

SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2016

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: Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough, Chairman
James Landrith, Andover Borough
Sam Castimore, Frankford Township
Keith Gourlay, Hampton Township
Carrine Kaufer, Hardyston Township
David Muscalo, Lafayette Township
Ryan Earley, Sandyston Township
Cynthia Tracey, Stillwater Township
Kathy Little, Sussex Borough (7:40 p.m.)
Richard Gottemoller, At-Large
Ernie Hofer, At-Large

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

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

MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:

A clarification will be made to the last sentence on Page 3. The words, "per dwelling" will be added after 300 GPD. A motion was made by Keith Gourlay to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2016 with the above noted clarification. The motion was seconded by David Muscalo. All were in favor, with abstentions from Howard Baker, Sam Castimore, Cynthia Tracey, Kathy Little and Ernie Hofer. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Alice Brees reviewed and discussed the correspondence.

PLANNER'S REPORT:

Yesterday, there was a phone conference call with the DEP and planners from various NJ Counties regarding grant money that is available for counties to develop their wastewater plan. Counties are at different stages in developing their wastewater plans. There are counties that have not started their plans; counties that have sewer area maps approved and counties that have adopted wastewater plans which have been sent to the DEP. Sussex County is the third category, since the County plan was submitted to DEP in June 2015. For the third category, the DEP would focus on septic system management and wastewater facilities that projected a deficit in the future. Newton wastewater facility is in the future deficit category, according to their build-out analysis. The grant money can be used to look at those facilities and what the possible strategies are. More information will follow.

Ms. Brees also reported that there will be another conference call on Monday. DEP is finalizing the rules and they are looking for feedback from the County Planners. They hope to publish the rules in early summer, Letters of Intent back from the Counties in one month and a Scope of Work and Contract by the end of July.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION FOR FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT:

A Resolution for the Frankford Township Wastewater Management Plan Amendment was provided to the PAC. Ms. Brees said she received the revisions from the applicant.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Jim Landrith to approve the Resolution for the Frankford Township Wastewater Plan Amendment. The motion was seconded by Carrine Kaufer. A roll-call vote was taken. All were in favor with an abstention from Kathy Little and a recusal from Sam Castimore.

B. DRAFT SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PLAN:

Ms. Brees said we should be receiving more specific information from the DEP about exactly what they're looking for. This is part of the grant to the counties. A lengthy discussion followed which focused on enforcement of the septic system maintenance rules and the impact it would have on the municipalities and/or the County Health Department. [Note: The volume of the recording became so low, that the discussion was barely able to be heard on the tape.]

C. WATERSHED UPDATES: UPPER DELAWARE, WALLKILL:

There were no new updates to the watersheds.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. DEP WATER RESOURCES DOCUMENT – “NJ CONTINUING PLANNING PROCESS”:

Ms. Brees emailed the PAC a copy of the different water resource programs available at the DEP.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Richard Gottemoller. The motion was seconded by Ernie Hofer and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.