

SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2013

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Butz. 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
Sam Castimore, Frankford Township
Jeffrey Butz, Vice-Chairman, Fredon Township
Keith Gourlay, Hampton Township
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough
David Muscalo, Lafayette Township
Joe Pinzone, Sandyston Township
Lisa Chamings, Stillwater Township
Denise Webb, Wantage Township
Kathy Little, At-Large
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large
John Nugent, At-Large

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Eric Powell, Sparta Township
James Benson, Stanhope Borough
Annette Stendor, Sussex Borough
Richard Gottemoller, At-Large

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

ALSO PRESENT: None

MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:

A motion was made by James Landrith to approve the Minutes of March 14, 2013 as received. The motion was seconded by Howard Baker. All were in favor, with abstentions from Sam Castimore, Keith Gourlay, David Muscalo, Joe Pinzone, Denise Webb and Kathy Little. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

PLANNER'S REPORT:

Alice Brees reported on a new technology that came before the County Solid Waste Council. The company is called Food 2 Water and they sell food waste liquefiers for use in large facilities. SWAC thought the PAC members would be interested in learning more about this. SWAC will be attending a demonstration on either May 1 or May 2 at Cedar Crest on Route 23. Ms. Brees said she will e-mail information to PAC members. Anyone interested in attending this presentation should respond by e-mail.

Chairman Landrith said Food 2 Water is utilizing sewer pipes to transport the liquefied waste instead of paying a hauler to dispose of food waste. There was some discussion on the effects this would have on sewerage systems that receive the liquefied waste. John Nugent said that the SCMUA facility would not allow this type of discharge in its system. Ms. Brees was asked to invite Food 2 Water to do a presentation for PAC.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. FINAL ADOPTION PROCESS FOR COUNTY FUTURE SEWER SERVICE AREA MAP:

Alice Brees said there are a few small map corrections that will be made during the next week. Where DEP Permit numbers are available, they will be added to the map. Since Vernon is served by both discharge to surface water and discharge to ground water that will be shown on the map. A final approval Resolution will be on the Freeholder Agenda, probably in May. DEP is writing the responses to the public comments received. DEP will do the final publication and final approval letter, hopefully in June or July.

Ms. Brees reported that she recently received a letter from the Highlands Council relating to the County Wastewater Plan. For the towns in the Highlands, since it is just the sewer service area map that is being done, they approve of the map. But when it comes to the full wastewater plan document, the Highlands Council will want to see water conservation plans for those certain towns in the Highlands. They listed five towns in Sussex County: Hamburg, Franklin, Hardyston, Vernon and Sparta. When Byram was mentioned, Ms. Brees said the Highlands Council may already have dealt with Byram's issues when they approved Byram's wastewater plan. She also said they

left out Stanhope and Hopatcong because those towns are potentially going directly to the Highlands Council for their wastewater plans. Ms. Brees said in the future we will find out exactly what is involved in a water conservation plan. The letter describes that a plan could include water conservation ordinances, outdoor water use restrictions, enhanced stormwater management, low flow fixtures and high efficiency appliances.

B. WATERSHED UPDATES: UPPER DELAWARE, WALLKILL:

Chairman Butz said he did not have anything new to report on the Upper Delaware Watershed. PAC members also did not have anything to report on the watersheds.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. PAC OUTREACH TO MUNICIPALITIES:

Alice Brees said PAC discussed this at the last meeting, and could continue the discussion. With the exception of Montague, all of the towns do have a PAC representative appointed. It was noted that there were nine town representatives in attendance and only four excused members. There was some discussion about ways to get more participation from the representatives. Eleanor Mensonides said representatives who accept to the appointment have an obligation to attend. She mentioned the PAC By-Laws rule about three unexcused absences and that the Mayors should be contacted to let them know the representative is not attending. Jim Landrith suggested that the approved Minutes be sent to the Mayors. If they see something that interests them, they may go to their representative for more information. Howard Baker suggested that an opinion be asked for from the town on action issues. David Muscalo said many representatives do not attend the meeting when there is nothing on the agenda pertaining to their town. Howard Baker suggested that the meeting notices be sent to the municipal Environmental Commissions because they tend to be more involved and take environmental issues seriously. Kathy Little talked about the difficulty in getting volunteers. Ms. Mensonides suggested that staff send out letters to the representatives who have not attended the meetings since January and copy the Mayors.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy Little. The motion was seconded by Lisa Chamings and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.