

SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2013

The meeting was opened at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Armeno. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 of 1975, as amended, and notice has been forwarded to the newspapers and posted on the bulletin board maintained at the Sussex County Administrative Center for public announcement.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Landrith, Andover Borough
Jeffrey Butz, Vice-Chairman, Fredon Township
Carrine Kaufer, Hardyston Township
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough
David Muscalo, Lafayette Township
Paul Baldwin, Town of Newton
Denise Webb, Wantage Township
John Armeno, Chairman, At-Large
Richard Gottemoller, At-Large
Kathy Little, At-Large
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large
Dennis Mudrick, Freeholder Liaison

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Joe Pinzone, Sandyston Township
Eric Powell, Sparta Township
James Benson, Stanhope Borough
John Nugent, At-Large

STAFF MEMBERS: Alice Brees, Principal Planner

ALSO PRESENT: Nathaniel Sajdak, Wallkill River Watershed Mgmt. Group
Ruth Rhodes, Byram Township
Ronald Garrett, Hamburg Borough

REORGANIZATION:

Chairman Armeno said a member wanted to reorganize tonight. He called on the Committee to make a nomination. Jim Landrith nominated Jeffrey Butz for the position of Chairman. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Mensonides and carried unanimously.

Jim Landrith nominated Eleanor Mensonides for the position of Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

John Armeno turned over the meeting to Chairman Butz. He said he resigned from PAC and only attended the meeting to run the reorganization. The Committee thanked him for his many years of service.

MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:

A motion was made by David Muscalo to approve the Minutes of September 13, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Paul Baldwin. All were in favor, with abstentions from Carrine Kaufer and Denise Webb. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Alice Brees reviewed the correspondence listed on the attached sheet and answered questions on Correspondence Numbers Three and Nine.

PLANNER'S REPORT:

Alice Brees said most of her work for PAC this month related to the Sewer Service Map. She will discuss this in more detail under New Business, A.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. PUBLIC NOTICE FOR FUTURE SEWER SERVICE AREA MAP, PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 13, 2013, 5:00 P.M.:

Alice Brees said DEP finally accepted the format of the map. DEP wanted the map to show different designations for discharge to surface water and discharge to ground water. The boundaries remained the same. The map and the Public Notice are posted on the County website. The notice was published in two local newspapers on January 7, 2013. The Public Hearing will be held at the Freeholder Meeting on February 13 at 5:00 p.m. and will be followed by a 15-day comment period. The towns received a copy of the Public Notice and a Sample Consent Resolution. The County is looking for a Consent Resolution from the municipalities, MUA, MSA and the four towns in Morris County. Morris County received the Morris County portion of the map. When asked about changes to the map, Ms. Brees said the map does not have everything that was requested by the towns. DEP never accepted the centers and compromises were made. Applicants can amend the map since it is an on-going process.

B. WATERSHED UPDATES: UPPER DELAWARE:

Jeffrey Butz did not have anything to report on the Upper Delaware Watershed.

Nathaniel Sajdak said they have formally finalized and submitted to DEP their revised Restoration Plan for the Upper Paulins Kill Watershed. It has been granted verbal approval and they are hoping for implementation funding. The projects focus in three primary areas: agricultural outreach and assistance, stormwater management and riparian buffer work throughout the area. This will be the third restoration plan to be approved by DEP using the Non-Point Source 319 funding that they've been allocated.

Mr. Sajdak said they are seeking funding from the Pinchot Institute of Conservation and the Common Waters Fund. The Common Waters Fund was designed to help land owners develop forestry corridors or healthier forests throughout the Upper Delaware Watershed. They worked with the Jorristma family, of Ideal Farms, who gave them permission to seek funding for a buffer program on the Paulins Kill River along Decker Road. Mr. Sajdak said they successfully coupled their DEP fund, and was awarded funding by the Pinchot Institute of Conservation which enabled them to implement 10 acres of riparian restoration along the Paulins Kill at Decker Road. As a result of the Jorristma project, they submitted the story as a grant proposal to the Dodge Foundation. Using this case study, they are asking for funding assistance to build a riparian buffering program for Sussex County.

Mr. Sajdak said they completed their first stream bank stabilization and restoration project on the Clove Brook in Sussex Borough. For this project they took their DEP funding and used it to help them seek funding from NRCS for their emergency watershed protection program. This section was heavily damaged from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. NRCS awarded the funding and they implemented a full scale restoration project. They are using the success of that project to seek funding from NRCS for other projects around the area.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL OF 2013 MEETING DATES:

PAC members were provided with the 2013 Meeting Dates. A motion was made by Howard Baker to approve the 2013 Meeting Dates. The motion was seconded by David Muscalo and carried unanimously.

Eleanor Mensonides requested that staff draft up an acknowledgement of John Armeno's contribution to PAC. She also suggested that Ms. Brees look into having something come from the Freeholders as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Muscalo. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Mensonides and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.