



**MINUTES  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY  
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION/WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING  
HELD AT THE  
MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY  
November 9, 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.	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
Jean P. Mayer		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	Not present
Tim Eppinger		Not present
Dawn Corcoran-Gardella	Township of Piscataway	Not present
Vincent Martino	Middlesex County Planning Board	Not present
Olga Sgambettera		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	Not present
Les Varga		Not present
John Riggs	Township of Monroe	Not 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 Not present Not present 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	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 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	Present
Heather Fenyk Maya Fenyk Amanda Tucker	Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership	Present Present Present
Bill Schultz	Raritan Riverkeeper	Present
Michele Bakacs	Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service	Present

**II. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – September 14, 2015**

The minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2015 were distributed prior to today’s meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as presented.

**III. A Word of Thanks**

Ms. Becker expressed appreciation to the staff of the Middlesex Water Company for hosting today’s meeting. The Middlesex Water Company was extremely generous in providing a beautiful venue and delicious lunch for the members.

**IV. Presentation of Proposed FWSA Map Amendment 2015-05: Tyler Village – South Plainfield**

Ms. Becker presented the Tyler Village FWSA Map Amendment. The property is located at Block 467, Lot 21 in South Plainfield. A staff report which explained the proposed amendment was distributed to the members for their review. Both wetland delineation and habitat suitability determinations approved by NJDEP for the property revealed that the roughly 18 acres of upland requested to be added to the current sanitary sewer service area on site are unconstrained by significant areas of environmental sensitivity. The NJDEP LOI, initially approved on February 11, 1999, has been extended under the Permit Extension Act to June 30, 2016. The existing SSA encompasses approximately 23 acres with the property. This request would allow an additional 18 acres of additional uplands area to be included within the SSA. Staff recommended approval of the amendment. A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse Amendment 2015-05.

**V. Presentation of Proposed FWSA Map Amendment 2015-03: Middlesex Energy Center – Sayreville**

Ms. Becker presented the Middlesex Energy Center FWSA Map Amendment. The property is located at Block 56, Lots 1.01 & 2.02; Block 57.02, Lot 1; Block 57.04, Lot 1; Block 57.05, Lot 1; Block 58, Lot 6 & 7 in Sayreville. A staff report which explained the proposed amendment was distributed to the members for their review. A cogeneration plant is proposed to be located on the site. The facility will be located on a wooded portion of the property located between Jernee Mill Road and that portion of the property containing a landfill. The property is owned by the Borough of Sayreville and is zoned Special Economic Development Zone. The facility will utilize potable water from the Borough of Sayreville, stormwater collected on site, and reclaimed water from the Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA). A portion of the water will be discharged to the sanitary sewer. The Borough of Sayreville and MCUA have indicated that there is capacity to accept sewer flow. They will confirm that the sanitary sewer system has capacity availability to serve the proposed development as part of this amendment process. The Borough of Sayreville will also confirm that they have adequate water supply to serve the facility through the application process.

A letter of interpretation (LOI) for the wetlands limits was obtained for the site. Any disturbance of the wetlands or transition area will be submitted to NJDEP with a full permit application. Certain portions of the “project site” are mapped as foraging habitat for bald eagle and yellow-crowned night heron. The NJDEP certified Habitat Suitability Study concluded that the project site does not include all of the components necessary to function as foraging habitat for bald eagle. In the Department’s review of the Letter of Interpretation issued for this property, the wetlands received a classification of intermediate resource value. This classification was reaffirmed in a NJDEP October of 2014 letter. This clarification of wetlands is not consistent with suitable foraging habitat for yellow-crowned night heron. The Habitat Suitability Determination, written by Maser Consulting in July 2015, was certified by the NJDEP, in a letter dated October 27, 2015. Staff recommended approval of the amendment.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that staff would send the habitat suitability determination, the date and time of the public hearing, the NJDEP completed compliance review letter/notice of public comment period and the Borough of Sayreville’s Environmental Commission recommendation to the members by mail.

**VI. Presentation of Proposed FWSA Map Amendment 2015-03: Middlesex Energy Center – Sayreville (continued)**

A motion was made, seconded and approved with one negative vote and one abstention to endorse Amendment 2015-03. Members will receive a packet with the information noted in the previous paragraph.

**VII. News Article – Christie Administration Overhauls Sewer Mapping Rules**

Ms. Becker distributed the above referenced article. The proposed new rules will be less stringent than the current rules.

**VIII. Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment at today's meeting.

**IX. Next meeting, date, time and place**

The next regular WRA meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at Freeholder Meeting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Middlesex County Administration Building.

**X. Adjournment**

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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