



MINUTES
MIDDLESEX COUNTY
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION/WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE
MIDDLESEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MEETING CENTER
January 12, 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	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	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	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	Not present

I. Roll Call (continued)

George Ververides Mirah Becker Laurie Sobel Nicholas Tufaro Alexander Zakrewsky	Middlesex County Office of Planning	Present Present Present Not 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	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	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
Bill Schultz	Raritan Riverkeeper	Present

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – November 10, 2014

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

III. Presentation by Heather Fenyk, Executive Director of the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership – Overview of the Fall Studio Work Undertaken by the Rutgers University Landscape Architecture Students

Last semester the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership worked with the Rutgers Landscape Architecture Graduate GeoDesign Studio to study current conditions in the Lower Raritan Watershed and evaluate different alternative futures and associated strategies. Building on a mid-term charrette in which students presented a comprehensive inventory and analysis of the study area, work then expanded towards a larger, more traditional GIS-based regional mapping project to challenge the region's stakeholders in their thinking about the future of the river and watershed. The students hosted a final presentation on December 16, 2014 at Duke Farms.

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

Screening of the Watershed Overview Video was postponed to the next meeting.

V. Lawrence Brook Watershed Flood Control Project (LBWP)

Mr. Godber summarized the progress of the Impervious Surface Assessment for Milltown, East Brunswick, North Brunswick, South Brunswick and New Brunswick. There is a goal to reduce impervious surface by 10 percent. The next meeting will be held in late January.

VI. Green Brook Flood Control Commission

Mr. Ververides reported that the project is moving forward. The Middlesex County Office of Engineering is working with NJDEP on agreements regarding maintenance of the pumps and levees.

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

The Sustainable Raritan River Initiative continues to rally the amazing energy of regional organizations for the cause of restoring and protecting the Raritan and its tributaries. The book, *The Raritan River: Our Landscape Our Legacy* was published in December and is quickly selling out, so anyone who wants to get a copy should act fast – you can order the book using the following link: <http://rutgerspress.rutgers.edu/product/Raritan-River,5244.aspx>. In the next six months we will be hosting more workshops and planning the annual conference for June. Details to follow.

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

Nothing new to report.

IX. Middlesex County Wastewater Management Plan (Middlesex County)

Ms. Becker gave an update on the Wastewater Management Plan. A third public hearing was held on November 24, 2014. The Future Wastewater Service Area map will be presented at the Board of Chosen Freeholder Meeting on January 15, 2015. A copy of Mr. Ververides' letter to the Board of Chosen Freeholders which recommends adoption of the map was distributed to the members.

Once the map is approved, there will be several amendments that will need to be expedited. Staff is attempting to package the amendments and a special WRA meeting may need to be scheduled for February 9.

X. Watershed/Water Quality Management Plan Implementation Projects

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

Nothing new to report.

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

- National Recreational Trail Grants

Mr. Williams spoke with NJDEP representatives regarding the National Recreational Trail Grants. The representatives indicated that they have not designated anyone to put the application on the website. Sometime in the near future, an announcement will be placed on their website. A database will be used to notify individuals regarding the availability of the 2014 and 2015 grants.

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, March 9, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the first floor planning meeting center. Members will be notified in the near future if a special meeting is required in February.

XVI. Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

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