resource protection areas, and wetlands, alone or in combination. The 2012 NJDEP wetlands maps indicated extensive wetlands within the property. Accordingly, the SBRSA applied for and received an Environmentally Sensitive Area partial waiver from the EPA, in keeping with the USEPA Section 201 Grant Limitations requirements in January, 2017. A NJDEP confirmed Letter of Interpretation further defined the on-site wetlands as minor in area with three isolated wetlands pockets and an intermediate value wetland at the southwestern rear corner of the property. NJDEP and EPA confirmed the intermediate wetlands at the western limit of the proposed SSA, which will allow for transition area averaging the filling of isolated wetlands under a general permit condition.

There are no threatened or endangered species habitats within the proposed SSA. There are no Natural Heritage Priority Sites on the site. There are no steep slopes on the subject site. The NJDEP has determined that no special water resource protection areas along Category One waters or their tributaries exist on the site.

Under the latest concept noted above to satisfy a portion of South Brunswick's affordable housing requirement (1,700 units), the projected wastewater flow of the project portion within the added SSA is approximately 26,070 gallons per day (41350 GPD for the entire project). The Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority apparently has adequate available capacity to treat the proposed wastewater flow from this project.

Questions and comments were entertained from the members. Mr. Godber asked if the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association provided comments on the proposed amendment. Mr. Schultz questioned the storm water management measures for the project. After review of the NJDEP Permit Plan, it was discovered that there is a storm water management basin included in the plan. Ms. Becker pointed out that the members were welcome to make comments on the project. However, the WRA's role is to determine whether the parcel should go into the sewer service area. Mr. Racin was concerned about the excess traffic. Mr. Chase added that traffic concerns cannot stop the project.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse Amendment 2017-01 with a recommendation that green infrastructure measures be installed on the site to the greatest extent possible.

IV. Middlesex County Wastewater Management Plan – Mirah Becker

Ms. Becker stated that NJDEP quarterly meetings will be held during development of the Wastewater Management Plan. The first meeting was held on March 2, 2017. The draft plan was reviewed. The County received a \$100,000 grant from NJDEP to complete the plan which will be used to hire a consultant to update the draft plan. The members will be kept apprised of further developments.

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

No report.

VI. Lawrence Brook Watershed Partnership (LBWP)

Mr. Godber informed everyone that the Lawrence Brook Partnership was involved with an oil spill with PCBs in Milltown that occurred in October. The clean-up took three weeks. A report on the incident was received from NJDEP.

VII. Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership (LRWP)

No report.

VIII. Sustainable Raritan River Initiative

Ms. Becker reported that there was a Raritan Integrated Stakeholder Engagement Meeting held on February 23, 2017 at Duke Farms. The meeting included an update on Restoration Candidate Watershed Data Collection, Preliminary 2016 Water Quality Assessment of the Raritan Water Region and an Update on the 2017 Funding Cycle. More information can be found at www.raritan.rutgers.edu.

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. O'Neil stated that hoped that the D & R Canal Tributary retrofit project will begin this summer.

X. Middlesex County Flood Control Commissions

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

No report.

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

No report.

XI. Correspondence

- **NJDEP Green Infrastructure Update**

Ms. Becker distributed a handout which included information on NJDEP Green Infrastructure Updates. NJDEP is currently working on several initiatives related to green infrastructure (GI) including: creating a new GI chapter for the NJ Storm water BMP Manual, creating a guidance document for combined sewer overflow permittees when evaluating GI as an

XI. Correspondence (continued)

- NJDEP Green Infrastructure Update (continued)

alternative for long term control plans, and potential amendments to the Storm water Management rules to include GI and improved financing.

- Tier A Municipal Storm water Permit Public Hearing

Ms. Becker distributed information on Tier A Municipal Storm water Permit Public Hearing scheduled for March 22, 2017 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at NJDEP.

- Land Conservation Rally

Mr. Godber reminded everyone that the Land Conservation Rally will be held on Friday, March 17, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick.

XII. Old Business

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

XIII. New Business

There was no New Business presented at today's 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 Monday, May 15, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the Middlesex County Administration Building, Freeholder Meeting Room.

XVI. Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

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