

SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2011

The meeting was opened at 7:31 p.m. by Chairman Armeno. 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
Dave Hansen, Hampton Township
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough
David Muscalo, Lafayette Township
Paul Baldwin, Town of Newton
Joe Pinzone, Sandyston Township
Eric Powell, Sparta Township
James Benson, Stanhope Borough
John Armeno, Chairman, At-Large
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large
John Nugent, At-Large

EXCUSED MEMBERS: None

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

Due to a malfunction of the recording equipment, these minutes have been prepared from notes.

MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:

Minutes were not available.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Alice Brees reviewed the correspondence listed on the attached sheet and answered questions on some correspondence.

PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Brees reported that the Freeholder Resolution for St. Paul's Abbey application was adopted and she is sending it to DEP for their review. She attended a meeting on the State Strategic Planning effort initiated by the Office of Planning Advocacy (formerly the Office of Smart Growth) that was relocated to the Dept. of State, Business Advocacy Center. Their focus will be on the coordination of State agencies to achieve economic development, and to implement the State Plan. Also, she and Eric Snyder met with Joe Sabatini, Byram Twp. Manager, to discuss the Byram WMP Chapter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. WATERSHED UPDATES: UPPER DELAWARE, WALLKILL:

No report.

B. DEP REVIEW – PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SEWER AREA MAP:

Alice Brees said that the DEP Office of Land Use Planning is currently reviewing the 25 public comment letters received following the March 15th public meeting on sewer service area maps. They have 90 days to respond, and we should start receiving their responses by mid-July. We will then have a better idea of the status of the County WMP sewer service areas.

C. RUTGERS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT:

Rutgers staff is working directly with four municipalities to plant rain gardens as a demonstration project funded by the DEP grant. The proposed locations being discussed are Long Pond School in Andover Twp., Franklin Pond area in Franklin, C.O. Johnson Park in Byram, and a location in Sparta, possibly the library.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. BYRAM TWP. WMP AMENDMENT, MAY 2011 PREPARED BY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL:

Alice Brees said that unfortunately the Byram Twp. Manager could not attend the meeting tonight to present the Byram WMP Chapter. Byram is the only municipality in Sussex County that is implementing Plan Conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan. The Byram WMP Chapter was prepared by the Highlands Council as part of Plan Conformance, so it is coming to the PAC in a different process, it is unique. The Byram WMP supports the proposed Byram Center on Route 206. In 2005, Byram prepared a wastewater plan that reduced its sewer service areas to protect the Highlands Preservation area, and provided a sewer area for its proposed center. At that time, PAC reviewed it and adopted a resolution with preliminary approval.

John Armeno suggested that Byram Twp. attend the next meeting to do a brief presentation since it has been a few years since PAC adopted the original Resolution. He instructed Ms. Brees to prepare a draft Resolution for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe Pinzone. The motion was seconded by David Muscalo and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.