

**MINUTES
MIDDLESEX COUNTY
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION/WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING
HELD AS A VIRTUAL MEETING
November 9, 2020
1:30 P.M.**

I. Reading of the Open Public Meeting Act

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. Notice of the meeting held via audio conference only along with the call-in information to join the meeting was also placed on the Water Resources Association page on the county web site.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

A salute to the flag was observed prior to the start of today's meeting. Mr. Tufaro lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Introduction of WRA Members

Allan Williams	Highland Park Environmental Commission
Tim Thomas	Freehold Soil Conservation District
Michael Hill	Freehold Soil Conservation District
Ted Chase	Franklin Township
Wale Adewunmi	Middlesex County Utilities Authority
Bill Schultz	Raritan Riverkeeper
Bryan Bidlack	Township of South Brunswick
Doriann Kerber	Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership & Milltown
Daria Ludas	Jamesburg
Robert Noel	Monroe Township
Ron Yake	Plainsboro
Les Varga	Plainsboro
Alice Tempel	Borough of South Plainfield
Kyle Clonan	NJ Water Supply Authority

IV. Introduction of Others Present

Doug Greenfeld	Middlesex County Office of Planning
Vijayant Rajvanshi	Middlesex County Office of Planning
Laurie Sobel	Middlesex County Office of Planning
Nick Tufaro	Middlesex County Office of Planning
Alex Zakrewsky	Middlesex County Office of Planning
Lori Kahel	Middlesex County Office of Planning
Nick Ganescu	Middlesex County Office of Information
Ethan Standal	Technology
Sophie Glover	The Watershed Institute

V. Minutes of the Meeting of September 14, 2020

The minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2020 were distributed prior to today's meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Noel, seconded by Ms. Ludas and approved with one abstention from Dr. Tempel to adopt the minutes as distributed.

VI. Presentation by Sophie Glovier, The Watershed Institute, “The NJDEP Green Infrastructure Rule and Recommendations for Enhanced Stormwater Management”

Mr. Williams welcomed Ms. Sophie Glovier of the Watershed Institute who made a presentation on the NJDEP Stormwater Rules and Enhancements. Highlights of the presentation included what the rule does and does not do, the enhanced model stormwater ordinance, other town’s stormwater ordinances, options for residential stormwater management and timing. The presentation is attached to the minutes of today’s meeting.

VII. Member Agency Reports

A. Lawrence Brook Watershed Partnership (LBWP) (Alan Godber)

No report

B. Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership (LRWP) (Doriann Kerber)

Ms. Kerber stated that the LRWP recently completed the installation of the frame in Boyd Park. She invited everyone to stop by and take photos through the frame.

C. Freehold Soil Conservation District (Tim Thomas)

Phase One of the grant was completed. FSCD is working on completion of the report on Phase One. The ongoing work with South Jersey Resource Council is going well. Basin retrofits are planned. A Phase 2 meeting is being planned in the near future.

D. NJ Water Supply Authority (NJWSA) (Kyle Clonan)

Mr. Clonan thanked Dr. Chase for his assistances with the outreach for the stormwater basin retrofit projects in Franklin Township.

E. Raritan Riverkeeper (Bill Schultz)

Mr. Schultz appreciated the timeliness of today’s presentation, but not the implementation schedule. He mentioned that he is keeping an eye on some large warehouse developments in Edison and Carteret since the locations are along the river.

F. Rutgers Cooperative Extension (Michele Bakacs)

No report

G. Sustainable Raritan River Initiative (Sara Malone)

No report

VIII. Status Update on the Middlesex County Wastewater Management Plan and Amendments (Nick Tufaro)

Mr. Tufaro stated that in reference to the Wastewater Management Plan, the Office of Planning is working with Plainsboro staff to resolve the Nitrate Dilution Buildout

VIII. Status Update on the Middlesex County Wastewater Management Plan and Amendments (Nick Tufaro) (continued)

Calculations in the township. A follow up meeting will be scheduled for this month.

In reference to the Revised Procedures for Middlesex County Wastewater Management Plan which were sent to NJDEP on September 20, 2018, Mr. Tufaro received confirmation that the Office of the Attorney General is reviewing the proposed procedures.

There were no SSA applications presented at today's meeting because the current applications are administratively incomplete. The applicants have been submitting additional documentation. Staff anticipates presenting at least two applications at the next meeting.

Four public hearings on approved SSAs will be held in December 2020 and January 2021.

X. Status Update on the NJDEP Resilient NJ Program and South River Restoration Project (Nick Tufaro)

In reference to the Resilient NJ Grant, Mr. Tufaro reported that he has been meeting with the Project Manager from Arcadis on a weekly basis. Members of the Steering Committee, stakeholders, and focus groups are currently being chosen. A kickoff meeting is planned for December 10.

In reference to the South River Restoration Project, a kickoff meeting was held on October 26. The project involves a restoration project along the shoreline in South River and Sayreville.

XI. Correspondence

There was no correspondence presented at today's meeting.

XIII. Old Business

• ANJEC Single-Use Plastics Reduction Ordinance

Ms. Sobel stated that Governor Murphy signed into law bills A-1978/S-864 that ban businesses from using single use plastic and paper bags, polystyrene containers, and plastic straws can be given by request. The new rules go into effect in May 2022. The plastic straw restrictions go into effect in November 2021. The bills had been posted in the meeting material files for the member's review.

XIV. Other Items

There were no Other Items discussed at today's meeting.

XV. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment at today's meeting.

XVI. Next meeting, date, time and place

The next WRA meeting will be held on January 11, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. A virtual meeting will most likely be held.

XVII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Noel, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

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