



MINUTES
MIDDLESEX COUNTY
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION/WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE
MIDDLESEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MEETING CENTER
May 11, 2015
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	Not present
Michael Hill	Freehold Soil Conservation District	Present
Brian Carr	Middlesex Water Company	Not present
Stephen Pospiech	City of Perth Amboy	Not present
Leigh Anne Hindenlang		Not present
Andrew Toth		Not present
Donald Newton	Borough of Sayreville	Not present
Tim Eppinger		Not present
Dawn Corcoran-Gardella	Township of Piscataway	Present
Vincent Martino	Middlesex County Planning Board	Not present
Olga Sgambettera		Not present
Siegfred Hubak	Township of Woodbridge	Present
Alice Tempel	Borough of South Plainfield	Not present
Brian Racin	Borough of South River	Present
Bryan Bidlack	Township of South Brunswick	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		Present
John Riggs	Township of Monroe	Present
Dorian Kerber	Borough of Milltown	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 Bob O’Neil	NJ Water Supply Authority	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	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 Sara Malone	Rutgers Sustainable Raritan Initiative	Not present Present
Denise Nickel	Middlesex County Improvement Authority	Present
Suzan Colon	Old Bridge Twp. Environmental and Open Space Committee	Present
Dan Healy	Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission	Not present
Heather Fenyk	Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership	Present
Bill Schultz	Raritan Riverkeeper	Present
Greer Thacker	NJ American Water	Present

II. Reorganization

Mr. Williams indicated that Reorganization was slated to occur at today’s meeting. Ms. Colon expressed an interest to serve as Vice Chair, Mr. Williams was willing to continue to serve as Chairman and Ms. Doriann Kerber was willing to serve as Secretary. Mr. Williams asked for nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations made. Motions were made, seconded and unanimously approved to reelect Mr. Williams as Chairman, Ms. Colon as Vice Chair and Ms. Kerber as Secretary.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – March 9, 2015

The minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2015 were distributed prior to today’s meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as presented.

IV. Open Discussion: What Speakers Do You Want to Invite to Future WRA Meetings? What Topics Are of Interest To You?

The WRA invites guest speakers to make presentations at each meeting. An open discussion was held to obtain ideas for speakers and topics from the membership.

Ms. Becker recommended that the new Executive Director of ANJEC be invited to make a presentation at the September 2015 meeting. Mr. Riggs suggested a speaker from Sustainable NJ. Ms. Bakacs suggested that the Sustainable NJ presentation highlight the new School Program. Mr. Williams suggested a speaker who was knowledgeable about the responsibilities of municipal Flood Plain Managers. Mr. Racin suggested a speaker from the Jacques Cousteau Institute. Ms. Fenyk suggested a speaker on the New Brunswick pollinator program funded by Americore and through Rutgers Environmental Coalition. Mr. Schultz suggested a speaker from MCUA. The members were also interested in a tour of MCUA and the Middlesex Water Company. Ms. Colon would like a speaker from the Riverkeeper. Ms. Fenyk recommended a speaker from the Freehold Soil Conservation District on Education and Outreach.

Ms. Becker thanked the members for their suggestions. She will work over the summer to get commitments from the suggested speakers to make presentations at their meetings.

V. Middlesex County Wastewater Management Plan

Ms. Becker gave a brief update on the Wastewater Management Plan.

Staff presented one amendment for the members' consideration. The amendment is for the Morris Companies property, Block 82, Lot 3.10 in Monroe Township. A staff report which explained the proposed amendment was distributed to the members for their review. Staff recommended approval of the amendment. A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse amendment 2015-02.

NJDEP officially approved the Future Wastewater Service Area (FWSA) map on March 11, 2015. Staff is concerned that the towns are not aware that they must be checking that new projects are in the sewer service area (SSA) before they are approved on a municipal level. If the project is not in the SSA, an amendment or revision would be needed. NJDEP has indicated that they will be enforcing the map. Mr. Williams noted that inclusion in the SSA could easily be added to the municipal checklist.

The members recommended sending the map along with a letter stressing the importance of checking that properties are included in the SSA before any municipal approvals are issued. The letter should be sent to the mayor, zoning boards, and planning boards. The members did not think holding a professional training session on the importance of the map for municipalities would be beneficial. NJDEP is willing to come out to multi-county meetings to hold educational sessions on the importance of complying with the map. All towns were involved during the development of the map.

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

Ms. Bakacs shared the Watershed Overview Video which is an outreach component of the Manalapan Brook Watershed Protection and Restoration Plan. The video is also available on YouTube. Mr. Tufaro added that the committee will be meeting at the FSCD on May 12, 2015 about releasing the RFPs for the work for the project.

VII. Lawrence Brook Watershed Partnership (LBWP)

No report.

VIII. Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership

Ms. Fenyk presented an update on Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership activities. A nature walk at the Helmetta Pine Barrens was planned for May 13. The group's monthly meetings will be held on May 19 and June 16, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Planning Board Meeting Center. Lastly, the Second Annual Visual Habitat Assessment Training session will be held on May 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Highland Park Environmental Center. This event does require RVSP. Members were encouraged to check the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership Facebook page for future events.

IX. Sustainable Raritan River Initiative (Judy Shaw/Sara Malone)

Mr. Williams stated that the Sustainable Raritan River & NY/NJ Harbor Estuary Program Raritan Bay Conference will be held on June 12.

X. NJ Water Supply Activities/Projects (NJWSA)

Nothing new to report.

XI. 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 Middlesex County has engaged a consultant to monitor the levees and pump stations. The Middlesex Borough portion is almost complete.

XII. RU Water Resources Program Impervious Cover Assessments for WMA 9

Mr. Williams stated that a number of communities are taking advantage of the program.

XIII. Correspondence

There was no Correspondence presented at today's meeting.

XIV. Old Business

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

XV. New Business

There was no New Business discussed at today's meeting.

XVI. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment at today's meeting.

XVII. Next meeting, date, time and place

The next regular WRA meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at a location to be announced.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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