

SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JULY 12, 2012

The meeting was opened at 7:30 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  
Troy Orr, Branchville Borough  
Brian Van Den Broek, Franklin Borough  
Jeffrey Butz, Vice-Chairman, Fredon Township  
Carrine Kaufer, Hardyston Township  
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough  
David Muscalo, Lafayette Township  
Michael Furrey, Vernon Township  
Denise Webb, Wantage Township  
John Armeno, Chairman, At-Large  
Kathy Little, At-Large  
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large (8:10 p.m.)  
Susan Zellman, Freeholder Liaison

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Eric Powell, Sparta Township  
Richard Gottemoller, At-Large  
John Nugent, At-Large

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

ALSO PRESENT: None

**MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:**

A typographical error was noted on Page 3, Paragraph 3, Line 5. The typo, “duringthe” should be corrected to read, “during the.” A motion was made by Denise Webb to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2012 with the correction noted above. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Butz. All were in favor, with abstentions from Brian Van Den Broek and Michael Furrey. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

**PLANNER'S REPORT:**

Alice Brees said most of her work for PAC this month was municipal meetings relating to the sewer service area maps. She will discuss this more under “Unfinished Business.”

DEP has reviewed the Ross’s Corner Amendment and it will be going to Public Hearing in September. This was submitted as a site specific amendment so it is moving forward.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. RESOLUTION FOR HAMPSHIRE CO. WMP REVISION, LOWER UNIONVILLE ROAD, WANTAGE TWP.:

PAC members were provided with a copy of the Resolution for the Hampshire Co. WMP Revision in their meeting notice. There were some subsequent changes to the Resolution and revised copies of the Resolution were on the table this evening. Chairman Armeno read through the Resolution and pointed out the changes.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Denise Webb to approve the Resolution for the Hampshire Co. Wastewater Management Plan Revision. The motion was seconded by David Muscalo.

Kathy Little asked what type of business is going into this site. Ms. Brees said the application provided a sketch of what would be allowed under Wantage Township’s Zoning. At this time they cannot identify what will go there but it could be an office building or retail. There was considerable discussion regarding the square footage of the future development and the maximum wastewater flow. It was agreed that “27,600 square feet” would be removed from the fifth “Whereas” of the Resolution. Both Denise Webb and David Muscalo agreed to approve the Resolution with this change.

A roll-call vote was taken. All were in favor. (Kathy Little voted "Yes," but said she would have preferred for the 27,600 square feet limit to remain in the Resolution.) Motion carried.

B. UPDATE ON SUBMITTAL OF SEWER SERVICE AREA MAP TO DEP AS REQUIRED BY NEW LEGISLATION:

Alice Brees provided a chart for PAC members that showed a number of changes since the last meeting. At that time, there were at least eight municipalities that did not agree with DEP's maps. Since the June PAC meeting, DEP sent a revised sewer map. They had been doing a closer look at identifying "critical" habitat areas and they were able to restore some sewer service areas in marginal habitat areas. This updated map was shared with the towns and some that had originally objected were able to agree with the new map. After this is submitted, we will be working on the County Wastewater Plan. It is still possible to have other areas restored.

Ms. Brees displayed the Sewer Service Area map that was adopted by the Freeholders yesterday. She said it will be sent to DEP tomorrow.

There were meetings and/or telephone conversations with Franklin Borough, Hampton Township, Stanhope and Vernon. There were two areas where it was felt that we had backup documents to restore the service area: in Franklin Village, with their Treatment Works Approval (TWA) Permit from DEP, and some small lots in Stanhope. Ms. Brees said she called DEP staff and they said with the Permit Extension Act, those permits were still valid. Franklin Village also had other permits from DEP, wetlands, stream encroachment and local site plan approval, so the sewer area was restored back on the map. For Stanhope, a small area was added which is next to existing sewers. DEP said they are looking for a map that is compliant with the regulations and only then will they be able to accept site specific amendments.

Ms. Brees pointed out areas on the map that were added with the public comment period over the past year. These are "placeholders" and amendments will be following in the future for these areas.

Freeholder Liaison Zellman commented on the assertive stance that John Eskilson, Eric Snyder and Alice Brees took in getting the municipalities on board. She said it was a great effort and that she appreciated the outreach and the collaboration of the municipalities.

Alice Brees said now that this map is done, she will post it on the County website as a PDF so that users will not have to go through an interactive viewer.

C. “SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA” JURISDICTION INCLUDING PORTION OF MORRIS COUNTY, “STATEMENT OF CONSENT” RESOLUTION:

A Statement of Consent Resolution had been sent to the PAC members, and Chairman Armeno read through the Resolution. It was agreed that Morris County should also receive a copy of this Resolution and the Resolution will be changed to reflect that.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by David Muscalo to accept the Statement of Consent Resolution as amended. The motion was seconded by Denise Webb. A roll-call vote was taken, all were in favor.

D. WATERSHED UPDATES: UPPER DELAWARE, WALLKILL:

Jeffrey Butz said he did not have anything to report on the Upper Delaware Watershed. Nothing else was offered regarding the Wallkill Watershed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

Chairman Armeno said that so far there is nothing new proposed for the August meeting and barring anything new coming up, the August meeting will be cancelled.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeffrey Butz. The motion was seconded by Denise Webb and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.