



MINUTES
MIDDLESEX COUNTY
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION/WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE
MIDDLESEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MEETING CENTER
November 10, 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	Present
Brian Carr	Middlesex Water Company	Not present
Stephen Pospiech	City of Perth Amboy	Present
Leigh Anne Hindenlang		Not present
Andrew Toth		Present
Donald Newton	Borough of Sayreville	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	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	Not present

I. Roll Call (continued)

George Ververides Mirah Becker Laurie Sobel Nicholas Tufaro Alexander Zakrewsky	Middlesex County Office of Planning	Present Present Not present 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	Present Not 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	Present
Dan Healy	Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission	Not present
Heather Fenyk	Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership	Present

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – September 8, 2014

The minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2014 were distributed prior to today’s meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as presented.

III. Presentation by Office of Planning Staff on the New Draft Future Wastewater Service Area (FWSA) Map

Ms. Becker thanked the members for their patience during the FWSA map adoption process. The process was very challenging for staff. The proposed FWSA map shows a lot of environmentally sensitive areas, shows areas that weren’t sewered and should be as well as makes room for future development. The proposed plan aligns the map with existing capacity at our wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Tufaro added that the once the map is adopted, the revision and amendment process would still be in effect. Mercer County had approved their WMP about a year ago and has already entertained 12 amendments.

Mr. Ververides stated that anyone is welcome to attend the public hearing scheduled for November 24. The public comment period ends 15 days after the public hearing.

III. Presentation by Office of Planning Staff on the New Draft Future Wastewater Service Area (FWSA) Map (continued)

A motion was made, seconded and approved with abstentions from Dr. Chase and Mr. Newton to endorse the FWSA map. The map will be presented for approval to the Middlesex County Planning Board on November 12, 2014.

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

Mr. Tufaro stated that the screening of the watershed overview video was postponed. In the spring, the bidding process will begin for the six implementation projects. Construction of the projects will be videotaped and used for two additional videos. A fourth video covering long term maintenance is also planned.

V. Lawrence Brook Watershed Flood Control Project (LBWP)

Mr. Godber presented a report on the Lawrence Brook Watershed Partnership activities. In respect to the fish ladder, an agreement with the mayor of New Brunswick is needed. Sufficient water going over the dam is needed for the fish to make sure no fish are killed. A committee will be meeting on November 25 at 7 p.m. regarding flooding in the Lawrence Brook. Municipal impervious surface plans will present a strategy for each municipality. There is a goal to reduce impervious surface by 10 percent.

VI. Green Brook Flood Control Commission

Mr. Ververides reported that the project is continuing. The project in Bound Brook is complete. It is hoped to complete the Middlesex Borough portion by next year. The next phase will be in Scotch Plains. There is a problem with individuals planting trees on the levees. Somerset County is already in the process of maintaining their pump stations and levees. The Middlesex County is working with NJDEP on agreements regarding maintenance of the pumps and levees.

VII. Sustainable Raritan River Initiative (Sara Malone)

A Brownfield Mini-Conference was held in November.

VIII. Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership (LRWP)

Ms. Fenyk stated that the next meeting will be held on November 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. In January the LRWP is planning to hold a joint meeting with the WRA. The Rutgers Landscape Architecture Graduate Studio final presentation is scheduled for December 18 from 10 am to 12 noon at Duke Farms. A Nature Walk is also planned at the John Phillips Preserve on November 22 at 1:45 p.m.

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

Mr. Klipstein stated that the Raritan Basin Watershed Alliance has not met in quite a while. With the recent adoption of the TMDL, it gives the group the opportunity to reconvene. Hopefully, there will be more to report on in the near future.

X. Watershed/Water Quality Management Plan Implementation Projects

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

Mr. Klipstein stated that there have been a lot of conversations between NJWSA and NJDEP about these projects.

XI. Correspondence

There was no Correspondence reviewed at today's meeting.

XII. Old Business

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

XIII. New Business

- Highland Park Mural Project

Mr. Williams announced that the unveiling of the Highland Park Mural Project took place on October 26. About half of the mural has been completed. Funding was obtained from a historic trust fund from a developer. Sherman Williams donated the paint.

- Launch of the County Web Site

Ms. Becker announced that the launch of the updated County Web Site was slated for Monday, November 17. The WRA will have its own page under Water Resources which will include approved minutes of past meetings.

XIV. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment at today's meeting.

XV. Next meeting, date, time and place

The next regular WRA meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the first floor planning meeting center. This will be a joint meeting with the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership.

XVI. Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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