

SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 14, 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
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough, Chairman
Ryan Earley, Sandyston Township
Lisa Chammings, Stillwater Township
Daniel Flynn, At-Large
Richard Gottemoller, At-Large
Gary Larson, At-Large
John Nugent, At-Large

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Dave Hansen, Hampton Township
Eric Powell, Sparta Township
Kathy Little, Sussex Borough
Denise Webb, Wantage Township, Vice Chair
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large

STAFF MEMBERS: Alice Brees, Principal Planner
Dennis R. McConnell, Esq., County Counsel
Antoinette Wasiewicz, Recording Secretary

Chairman Baker welcomed Ryan Earley, a new PAC member representing Sandyston Township.

MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:

A motion was made by John Nugent to approve the Minutes of March 12, 2015. The motion was seconded by Gary Larson. All were in favor, with abstentions from Ryan Earley and Daniel Flynn. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Daniel Flynn to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2015. The motion was seconded by John Nugent. All were in favor, with abstentions from James Landrith, Howard Baker, Ryan Earley and Gary Larson. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Alice Brees said there were so few items of correspondence that she did not make up a list. She discussed a letter from Aqueonics; an application to DEP from Jefferson Township; and comments from T. Varro, SCMUA regarding the Branchville Chapter.

PLANNER'S REPORT:

Alice Brees reported that much of her work for PAC this month involved working on Municipal Chapters for the Wastewater Plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. COMPLETE RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION OF COUNTY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Ms. Brees said this item was on the Agenda for the last PAC meeting. PAC adopted the Resolution; however the affected parties were not included on the Resolution. The affected parties are the 24 municipalities, the Sussex County MUA, the Musconnectcong Sewage Authority and the Highlands Council. They were included in the revised Resolution.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Gary Larson to accept the revised Resolution for Preliminary Approval recommendation of the County Wastewater Management Plan. The motion was seconded by Richard Gottemoller. All were in favor with an abstention from James Landrith.

B. MUNICIPAL CHAPTERS – TO BE POSTED ON COUNTY PLANNING WEBSITE:

Ms. Brees said that for some towns she cannot start posting the municipal chapters until next week. She sent out the draft chapters to all of the towns but has not heard back from all of them. If she does not hear back from all of the towns, she will start posting what she has.

C. WATERSHED UPDATES: UPPER DELAWARE, WALLKILL:

Lisa Chammings said that Ian Blanchard is usually here and he reports on the Paulins Kill Watershed. Mr. Blanchard has been in Nepal and just returned home today. He said he would be home in June to continue the clean-up of the Paulins Kill. Gary Larson suggested that Mr. Blanchard be on June's Agenda for a five-minute description of his trip.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. DEP INFORMATION ON PROPOSED WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT RULES, PENDING IN JUNE 2015:

Alice Brees said there will be new DEP Water Quality Management Rules proposed in June and they hope to have the new rules in place by January 2016. The DEP said they want to go to all digital applications.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Landrith. The motion was seconded by Dan Flynn and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.