

SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2015

The meeting was opened at 7:30 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: James Landrith, Andover Borough
James Chirip, Green Township
Dave Hansen, Hampton Township
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough, Chairman
David Muscalo, Lafayette Township
Lisa Chamings, Stillwater Township
Denise Webb, Wantage Township, Vice Chair
Richard Gottemoller, At-Large
Ernie Hofer, At-Large
Gary Larson, At-Large
John Nugent, At-Large
Richard Vohden, Freeholder Liaison

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Carrine Kaufer, Hardyston Township
Joseph Carr, Town of Newton
Eric Powell, Sparta Township
Daniel Flynn, At-Large
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large

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

ALSO PRESENT: None

Chairman Baker welcomed James Chirip, a new PAC member representing Green Township. Mr. Chirip said he attended a PAC meeting a couple of months ago when he was first appointed, but that he is on several different Boards and the PAC meetings coincide with Green Township's Planning Board meetings. Green Township is trying to change their Planning Board meeting dates.

MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:

A motion was made by Gary Larson to approve the Minutes of January 8, 2015. The motion was seconded by David Muscalo. All were in favor, with abstentions from James Chirip, Dave Hansen, Ernie Hofer and John Nugent. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Alice Brees reviewed the correspondence listed on the attached sheet and answered questions on Correspondence Number Five.

PLANNER'S REPORT:

Alice Brees reported that her work for PAC this month related to working with GIS. They are making sure the NJPDES Permit information links up with the maps. She hopes to have individual municipal maps posted on the County website next week. Towns will have the ability to click on their existing and future sewer area map.

Ms. Brees also reported that next Friday she will be attending a County Planner's meeting where DEP staff will be discussing proposed new rules for Water Quality Management Planning.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. WMP AMENDMENT FOR SCMUA CONVEYANCE OF LANDFILL LEACHATE TO HARDYSTON WASTEWATER FACILITY:

Ms. Brees said she provided PAC with maps showing the pipe connection from the landfill in Lafayette to the SCMUA Treatment Plant in Hardyston. Resolutions were received from the three towns.

John Nugent said this amendment is for a proposed force main to take the leachate from the landfill to the SCMUA plant. The leachate will be managed by a force main rather than by truck, eliminating the road hazards associated with trucking. SCMUA is permitted for 36,000 gallons per day. There was some discussion about monitoring meters and the composition of the pipeline.

Gary Larson asked when it will be known if the old railroad right-of-way line owned by County of Sussex] will be used for the pipeline. Mr. Nugent said using the railroad line is still in the planning stage and that it requires approval at the local level, the Freeholders and the State. Ms. Brees said there may be wetlands involved, which will involve other permits.

Freeholder Liaison Rich Vohden asked how many trucks per day were currently transporting the leachate from the landfill to Hardyston. Mr. Nugent said about six to eight trucks a day.

B. COUNTY WMP DRAFT: MAPS FOR MUNICIPAL CHAPTERS:

This was covered under the Planner's Report.

C. WATERSHED UPDATES: UPPER DELAWARE, WALLKILL:

Ernie Hofer reported that there is a streambank restoration projection being planned for Sparta Station Park. This project will address invasive species as well as planting 1,000 trees which are five to six feet in height and three inches in diameter. They are in the process of getting partnerships and approval from the Township, the Board of Education and others. Mr. Hofer said this project will add real value to the Wallkill River Watershed area.

D. WMP REVISION FOR SITE ON ROUTE 15, JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP (FOR GENERAL REVIEW AS WQMP AGENCY FOR PART OF MORRIS COUNTY):

Ms. Brees said this is an example of a Wastewater Revision, a process which has gotten simpler. DEP sent it out in late February with a 21 day comment period. This revision qualified for the simpler process because it is for discharge to groundwater of less than 8,000 gallons per day.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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 Ernie Hofer and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.