

SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2016

The meeting was opened at 7:36 p.m. by Chairman Baker. 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: Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough, Chairman
Denise Webb, Wantage Township, Vice Chair
James Landrith, Andover Borough
Sam Castimore, Frankford Township (7:46 p.m.)
David Muscalo, Lafayette Township
Ian Blanchard, Stillwater Township
Kathy Little, Sussex Borough
Richard Gottemoller, At-Large
John Nugent, At-Large

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Carrine Kaufer, Hardyston Township
Eric Powell, Sparta Township
Daniel Flynn, At-Large

STAFF MEMBERS: Alice Brees, Principal Planner
Antoinette Wasiewicz, Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Christopher Carbone, Stillwater Township

REORGANIZATION:

Alice Brees called on the Nominating Committee for a nomination for the position of Chairman. David Muscalo nominated Howard Baker to serve as Chairman of the Water Quality Management – Policy Advisory Committee. The nomination was seconded by John Nugent. No other nominations were offered. A roll-call vote was taken. All were in favor.

David Muscalo nominated Denise Webb as Vice Chair of the Water Quality Management – Policy Advisory Committee. The nomination was seconded by John Nugent. No other nominations were made. A roll-call vote was taken. All were in favor.

MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:

Minutes were not available in time for this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Alice Brees reported that she has not received any new Correspondence since the last meeting.

PLANNER'S REPORT:

Ms. Brees reported that the DEP approved the SCMUA's Plan Amendment for the landfill site in Lafayette connecting to the sewer plant in Hardyston. Also, there are two towns that are planning for sewer areas and PAC will hear from them in the future. Vernon is setting up a pre-application meeting with DEP. They are interested in expanding their sewer service area along Route 94 and in the McAfee area. She said she will attend the DEP pre-application meeting. Lafayette is considering establishing a sewer area for Olde Lafayette Village.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. DEP REVIEW OF COUNTY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (WMP): MINOR CHANGES FOR SEWER AREA MAPS, INCLUDING "HIGHVIEW ESTATES" PERMIT, FREDON TOWNSHIP:

Ms. Brees said we are on hold until the new DEP rules are adopted. The comment period for the new rules ended in December and DEP is writing responses to comments they have received. The final publication of the rules will be in the New Jersey Register. The County Wastewater Plan will be going for approval under the new rules. Paul DeMuro from DEP said the County WMP looks good and he doesn't see any major issues with it.

There was some discussion about the Highview Estates permit in Fredon Twp. Ms. Brees believes it went through DEP permit approval under the 2001 County sewer map.

B. PROPOSED DEP RULES FOR WATER QUALITY PLANNING, COMMENTS SENT:

A copy of the proposed DEP Rules for Water Quality Planning was sent to the PAC in the meeting mailing.

C. DRAFT SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PLAN;

Ms. Brees said she will keep this topic on the agenda because a Septic System Maintenance Plan will need to be in place as part of the County Wastewater Plan approval. She provided the PAC with FAQs from the DEP's website. The questions were from local government and related to cost, reasoning, etc. Ms. Brees said that the PAC also asked these same questions. There was some discussion on No. 5 which related to fees to the homeowner for the anticipated cost of running the program. There was some discussion about the County Health Department's septic inventory, which is online.

D. WATERSHED UPDATES: UPPER DELAWARE, WALLKILL:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Ian Blanchard reported that he will be leaving the country in a week. He said he is now the PAC member for Stillwater Township, and Christopher Carbone is his alternate. Mr. Carbone will be attending PAC meetings in his absence.

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Muscalo. The motion was seconded by Jim Landrith and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.