



**MINUTES
MIDDLESEX COUNTY
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION/WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE
MIDDLESEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MEETING CENTER
May 12, 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.	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	Not 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		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 Anthony Gambilonghi	Middlesex County Office of Planning	Present Present Present Present Not present Present
Sharon Martens	Middlesex Cty. Dept. of Public Health – Environmental Division	Not present
Ken Klipstein Kathy Hale	NJ Water Supply Authority	Present Not present
Richard Fitamant Kevin Aiello	Middlesex County Utilities Authority	Not present Not present
Daria Ludas	Borough of Jamesburg	Not 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
Judy Shaw Sara Malone	Rutgers Sustainable Raritan Initiative	Not present Not present
Denise Nickel	Middlesex County Improvement Authority	Not present
Suzan Colon	Old Bridge Twp. Environmental and Open Space Committee	Not present
Anton Nelessen Merisa Gilman Bo Kyung Choi	Rutgers – Bloustein School	Present Present Present

II. Reorganization

Mr. Williams indicated that Reorganization was slated to occur at today’s meeting. Ms. Colon expressed an interest in continuing to serve as Secretary and Mr. Williams was willing to continue to serve as Chairman. 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 and Ms. Colon as Secretary. Ms. Zeman was unable to continue to serve as Vice Chairperson. The election of a Vice Chair was tabled until the next meeting.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – March 10, 2014

The minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2014 were distributed prior to today’s meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as presented.

IV. Presentation by Professor Anton Nelessen and Students of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers: "Changing the Impact Enhancing the Future" – A Private Public Resilience Plan for Sayreville

The members welcomed Professor Tony Nelessen and students from the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy to make a presentation on Changing the Impact Enhancing the Future – A Private Public Resilience Plan for Sayreville.

Highlights of the presentation included construction of a berm, three storm reduction scenarios, and design options. See handout attached to minutes for more information.

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

Mr. Hill was unable to attend today's meeting, but provided an update. Freehold Soil Conservation District is arranging a field trip to look different best management practices and stormwater basins. The WRA members will be invited to participate in the field trip. Members will receive an e-mail with details when they are finalized.

VI. Lawrence Brook Watershed Flood Control Project (LBWP)

Mr. Godber presented a report on the Lawrence Brook Watershed Partnership activities. The group is involved with consulting on the movement of the electric utility in Milltown. There are plans to locate it 40 feet above sea level. The fish ladder study is now in the second phase. Lastly, LBWP and the Milltown Environmental Commission have been working with a Student Intern, Raleigh Kane on Invasive Plants in Milltown. A presentation will be held on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Milltown Borough Hall. An invitation to this presentation was distributed to the members.

VII. Green Brook Flood Control Commission

Mr. Ververides reported that the project is continuing. The County is working with NJDEP on agreements regarding maintenance of the pumps and levees.

VIII. Sustainable Raritan River Initiative (Sara Malone)

No report. The Sustainable Raritan River Annual Conference will be held on June 13 at the Cook College Student Center.

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

Mr. Klipstein stated that the Raritan TMDL will be ready to go to public hearing in July. NJWSA is exploring the possibility of revisiting the characterization work for the Raritan Basin that was done several years ago.

X. Middlesex County Wastewater Management Plan (WMP)

Ms. Becker reported that staff will be meeting with NJDEP on May 19 to determine the status of three sites that have been problematic in terms of moving the map to adoption.

XI. Watershed/Water Quality Management Plan Implementation Projects

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

Nothing to report.

XII. Correspondence

There was no Correspondence reviewed at today's meeting.

XIII. Old Business

- **National Recreational Trail Grant Program**

At the last meeting, Mr. Williams stated that the federal National Recreational Trail Grant Program had not awarded any grants during the last several years when in fact they did award grants in April. The 2014 funding will be evaluated and awarded in the future.

- State Strategic Plan

Nothing to report.

XIV. New Business

- Handout – How Can You Use Your Raritan River & Steams?

Ms. Becker stated that MCIA with assistance of the Middlesex County Office of Planning created the above referenced handout. The handout can be downloaded from <http://www.mciauth.com/> in the near future.

XV. Public Comment

Mr. Klipstein stated that the NJ Drinking Water Quality Institute would be meeting and asked how their findings would affect the work of the WRA. Mr. Williams indicated that he heard that the Institute was trying to come up with some different standards than what are currently being used.

XVI. Next meeting, date, time and place

The next WRA meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the first floor planning meeting center.

XVII. Adjournment

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

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